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Attention, Stockton residents and the surrounding area!

Wheat Harvest 2025 has arrived and the Stockton Sentinel wants to celebrate this vibrant local tradition through your lens. We invite you to contribute to our coverage by sending in your photos from this year's harvest. Whether you're capturing the joy of family and friends working together, the breathtaking landscapes of golden fields, or the hustle and bustle of harvest activities, we want to see it all! Your images could be featured in our newspaper and, who knows, even on the front page! Here's how you can share your snapshots with us:  
**1. Take Photos:** Snap pictures that showcase the spirit of Wheat Harvest 2025. Candid moments, stunning

SEE PHOTOS, 12A

**WEEKEND WEATHER**

**FRIDAY**  
Mostly sunny with winds from the S at 12 m.p.h.  
HIGH: 95  
LOW: 70

**SATURDAY**  
Partly cloudy with winds from the S at 14 m.p.h.  
HIGH: 97  
LOW: 70

**SUNDAY**  
Partly cloudy with winds from the SE at 12 m.p.h.  
HIGH: 93  
LOW: 66



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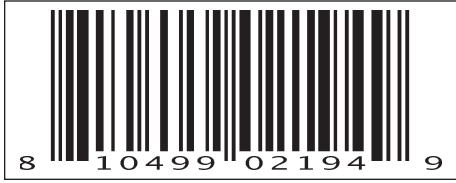


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**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

There is none holy as the Lord; for there is none beside thee; neither is there any rock like our God.  
— I Samuel 2:2 —





First Loads of Wheat!



**THE FIRST LOAD OF WHEAT** for the 2025 area harvest in Stockton was cut and brought in by Jake Conger for Alan Peters on Friday, June 20th. The moisture content was 12.5 and the test weight was 53.9.



**SHAWN MCREYNOLDS** drove in the first load of wheat for Jerry McReynolds to the Woodston Coop on Friday, June 20th. The moisture content was 9.4 and the test weight was 54.1.

Kansas and area wheat harvest is underway

**By VIRGI LASKA**  
*Stockton Sentinel*

Harvest activities started to move into southern Kansas during the second week of June. However, progress was slow due to scattered thunderstorms and high humidity across the state. Now, with the arrival of summer heat and sunshine, combines are actively working in the fields, and elevators are busy with trucks lined up to deliver this year's wheat harvest.

Stockton's Farmers Union Mercantile & Shipping Association anticipated that the local harvest would kick off over the weekend, thanks to the hot, windy weather that settled in by the end of the week. This prediction came true on the official first day of summer, Friday, June 20th, when Jake Conger delivered the first load of wheat to Stockton for Alan Peters. Soon after, Shane McReynolds brought in the first load of wheat for Jerry McReynolds at the Woodston Coop that same day.

General Manager Michael Carpenter noted, "The recent rainfall has been beneficial for filling the heads, but it delayed the start of the harvest this year. Currently, statewide reports indicate that Kansas is 3% complete with the harvest, compared to 25% at this time last year. There are some promising-looking fields in the area, so we hope for an above-average harvest this year. However, we must be mindful of some disease pressures that could affect yields. We expect to have a clearer idea of average test weights and yields in the next couple of weeks."

The Second Annual Farm Photograph Contest!

The Rooks County Historical Society and Museum is proud to once again hold the Farm Life Photo Contest at the Rooks County Free Fair.

The contest provides an opportunity to showcase favorite farm related photographs from yesterday or yesteryear. This will be an opportunity for visitors to view sights, citizens and events depicting Rooks County's agricultural experiences.

Farm Photo Contest category rules can be found on the Rooks County Free Fair website or at the Rooks County Historical Society. Go to the Fair's website home page and enter the Forms and Payments location to find the photo contest information. Drop by the Rooks County Historical Society and Museum with questions and contest entries or call the Historical Society for details. Farm Photo entries need to be brought to the Museum no later than Monday, August 4th. The entries will be on display at the Rooks County Historical Society's booth located in McCaslin Hall.

Entry categories include 'Field Work,' 'Livestock,'

SEE CONTEST, 9A

Plainville man sentenced to over 13 years in prison

A Plainville man was sentenced to more than 13 years in prison on Friday, June 16, in Rooks County District Court for rape and sexual assault after reaching a plea agreement April 28.

Ten charges were initially filed on September 9, 2024, in Rooks County District Court against Bryan Xavier Moran, 30, of Plainville.

Those charges, which included eight felony counts (two Level 1, five Level 7, and one Level 9) and two misdemeanor charges, included two counts of Aggravated Kidnapping, two counts of Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Assault, two counts of Aggravated Domestic Battery, Criminal Threat, and two counts of Domestic Battery.



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Those charges were filed following a series of incidents that occurred from August 23 to 26 at 504 South Madison in Plainville.

Moran was first taken into custody and booked in the Rooks County Jail on August 26, 2024, at 10:46 a.m., on a \$250,000.00 cash or commercial surety bond for Aggravated Domestic Battery after allegedly choking a family member. An Arrest Affidavit was filed on August 27, 2024, on probable cause for Aggravated Battery and Aggravated Domestic Battery.

According to court documents, Moran held the victim, with whom he was in a relationship, against her will on multiple occasions. He hit the victim in the head with a ceramic Scentsy wax burner, strangled her multiple times, kicked the victim in the face, and the victim lost consciousness, threatened her with an axe, struck her with a piece of the doorframe, and also a light bulb.

An amended complaint was filed with the court on April 22, 2025, by Rooks County Attorney Danielle Muir, which included the following 14 counts: two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sodomy with a child less than 14 years of age, Aggravated Indecent Liberties With a Child less than 14 years of age, two counts of Aggravated Kidnapping, Aggravated Intimidation of a Witness, two counts of Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Assault, two counts of Aggravated Domestic Battery, Criminal

SEE MORAN, 12A

Free Wednesday movies at the Nova to continue through the month of July!

The Nova Theatre in Stockton will continue to show free movies on Wednesdays throughout July for the community.

Although most of the movies will still be shown at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, a few have different showtimes. Please make a note of the showtimes.

Here is the lineup for July!

- July 2nd: Matilda (7:00 p.m.)
- July 9th: Jumanji (1995) (2:00 p.m.)
- July 16th: Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (2:00 p.m.)
- July 23rd: Hotel Transylvania 2 (2:00 p.m.)
- July 30th: Labyrinth (7:00 p.m.)

See you at the movies!  
(Look for the ad in this week's issue on Page 12A.)