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Saturday in  
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this Sunday,  
June 15th!

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Swing Into Summer  
Cruise Night and Car  
Show this weekend!

Friday, June 13th and  
Saturday, June 14th

The annual Swing Into Summer Cruise Night and Car Show, hosted by Stockton Rodders, Inc., is this Friday, June 13th, and Saturday, June 14th. Here's what's planned for the two big days:

**Friday, June 13th**, is Cruise Night. Antique and sports cars, trucks, motorcycles, and anything else with wheels and an engine will be "Dragging" Main Street from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Food vendors, organizations, and school groups will be set up on the sidewalks. Bring your lawn chairs, find that perfect spot, and enjoy the evening by watching the cars, mingling with friends, and snacking on delicious treats from the vendors.

**On Saturday, June 14th**, registrations for the Car Show that have not already been mailed in will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Stockton City Park. The suggested donation is \$25.00 per vehicle, which includes two meal tickets. Please make the checks payable to Stockton Rodders, Inc.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the games, Chicken Bingo, raffles, and much more at the park throughout the day. Listen to some great rock 'n roll music while you stroll under the canopy of shade trees where the vehicles will be displayed. Be sure to check out the food and unique merchandise from the various vendors scattered around the park. At 3:00 p.m., the awards for the Cruise Night and Car Show winners will be announced.

This car show is brought to you by Stockton Rodders, Inc., along with Rooks County EMS, the City of Stockton, and the Stockton Area Chamber of Commerce.

*(Look for the ad on Page 5A of this week's Sentinel.)*

WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with winds from the S at 11 m.p.h.

HIGH: 91  
LOW: 65

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with winds from the E at 10 m.p.h.

HIGH: 91  
LOW: 66

SUNDAY

Sunny with winds from the SE at 13 m.p.h.

HIGH: 92  
LOW: 69

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SCRIPTURE  
OF THE WEEK

Whosoever will, let him take  
the water of life freely.

— Revelation 22:17 —



**CONFIRMATION** was held on Sunday, June 8th, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Stockton for the Stockton and Plainville (Sacred Heart Catholic Church) Parishes. Pictured are (front row, from left) Father Michael Raj Kothalamuthu, Garrison Mongeau, Braylon Klein, Grayson Mongeau, Hudson Kriley, Tessa Look, Lily Yohon, Chloe Kuhlmann, Remy Muir, Harper Lowry, Aubrey Garcia, Eli Molina, Colton Mullender, Brantley Lawver, Nevaeh Garrett; (back row, from left) Ayden McCune, Corbyn Meyer, Addie Dix, Hadlee Sterling, Bishop Gerald Vincke, Sydney Littrell, Kinsley Casey, Hudsyn Bethel, Hayden Staab, Kendyl Ganoung, Macie Stahl, Addison Bacon, and Natalie Garcia.

River Valley Church to host Ice  
Cream Social on June 20th

Calling all sixth through twelfth-grade students! Join the River Valley Church (120 South Spruce in Stockton) on Friday, June 20th, for an Ice Cream Social. The event will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there for some delicious ice cream, games, and fellowship!

*(Look for the ad in this week's issue on Page 6A.)*

Stockton Food Pantry  
open next Thursday,  
June 19th

Just a reminder that the Stockton Food Pantry is open every third Thursday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Food Pantry is located at 602 Main Street in the building behind the Main Street Christian Church Parsonage.

Special school  
board meeting held  
Moffet chosen as assistant  
high school principal

*(The following article is taken in part by the unofficial May 27th Stockton Unified School District No. 271 Board of Education special meeting.)*

A special meeting of the Stockton Unified School District No. 271 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 27th, in the District's conference room at 5:30 p.m. with the following present: Chad Sterling, Michael Carpenter, Andy Muir, BJ Hoeting, Jessy Maddy, Spencer Hilbrink, Ginger Riffel, and superintendent/high school principal Dr. McCollum.

After president Chad Sterling called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved, they recognized the students in the PreACT Rising Star Program, which was implemented this year. The students are (Early Scholars) Skylar Turnbull, Lyric Snyder, Teagann Shamburg, Damon Muir, Dalton Ard; (Rising Scholars) Meredith Gasper and Vincent Tayler.

After Dr. McCollum reviewed the proposed school calendars, Andy Muir moved to approve Calendar A for the 2025-2026 year, with Spencer Hilbrink seconding the motion. The motion carried.

The Board then set next year's high school graduation for May 16th, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

An executive session was then held to discuss non-elected personnel with the board members and Dr. McCollum in attendance. When they returned to the open meeting, the following motions were made:

The Board accepted Laura Moffet's resignation as middle school social studies and science teacher, junior high student council sponsor, and junior high head track coach as of May 27th, 2025;

The following contracts were offered:

- Laura Moffet as assistant high school principal/student services coordinator
- Julie Glendening as the junior high cheer coach for the 25-26 school year
- Payton Keller as the high school dance coach for the 25-26 school year
- Jessica Billinger as the National Honor Society sponsor for the 25-26 school year
- Alexa Rogers and Jen Kesler to mow the school grounds and both football fields.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

City looking for new EMS Director

By VIRGI LASKA  
*Stockton Sentinel*

The Stockton City Commission meeting held on Tuesday, June 3rd, began with two executive sessions to discuss non-elected personnel with Solomon Valley Manor Administrator Amanda Atkisson, commissioners Reesa Brown, Bob Becker, Adam Bryant, Jessica Kerr, Nathan Glendening, and city manager/clerk Kayla Hilbrink. There was no discussion when they returned to the open meeting.

Next on the agenda was a

presentation by Don Rivera with Western Kansas Child Advocacy. Rivera presented the 2024 statistics for Stockton, including the number of services the organization provided throughout the year. He requested funds for their upcoming budget, with the commissioners approving \$2,500.00 for the organization.

The commissioners then approved a building permit for Bryan Cockrell, a payment to EBH for the highway project, and the annual cereal malt beverage license for 183 Lanes.

Hilbrink began her City Manager Report by stating that the resurfacing at the City Park is complete. Correctional Facility training was held. The Chamber office has moved back into the City building. Megan Wise turned in her resignation as the Rooks County EMS Director. The City is advertising for the open position. The City is getting quotes on a replacement shaft at the Water Plant. The highway project will be reviewed later in the week

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County talks computers at the weekly meeting

By VIRGI LASKA  
*Stockton Sentinel*

At the June 3rd Rooks County Commission's Tuesday morning meeting the three commissioners met with register of deeds April Brown, who presented them with a computer proposal. She had a spreadsheet detailing the costs of the computers, installation, software, and other expenses for them to review. Brown would like to use the \$39,000.00 available in the LATCF grant funds to cover the cost. The commissioners would like her to look into other options before a final decision is made. Brown asked if everyone wanted to be on the County's email, with the consensus being yes. Commissioner Tracy Rudman will meet with sheriff Gary Knight to discuss the email and determine if his department wishes to be included.

Dawn Gabel from OP-TIONS was at the meeting to present the commissioners with the yearly report on the services the County received. The organization

offers shelter and response and has a mobile unit that visits the area twice a month. They also work with the sheriff's department and other organizations connected with domestic violence, sexual assault cases, and protection orders. Gabel made a request of \$1,250.00 for the coming budget year.

Road and bridge supervisor Eric Biggs met with the commissioners and presented a \$1,000.00 check for deposit from Net Link, which had purchased a culvert from the department.

Biggs reported that the truck was hauling rock on 30 Road, and three culverts were to be changed out on C and 30 Roads.

Two water trucks require repair, and the department is waiting for the parts to arrive. Biggs also discussed other maintenance work on the vehicles.

Upcoming road projects were discussed, and it was noted that the department is still short-staffed in terms of section men. The crews work where they are needed in different capaci-

ties to cover the 940 miles of county roads.

Landfill supervisor Danny Knoll attended the meeting and informed the commissioners that he had been in contact with a contractor who would like to trade services for some black dirt for the demolition project in Plainville. His business would grind down the Landfill's concrete pile and asphalt in exchange for the dirt. The Landfill usually pays for this service. They would still be charged for material they bring in from the demolition. As details are worked out, the commissioners asked Knoll to keep them posted.

The commissioners then signed for a Department of Transportation (DOT) Safe Streets and Roads For All federal grant application, with Norton County the applicant for a five-county area.

During their reports, commissioner Tracy Rudman said he has had some questions about the speed limits on county roads. He

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