

Where Rooks County Comes Together

SENTINEL - TIMES

Stockton Sentinel, LLC dba Sentinel-Times

ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

COMING TO YOU FROM THE HEARTLAND OF AMERICA

28 PAGES

Newsline

Homecoming Section: 17-24A



**Stockton Tigers
vs.
Osborne**

Crowning: 6:30 p.m.
Game: 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Fall at Stockton's Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival Sat. & Sun.

It's that delightful time of year again in Stockton! Lower City Park will transform into a Pumpkin Patch for the annual Pumpkin Patch Festival! Join us this weekend for some great family fun!
The Pumpkin Patch will be held this Saturday, October 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Sunday, October 11th, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
Enjoy a variety of games, including

SEE PATCH, 28A

WEEKEND WEATHER

Mostly sunny with winds from the SSE at 14 m.p.h.	FRIDAY 	HIGH: 84 LOW: 60
Sunny with winds from the S at 21 m.p.h.	SATURDAY 	HIGH: 84 LOW: 62
Sunny with winds from the S at 200 m.p.h.	SUNDAY 	HIGH: 82 LOW: 60

Inside the Sentinel

Business Directory	4A
Card of Thanks	
Church Directory	13A
Classifieds	3A
Deaths	5 & 26A
Kansas Klips	16A
Kay's Meanderings	10A
Lowell Township News.....	15A
Movies Showing.....	10A
NewFarmWife Chronicles..	8-10 & 12A
Plainville Memorial Library News...	14A
Public Notices	11, 12, & 14A
School Lunch Menus	10A
Sports.....	6 & 7A
Weather.....	10A
Yesteryear	8A & 9A

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today,
and forever.
— Hebrews 13:8 —



2026 SHS Homecoming Candidates



THIS YEAR'S SHS HOMECOMING QUEEN & KING CANDIDATES are (front row, from left) Camille Lowry, Mia Odle, and Natalie Nuss. Back row, from left: Ashton Nuss, Dayton Carpenter, and Jace Kesler. (Courtesy Photo)

Lights, Camera, Action! Stockton Celebrates Homecoming Week

By VIRGI LASKA
Sentinel-Times

It's Homecoming Week at Stockton High School, and Tiger Nation is celebrating with a week full of activities leading up to Friday night's crowning ceremony and football game against the Osborne Bulldogs.
This year's Spirit Week theme is "Lights, Camera, Action," with each day featuring a different movie-inspired dress-up theme.

The week kicked off Monday with "The Breakfast Club" Pajama Day. Monday evening, students also took part in the annual KAY games at Tiger Stadium.
Tuesday's theme was "Harry Potter" Class Colors Day. Freshmen wore green, sophomores wore yellow, juniors wore red, and seniors wore blue.
The Homecoming festivities continue Wednesday with "High School Musical" Sports Attire Day,

followed Thursday by "The Incredibles" Superhero Attire Day. Thursday evening, the annual Jersey Auction will be held at Tiger Stadium following the junior high football game. A bonfire will follow the auction in the high school parking lot.
Friday will be the biggest day of the week, with students encouraged to show their Tiger pride for "Friday Night Lights" Blue and

SEE HOMECOMING, 28A

TAILGATE AT TIGER STADIUM FROM 5:30 TO 6:30 P.M.

Homecoming Parade Route Changes Friday

Stockton's Homecoming Parade will get underway at 2:30 p.m. Friday, with community members reminded of a change to this year's parade route.
The parade will begin as usual, with floats entering Main Street from Cypress Street. From there, the parade will travel east on Main

Street before turning south at Nex-Tech. Participants will continue along South First Street and return to the school at Cypress Street.
Parade-goers are encouraged to line Main Street from Cypress to Walnut Street to cheer on the Tigers and enjoy the Homecoming festivities.

After the parade, floats will park behind the high school, keeping Tiger Alley open for buses. The Homecoming Pep Rally will then take place on the high school's front lawn.
Residents are encouraged to spread the word about the route change and come out to help celebrate Stockton Homecoming 2026!

A Blessed Beginning: New daycare facility nears completion in Stockton

Church and community join together to create
new home for local children

By VIRGI LASKA
Sentinel-Times

What began a few years ago as an effort to keep a much-needed service from disappearing from Stockton is now nearing an exciting new chapter, as a spacious new daycare facility prepares to open its doors on Main Street.
When Wiggles and Giggles Daycare, located at 511 Main Street, was in danger of closing, the City of Stockton approached the Stockton Methodist Church

of Restoration to see if the Church would consider taking over its operation. Pastor Ted Stapleton took the request to the church board and congregation, and they said yes.
Church members recognized that keeping childcare available in Stockton was about more than providing a place for youngsters during the day. It was also about helping young families remain in the community and allowing parents to work locally.
"This new daycare will

be worth it for the community, and I want to give a big shout-out to the Church for their support," Stapleton said. "It's a big thing for our Church to take on." And it should be noted that this daycare operation is completely independent of the City of Stockton's daycare project.
After taking over the existing daycare, the Church renamed it Blessed Beginnings and Blessed Angels, reflecting the two separate

SEE DAYCARE, 27A

SHS Tiger Homecoming feature in this issue

This issue of the Sentinel spotlights the 2026 Stockton High School Homecoming event. Inside, you'll find a special pull-out section with individual photos of the football, volleyball, cross country, cheer, and dance teams, as well as Homecoming royalty candidates and their sponsors.
This section also features team photos of these groups along with junior high teams, ensuring all fall athletes at Stockton Jr./Sr. High School are recognized.
Thanks to your support, we are able to once again showcase individual photos of all SHS Tiger athletes.
The Sentinel extends sincere thanks to all Homecoming sponsors for their steadfast support of our school and Tiger athletes. Please join us in showing appreciation for these community-minded sponsors: City of Stockton, Stockton Pharmacy, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Solomon Valley Manor, Pfeifer Recycling, Jones Oil, Webster's Supermarket & Deli, Kenny and Rhonda Brown, SJM Recycling, Solomon Valley Vision, Stockton Monuments, Gasper Law Office, Yohon Pumpking LLC, Doug Bigge, Central Veterinary Services, Plumer-Overlease Funeral Home, Gasper Law Office, Stockton Recreation Commission, Kester Auto Parts LLC, Solutions North Bank, The Daily Grind, Hahn Tire, Inc., William and Fredrick Baughman, ESA Service Center, Farmers National Bank, Smith Monuments, Mapes & Miller

SEE SPONSORS, 28A

2025 Delinquent Personal Property Tax List Published

The 2025 Delinquent Personal Property Tax List appears on pages 11A and 12A of this week's issue of the Sentinel-Times
The listing includes the name of the person or persons responsible for each delinquent account, along with the amount owed, including costs assessed as of this date.
The total amount of delinquent personal property taxes included in the listing is \$105,034.86.
The Delinquent Personal Property Tax List will also be published in our next two issues.
Readers may turn to pages 11A and 12A to view the complete list.



Important Dates To Remember:

- October 13:** Deadline to register to vote or update your voter registration to change address or name only to participate in the 2026 General Election.
- October 14:** First day of advance voting. Advance ballots by mail are transmitted. In-person advance voting may begin. Check with your county election officer for specific times and locations.
- October 27:** In-person advance voting must begin for all counties.
- November 3:** GENERAL ELECTION.