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Radar fun



Members of the WaKeeney Police Department recently attended Volleyball practice to have some fun with the TCHS volleyball team...radar gun fun! Top serve speeds: Robin 42, Maura 41, Iyslee 41, Jillian 41, Avery 40 and Addi 40; Top hit speeds Maura 40, Robin 38, Jillian 37, Addi 35, Bailey 35, Cenley 34. The girls may have found out Coach Albers is still pretty fast, too.

USD 208

Local student part of FHSU group

Students help bring stories of relationship-based violence in rural Kansas to light

Fort Hays State University students are helping bring greater visibility to experiences of relationship-based violence in rural Kansas through the Facing Relationship-Based Violence: A Rural Kansas Initiative. This community storytelling project creates opportunities for survivors and others affected by relationship violence to share their experiences, elevate perspectives that are often overlooked, and contribute to greater community understanding and dialogue.

Guided by Dr. Ziwei Qi, FHSU associate professor of criminal justice, Dr. Lori E. Kniffin, Voss Distinguished Professor of Leadership and director of Civic Learning and Engagement, and Diana Angarita, FHSU alumna of Marketing and Organizational Leadership, and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the project brings together storytellers and writers to document lived experiences and explore the challenges and opportunities surrounding relationship-based violence in rural communities.

FHSU students have contributed as writers, steering committee members, and photographers, helping to create the book Facing Relationship-Based Violence: A Rural Kansas Initiative, which will be shared with the community during a launch event at the Hays Public Library on October 22 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The project is led by Fort Hays State University in collaboration with The Facing Project, a storytelling organization that brings people and communities together through listening, storytelling, and connection, using stories to build understanding and empathy, and to inspire action.

The goal of the project is not only to raise awareness of relationship-based violence, but also to reduce stigma, strengthen connections to resources, build on existing community strengths, and help communities think about what meaningful support can look like in rural places.

Norah Bradstreet, a junior from WaKeeney double-majoring in sociology and criminal justice, participated as a writer. She said hearing a storyteller describe personal experiences made the issue more immediate than studying relationship violence statistics in the classroom.

"You see all the numbers and statistics in classes, but when your storyteller is actually telling you what happened to them, and where they were, it is really close to home, and it's eye-opening," Bradstreet said.

Although she initially found the writing process challenging, Bradstreet said that working closely with her storyteller helped her develop the narrative and understand the responsibility of representing another person's experiences.

"My storyteller was really flexible and helped me a lot with my writing," Bradstreet said. "It definitely was a privilege."

Through their participation, FHSU students gained valuable research and communication experience while contributing to a project with a broader community purpose. By documenting personal experiences and creating opportunities for conversation, they help challenge stigma surrounding relationship violence and draw attention to the resources and support rural communities need.

For Ben Wilkerson, a senior from Lawrence double-majoring in criminal justice and psychology, the project offered an opportunity to further his undergraduate research experience with Qi and to explore the power of storytelling.

Wilkerson contacted the Facing Project's directors about developing a project focused specifically on relationship-based violence in rural Kansas. As a writer, he was paired with an individual whose experiences he

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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 opening at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28.

The *World* staff will be open regular business hours Thursday, Oct. 29!

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.

Pancake meal set for Sunday, Oct. 25

All are invited to a Pancake Feed, set for Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church basement, 338 N. 7th St., WaKeeney.

This meal is all you can eat—whole wheat pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, coffee/tea, juice. Takeout is available, as well.

Free will donations will go to the Prairie Faith Parish Nurse Ministry-Community Comfort Meals Fund.

The basement is handicap-accessible (chair lift) -- Those attending are encouraged to enter through the east parking lot to use the lift.

INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR AND BRING YOUR APPETITE!!

Thank you for your support!

Senior Night smiles



Senior Nathan Weigel, the son of Vince and Staci Weigel, walks for senior night. Weigel has played football for 4 years. Find more Senior Night shots inside. ***Maddie Pollan/TCHS Journalism***

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
10-13	93	49	-
10-14	60	49	-
10-15	50	47	0.62"
10-16	56	39	-
10-17	55	31	-
10-18	66	31	-
10-19	72	39	0.01"

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. 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.
Friday, Oct. 23: Cook's choice, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, asparagus, tropical fruit and bread.
Monday, Oct. 26: Chicken and rice casserole, sweet potato casserole, bread and mandarin oranges.
Tuesday, Oct. 27: Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, beets, bread and strawberries and bananas.
Wednesday, Oct. 28: Tator tot casserole, italian blend vegetables, bread and pineapple.
Thursday, Oct. 29: Chicken "fried" chicken w/gravy, baked potato, mixed vegetables, bread and applesauce.

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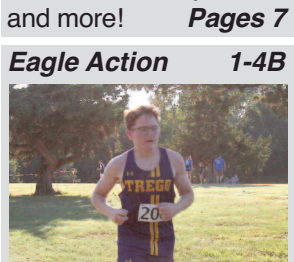
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THE WAKEENEY COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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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