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Western Cooperative Electric awards grant to STEM Harvest Radar project



GRANT-Western Cooperative Electric has awarded a Sharing Success Community Grant to STEM Harvest in Support of the Hays Community Radar Project.

Courtesy photo

Western Cooperative Electric (WCE) has awarded a \$2,500 Sharing Success Community Grant to STEM Harvest in support of the Hays Community Radar Project, an initiative that will strengthen severe weather detection and improve public safety across western Kansas.

The grant will help fund the purchase and installation of a Furuno WR2120 Doppler weather radar system in the Hays area.

The radar will provide enhanced weather monitoring for Ellis, Trego, Rooks, Russell and Rush counties, helping address a significant gap in weather radar coverage caused by the distance to the nearest National Weather Service radar.

The new community-based radar will deliver real-time weather data to emergency responders, school districts, city and county governments, regional airports, utility providers, the National Weather Service and local media outlets, while also allowing the public to access radar information directly from smartphones and com-

puters.

"At Western Cooperative Electric, safety is one of our core values," said Nolan Numrich, CEO/General Manager of WCE. "Accurate, localized weather information is essential for protecting lives, restoring power safely after storms, and helping communities prepare before severe weather strikes. We're proud to support a project that will benefit not only our members but communities across the region."

WCE serves many of the counties that will directly benefit from the project, where severe weather is a frequent concern and timely weather information is critical for schools, emergency management, first responders, agricultural producers, businesses and utility operations.

STEM Harvest developed the Hays Community Radar Project as an extension of its mission to provide Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education while bringing innovative technology to western Kansas.

The organization is leading the collaborative effort

to acquire, install and operate the radar system while providing public access to the data and educational opportunities surrounding weather science.

Community leaders throughout the region have voiced strong support for the project, emphasizing the importance of improving weather awareness and emergency preparedness.

The enhanced radar coverage is expected to improve decision-making during severe weather events, ultimately helping protect lives, property and critical infrastructure throughout the area.

Western Cooperative Electric's **Sharing Success Community Grant Program** provides financial assistance to projects that improve the quality of life within the cooperative's service territory.

Grants support initiatives that promote community development, education, public safety, health and projects that create lasting benefits for rural Kansas.

For more information about Western Cooperative Electric's Sharing Success Community Grant Program, visit www.western-coop.com/sharing-success-community-grants.

Food Pantry dates given for 2026

The 2026 Food Pantry dates have been announced:

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 Saturday, 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 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.

Trego Co. FSA: Foreign landowners must report holdings

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing.

Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

County government offices, realtors, attorneys, and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign in-

vestors of these reporting requirements.

The data gained from these disclosures is used in the preparation of periodic reports to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities.

Farm Service Agency form FSA 153 is used to report land holdings and transactions.

The completed form must be returned to the Trego County FSA Office at 111 N Main Street, WaKeeney, Kansas.

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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.

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

Temperatures & precipitation

Date	High	Low	Prec
7-28	111	73	0.15"
7-29	95	73	-
7-30	94	73	-
7-31	101	70	-
8-1	93	61	-
8-2	91	60	-
8-3	97	62	-

Senior Citizens Center

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This Week's Menu

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

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

Friday, Aug. 7: Fish sticks, cheesy broccoli, bread and applesauce.

Monday, Aug. 10: Chicken "Fried" chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, bread and pineapple.

Tuesday, Aug. 11: Baked spaghetti, italian blend vegetables, garlic bread and peaches.

Wednesday, Aug. 12: Tator tot casserole, mixed vegetables, bread and mandarin oranges.

Thursday, Aug. 13: Beef frank on bun, tomato cucumber salad and tropical fruit..

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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:**  
**No Bingo In August!**  
**Specials**  
Chicken Dinner  
Aug. 9 @ 11 am-1 pm  
Texas Hold'Em  
Aug. 9 @ 4pm (sign up 3:30)  
Throwback Thursday -  
Cruise Night  
Aug. 13, 6 pm  
Hamburger Night,  
Aug. 20, 6-8 pm