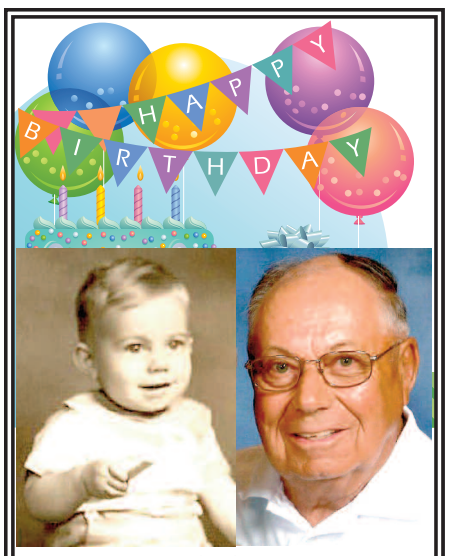


A card shower is requested for LaVerne Wiedeman's 90th Birthday Oct. 26! Send cards to 920 S. 1st Street, WaKeeney, KS 67672.

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Eagle excellence shines golden with USD 208

By Nickole Byers
Western Kansas World

The Trego Golden Eagles have a great looking mascot, but that mascot isn't the only thing golden at USD 208.

The excellence of an Eagle Education continues to prove itself, as generations move through the halls of the schools, graduate and become productive citizens in their own capacities.

Where it all begins, however, is where everything successful must start: foundation and leadership.

Buildings and infrastructure Current leadership is headed up by Superintendent Matt Smith, who took the time to offer the *World* a facilities tour recently.

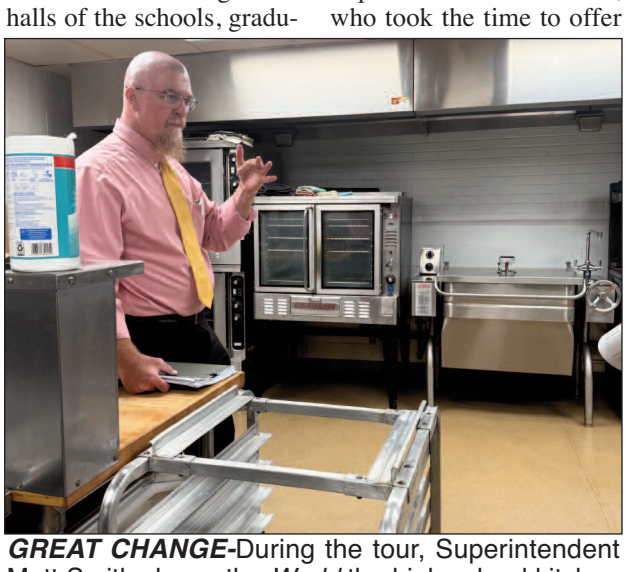
Smith was careful to stress throughout the tours that he opposes deferred maintenance, and has been as proactive as he feels possible in an effort to maintain the foundation of the school: its buildings.

With over 390 students PreK-12, 2 buildings and a large staff to manage, 'there is a lot of business happening,' said Superintendent Matt Smith.

The bones of the district's facilities are strong, and have been well-maintained over the years by a variety of staff and leadership personalities.

"If you have good people doing good things," Smith said, it keeps away big costly projects. "We have a lot of great people doing really great things."

The largest area of concern in both school buildings would be the outdated plumbing in the older parts of the buildings.



GREAT CHANGE-During the tour, Superintendent Matt Smith shows the *World* the high school kitchen facilities and talks about the new food service.

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Election, special tax question information highlighted

By Nickole Byers
Western Kansas World

As Trego County voters prepare to research issues and individuals on this year's ballot, they will undoubtedly find a slew of information, ads, flyers and more readily available.

Highlighting this year's Election in Trego County will be the race for Magistrate Judge, and a special tax question proposed by the City of WaKeeney.

At the *World*, we have gathered our candidates' information, and we have researched the special tax question posed, and present that information in full in this week's special mailing!

Magistrate Judge race The Magistrate Judge race has two candidates on the ballot, incumbent Richard Hanks, who was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the early retirement of Judge Richard Flax, and Travis Phillips, who currently serves as WaKeeney City Police Chief and ran against Judge Flax in the last election for the Magistrate Judge position.

The candidates have numerous yard signs and have been spotted visiting with residents, walking the streets and answering questions from voters.

We have prepared a special section, printed inside of this issue of the *World*, asking these candidates specific questions relating to the position they are seeking and their qualifications for the seat. We encourage all voters to take time and peruse this special section, inside!

Special Tax Question - City of WaKeeney The City of WaKeeney has added a special tax question to the November ballot.

The general purpose tax proposed is a one-half percent (1/2%) retailers' sales tax, and if approved, would begin April 1, 2027. The tax is expected to generate $215,602 in annual revenue, based on information provided by the Kansas Dept. of Revenue and past collection information in the City of WaKeeney. Additionally, there is no sunset or ending date named in the tax question.

A committee to help move the tax question into the hands of the public voters was formed recently, and The World sat down with committee members Tia Mattheyer and Tina Hickson to ask questions about the tax and its purpose.

The revenue from the tax proposed will be applied to the "costs of parks and recreation, public safety and other improvement projects and activities in or to benefit the City and its residents" as stated in the tax question.

Described by the pair as a "dedicated savings account that we all can contribute to and benefit from," the two committee members noted that the tax

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Blood Drive Notice

Upcoming blood donation opportunities: WaKeeney, Nov. 5, 12 - 6 p.m., United Methodist Church, 500 Summit Ave.

World Office Notice

The World Office will be closing at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The *World* staff will be open regular business hours Thursday, Oct. 22!

Fall Water Screen Notice

Stop by the Trego Co. Health Dept. and get bottles to test your domestic or livestock water well. Each private well is qualified for one free screening per year in Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group's (NWLEPG) member counties, and Trego Co. is a member. Free screenings include water hardness, nitrates, fecal coliform bacteria and E. Coli bacteria. Lead screening is available for $20 at the time of collection as well. Deadline to pick up bottles is Wednesday, Oct. 28. Water samples will be picked up Thursday, Oct. 29, at 9 a.m. For further information call Trego Co. Health Dept. at 785-743-6348 or the NWLEPTG at 785-462-8636.

Shopping locally



USD 208 is excited to announce a new fundraiser for Trego Schools! Until the last day of school, Malay's Market will donate 1% of the pre-tax total from every receipt turned in to support our schools. Receipts can be turned into the following locations: Students and Staff - TGS Office or TCHS Office; Parents & Community Members - Trego USD 208 District Office: 527 Russell Ave. So, the next time you shop at Malay's Market, SAVE THAT RECEIPT and turn it in to help put a little extra money back into the local school district. Thank you for shopping local and supporting Trego USD 208! ***USD 208***

Chili Cookoff Notice

Cheesy Chili Coockoff, set for Oct. 24, 6 p.m., at 611 Barclay. Bring your best chili to enter. Smore's, bonfire, cornhole, Clydesdales, bounce house and more! Bring your family and friends for a night of free food and fun.

Temperatures & precipitation

Date	High	Low	Prec
10-6	80	53	-
10-7	90	56	-
10-8	86	55	-
10-9	89	56	-
10-10	89	57	-
10-11	88	60	-
10-12	90	66	-

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, Oct. 14: Baked spaghetti, italian blend vegetables, garlic bread and blushing pears.
Thursday, Oct. 15: Spanish rice w/ground beef, scandinavian vegetables, bread and mixed fruit.
Friday, Oct. 16: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, bread and pineapple.
Monday, Oct. 19: Pork fritter w/gravy, baked potato, italian blend vegetables, bread and apple slices.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Chili, scandinavian vegetables, cinnamon roll and peaches.
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Taco burger, lettuce, tomato, cheese mixed vegetables, bun and gelatin w/fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 22: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, bread and pineapple up-down cake.

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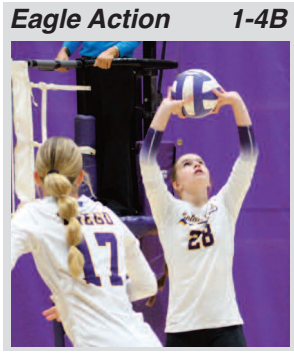
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THE WAKEENEY COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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: Oct. 26
Specials
Hamburger Night,
Oct. 15, 6-8 pm
Steak Night,
Oct. 24, 6-8 pm
Oct. 22 last night to order
Hamburger Night,
Nov. 2, 6-8 pm
Chicken Dinner
Nov. 8 @ 11 am-1 pm
Texas Hold'Em
Nov. 8 @ 4pm (sign up 3:30)
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