

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

The menus for the Senior Centers in Rooks County for the week beginning Monday, September 14, are as follows: Monday—Tuna salad, tomato soup, crackers, cookie, strawberries. Tuesday—Turkey tetrazzini, California blend vegetables, bread, hot cinnamon pears. Wednesday—Oven-baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, asparagus, bread, applesauce. Thursday—Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, bread, peaches. Friday—Pork cube steak, stewed tomatoes, bread, mandarin oranges.

9/11, FROM 7A

The Eagle has freedom as he flies across our land, so don't let his tears stain our land that's so grand.

For united we stand and divided we fall; if we don't stand for the Eagle, we stand for nothing at all.

So stand up and be counted; the price we must pay for the freedom we've shared in our U.S.A.



Photo Courtesy of Candace Rachel

Plainville Freshman Weston Hamel vs Phillipsburg

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1702

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE & UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSES CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION 2026; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBERED 1697.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON:

Section 1. INCORPORATING STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE. There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Stockton, Kansas, the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities," Edition of 2026 prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas. One copy of said Standard Traffic Ordinance shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy Adopted by Ordinance No. 1702," and to which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance and filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to public at all reasonable hours. The police department, municipal judge and all administrative departments of the city charged with enforcement of the ordinance shall be supplied, at the cost of the city, such number of official copies of such Standard Traffic Ordinance similarly marked as may be deemed expedient.

Section 2. TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS AND TRAFFIC OFFENSES.

- (a) An ordinance traffic infraction is a violation of any section of this ordinance that prescribes or requires the same behavior as that prescribed or required by a statutory provision that is classified as a traffic infraction in K.S.A. Supp. 8-2118.
- (b) All traffic violations which are included within this ordinance, and which are not ordinance traffic infractions, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, shall be considered traffic offenses.

Section 3. PENALTY FOR SCHEDULED FINES. The fine for violation of an ordinance traffic infraction or any other traffic offense for which the municipal judge establishes a fine or a fine scheduled shall be not less than \$ 10.00 nor more than \$1,000.00, except for speeding which shall not be less than \$40.00 nor more than \$1,000.00. A person tried and convicted for violation of an ordinance traffic infraction or other traffic offense for which a fine has not been established in a schedule of fines shall pay a fine fixed by the court not to exceed \$500.00.

Section 4. INCORPORATING UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE. There is hereby incorporated by reference within the corporate limits of the City of Stockton, Kansas, the "Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities," Edition of 2026, prepared and published by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas. One official copy of said Uniform Public Offense Code shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as Adopted by Ordinance No. 1702," and which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance and filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours.

Section 5. REPEAL. Ordinance No. 1697 is repealed.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Sentinel Times.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS, THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTMEBER, 2026.

SIGNED:

Robert Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Taylor Ghumm, Asst. City Clerk

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KAY'S, FROM 11A

retary and was with him in Washington, D.C. I remember Judy being frantic and unable to get through to her son because the lines were busy! Finally, in the afternoon, Jerry's office called his Hays office to let all the families know that they were all okay.

The following weekend, I had a conference in Dallas. There was a group of us who were supposed to fly out to the conference in Salina, but all the planes were grounded, so we drove. The hotel we stayed in had many people from

all over the world stranded there. There was so much patriotism and unity in our country at that time! I remember seeing American flags flying everywhere, including on cars! I remember hearing Toby Keith's song "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue" for the first time and having tears streaming down my face.

My recollection resembles Sandy's memory. I worked at the First National Bank in Phillipsburg. I was getting ready to leave for work when I heard Marty Bennett on KQMA radio station that something terrible was happening. I had to be out the door to work, so I was

CITY-S, FROM 8A

E-Bike ordinance.

The last ordinance was 1701, the water ordinance, which shows a water rate increase that will take effect in February 2027.

The commissioners voted to accept the low bid from B&B Redimix to replace some concrete curbs and gutters in town by the Stockton Public Library, the Stockton Pharmacy, the Stockton Senior Center, and a drainage ditch.

Hilbrink began her report by saying the City was running early trash routes because of the heat. The city-wide cleanup is set for September 21st through September 25th. The new laundromat has opened. The Rooks County tax sale was set for later in the week. The City is flushing fire hydrants. KDHE denied the permit because the tank is too big. They are working on other options. The Public Hearing for the water grant is set for October 6th. The City Office will be closed on

Labor Day. The crew was working on the drainage ditch by the Solomon Valley Manor.

During the Commissioner Reports, Deb Miller thanked Hilbrink for all her work on the E-Bike Ordinance for the City.

Bob Becker asked that the alley behind his house be checked to see who is responsible, as the trees and weeds are over-taking the area. Becker also spoke with electric department supervisor Cory Carlson about electric power to the Manor. The City is working on having the facility on two different grids in case of a power outage. Carlson said the department will do it when they install the transformer for the new day care.

Jesica Kerr noted some properties that need to be cleaned up before the meeting was adjourned.

Those present for the meeting were commissioners Bob Becker, Jesica Kerr, Deb Miller, Adam Bryant (Zoom), city clerk Kayla Hilbrink, and assistant city clerk Taylor Ghumm.

unsure what was going on in the world. When I went to lunch at home, I was privy to the information and sights airing on the TV. It was like a train wreck. I wanted to look away, but I couldn't! I likened it to an extremely realistic version of Jenga, with both towers crumbling to the ground like dirt. The office workers on the top floors (where the fires were emanating) were jumping to their deaths. They had two choices—die or die! In the other events, the people were caught by surprise and had no time to react. Whereas the people jumping had to make a conscious

life-or-death decision. I can only imagine their fear! I felt so... (gosh, what are the words?) so blown away! It was such an apocalyptic scene that I wondered if it was the end of the world!

Well, this Friday, September 11th, marks the 25th anniversary of that life-changing day. Please take time to send up a prayer for those lives lost and the families remaining, and a prayer of thanksgiving for the EMTs, police, firemen and women, and hospital staff who saved so many lives. They were ordinary people who became heroes!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RESOLUTION NO. 260

A RESOLUTION OF THE City of Plainville, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the City of Plainville was calculated as 71.607 mills by the Rooks County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the City of Plainville will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 1, 2026 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Plainville, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE City of Plainville:

The City of Plainville shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 71.607 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 1st day of September 2026 and SIGNED by the Mayor.

Thomas Nuckols Mayor

Attested:

Jim Mesecher
City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 269 will meet on the 21st day of September 2026 at 6:45 PM at 402 3rd Street, Damar, KS 67632 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Actual		2026-2027 Proposed Budget		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	1,122,222	20.000	1,178,821	20.000	1,416,188	341,116	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	403,728	20.985	424,523	16.043	427,500	410,678	20.768
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	110,051		4,831		64,235		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	0		0		27,265		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	91,354		98,059		35,710		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	194,713	8.000	219,965	8.000	247,549	158,198	8.000
Driver Training	18	0		0		0		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	91,443		107,971		90,035		
Professional Development	26	2,752		2,729		2,500		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	156,127		171,689		209,068		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	9,109		23,561		40,500		
Gifts and Grants	35	17,009		646,039		0		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		130,411		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	109,187		121,172		0		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	8,877		4,533		0		
Activity Fund	56	1,500		0		0		
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	2,318,072	48.985	3,003,893	44.043	2,690,961	909,992	48.768
Less: Transfers	105	264,151		310,977		378,435		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	2,053,921		2,692,916		2,312,526		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,117,338		883,311		909,992		

1. Sponsoring District Only

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	25,000	1.002	24,000	1.021	19,775	19,771	1.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	25,000	1.002	24,000	1.021	19,775	19,771	1.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$1,141,436		\$904,349		\$929,763		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$21,392,953		\$19,209,741		\$17,055,603		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$24,005,778		\$21,875,201		\$19,774,775		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$23,568,933		\$21,507,324		\$19,774,775		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0		0		0		

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Alison Keller
Board President

Dubbie Walburn
Clerk of the Board

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