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Former Quinter Postmaster pleads guilty to fraud

U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Kansas

A former Kansas postmaster pleaded guilty to falsifying money orders in order to embezzle from the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

According to court documents, Sierra Werth, 32, of Quinter pleaded guilty to one count of misappropriation of postal funds.

In January 2025, the U.S. Postal Service determined the post office in Quinter, Kansas, had a significant shortfall.

The deficit was in missing deposits, deposit short in cash, errors on bank deposits, and money orders issued and voided on the same day but negotiated after being voided.

An investigation revealed Werth issued and voided at least 10 money orders on the same day.

She issued seven money orders under her employee ID and included her name and address in the remitter section.

There were three money orders issued under a different postal employee's ID, but they had her name and

address in the remitter section.

Also, the name of someone associated with Werth was in the "pay to" section of the all the money orders.

The records show the money orders were issued, voided, and cashed without USPS receiving payment, and that Werth had engaged in this activity since approximately October 2024. Law enforcement found an additional invoice the Werth created.

As part of her plea agreement, Werth must pay approximately \$26,700 in restitution.

"As postmaster, it was Ms. Werth's role to display good leadership qualities like sound judgment and moral character to the rest of the staff, but instead she abused her authority for personal gain," said U.S. Attorney Ryan A. Kriegshauser.

"This guilty plea represents the hard work and dedication by USPS OIG Special Agents working alongside our federal law enforcement partners and the U.S. Attorney's Office to bring charges in this mail theft investigation," said Special Agent in Charge Dennis Bishop, U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, Central Area Field Office. "The OIG, along with our law enforcement partners, remain committed to safeguarding the U.S. Mail and ensuring the accountability and integrity of U.S. Postal Service employees and those external subjects who collude with them."

The U.S. Postal Service—Office of Inspector General (USPS-OIG) is investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Lindsey Debenham is prosecuting the case.

LTC Car Show set

The TCLMH Long Term Care residents will be casting their votes and determining the fates of hot rods entered into the 2nd annual TCLMH Car Show.

Set in WaKeeney for Saturday, Sept. 26, the FREE Car Show event is open to the public to attend or enter!

For those who think their hot rod is the hottest, you can register your car with Mackenzie at 785.735.4607. Winners will be determined by the LTC

residents' votes, and trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, and for Best Paint.

For hot rod enthusiasts who want to enjoy the event as a spectator, cars will be on display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 26.

A lunch special of pulled pork, nachos, dessert and bottled water will be available for \$10/person.

Come to TCLMH and join the LTC residents for the 2nd annual TCLMH Car Show Sept. 26!

Park damage reported



WaKeeney City Police Dept. recently noted a City of WaKeeney post about damage reported at the Swimming Pool Park shelter area.

City crews found this damage (pictured) caused by E-bikes or other small electric bikes around the swimming pool park shelter this earlier today.

Parents, please speak with your kids about the proper use of these devices or changes will need to be made about their use in the community.

If anyone knows who created these marks we would appreciate your help.

We can not tolerate behavior that causes damage to our parks. 785-743-5711 is a direct non-emergency line to the WPD.

Thank you. Chief T



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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: Sept. 27**

Early Bird at 1:30 P.M. Regular Bingo at 2 P.M.

**Specials**

Hamburger Night, Sept. 7, 6-8 pm

Throwback Thursday - Cruise Night

Sept. 10, 6 pm

Chicken Dinner

Sept. 13 @ 11 am-1 pm

Texas Hold'Em

Sept. 13 @ 4p (sign up 3:30)

Health Department Notice

Call for COVID Vaccine. Our staff is happy to provide information and help you decide what works best for you. Reserve your vaccine! Call Trego County Health Department 785-743-6348.

Blood Drive Notice

Blood Drive to be held at the Trego County-Lemke Memorial Hospital, in the Locke Room. 320 N 13th St., WaKeeney. Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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.

Temperatures & precipitation

| Date | High | Low | Prec  |
|------|------|-----|-------|
| 9-1  | 94   | 68  | -     |
| 9-2  | 98   | 69  | -     |
| 9-3  | 101  | 71  | -     |
| 9-4  | 102  | 72  | -     |
| 9-5  | 101  | 67  | -     |
| 9-6  | 98   | 68  | 0.15" |
| 9-7  | 92   | 69  | -     |

MAKING THE THIN BLUE LINE



The Law Enforcement Officers in Trego County have always stood above the rest, but the Western Kansas World would like to take this time to let them SHINE...in print!

Travis Phillips is the WaKeeney Police Chief with the WaKeeney Police Department, a position he began in 2025.

Chief Phillips has 35 years in Law Enforcement,

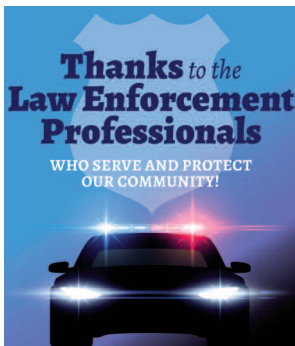
SHINE

**Chief Travis Phillips**

and his hometown is Ellis.

"It's a calling, and I love serving this community," he said.

Thank you, Chief Travis Phillips, for your service!



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

This Week's Menu

**Wednesday, Sept. 9:** Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, california blend vegetables, bread and emerald pears.

**Thursday, Sept. 10:** Chicken and rice casserole, pea salad, bread and mandarin oranges.

**Friday, Sept. 11:** Cook's choice.

**Monday, Sept. 14:** Tuna salad, tomato soup, crackers, cookie and strawberries.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15:** Turkey tetrazzini, california blend vegetables, bread and hot cinnamon pears.

**Wednesday, Sept. 16:** Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, asparagus, bread and applesauce.

**Thursday, Sept. 17:** Lasagna, italian blend vegetables, bread and peaches.