



THANKS FOR BEING PART OF THE STILWELL COMMUNITY FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Thank you for being part of such a great tradition in Stilwell. On July 4, folks start reserving their spot along the parade route first thing in the morning for our 6 pm parade. This illustrates that when you participate in our parade, you are participating in something special in the community.

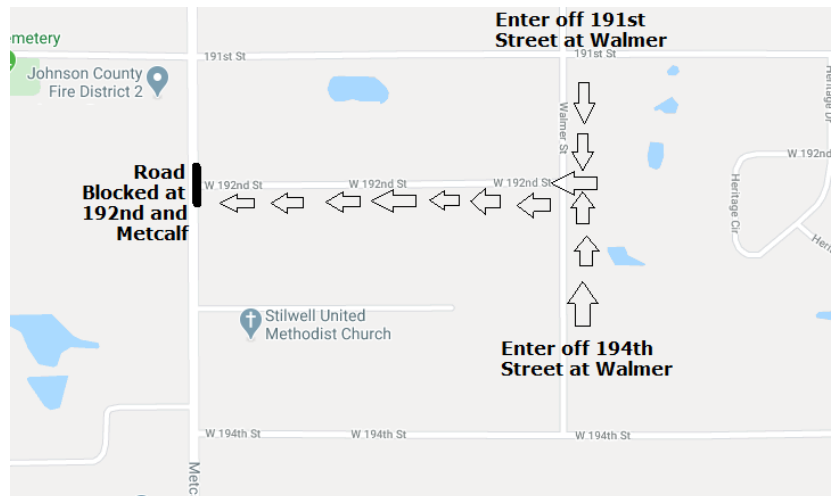
STAY INFORMED – EVENT DAY NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up and text STILWELL to 888777 to stay informed on July 4, 2026 updates to include schedule changes, inclement weather, and event activity updates. Your phone number removed from the NOTIFY JOCO Aubry Township event notification system a few days later.

LEADING OUR PARADE: The Stilwell Boy Scout Troop 483 color guard will lead our *250 Years of Courage, Community, and Country* parade. **WHERE DO I GO** Parade

line up officially starts at 5pm. Here is how parade line up works. Enter 192nd street off of Walmer Street (either from 191st or 194th streets) and take the next

position in the parade. If you show up at 5:45 you will be at the end of the parade on Walmer. If you show up at 5pm, you will be towards the first half of the parade on 192nd street. When you arrive, take the next spot in line.



WHAT IF OTHERS NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF (VOLUNTEERS OR KIDS)

Please do not attempt to negotiate and seek eastbound entry from Metcalf to 192nd. Enter the parade as you would from 194th or 191st as shown on the map. Drop the kids off and then you can continue one-way and exit Metcalf. Do NOT plan to drop kids off after 5:30pm as we will begin to fully block both lanes on 192nd Street for parade line-up.

DROP OFF AREA

CAN WE TOSS AND HAND OUT CANDY



We let you decide if you wish to toss candy but the kiddos watching the parade sure do appreciate the treat! As always, we position the fire trucks at the beginning of the parade. We do this to keep kids from running out into the street for candy they may spot. If you toss candy, please be sure you have complete visibility of all sides and angles of your float. Hand or toss (not throw) candy to the kids. Safety is a priority so please work to keep candy off the roadway. If you can't see all sides of your float to monitor kids on the roadway, do not toss candy as it encourages kids to enter roadwa



Please take a moment to donate.

Being in the parade is free (unless you are running for an elected office; then we ask for a donation (minimum \$200) to help with event costs).

If you want to write a check, you can just drive up and drop it off at the First National Bank in Stilwell and ask them to deposit it into the Stilwell Community Organization account!

HOW DO WE GET A NUMBER FOR JUDGING

We ask that you pre-register. Registration is done so we have an idea of what to expect. If you want to be judged (judges are across the street from Stilwell Elementary School), then be sure to get a NUMBER the day of the parade from a volunteer. It will be placed on the **PASSENGER SIDE** of your entry. As in years past, we will come to you. You do not need to go anywhere after you are in line. Keep an eye out for the yellow safety vest volunteer that will issue you a number and confirm contact information. Good luck! For our adults, we have some serious trophies for you! The trophy for Grand Champion, first, second and third place are on display at Stilwell Station.



KIDS ONLY: Win “Best in Show!” This award is reserved for KIDS ONLY ENTRY.

Adults cannot help, and the entry is all about the kids, created and done by the kids.

2026 THEME

250 Years of Courage, Community, and Country

2026 marks the 53rd 4th of July Parade in Stilwell. Judging is based on four (4) categories that demonstrate clear, recognizable references to the 250-year milestone and the three pillars: courage (e.g., heroes, first responders, veterans), community (e.g., local groups, neighbors helping neighbors), and country (e.g., patriotic symbols, flags, historical vignettes). The four (4) categories include Grand Champion, First Place, Second Place, and Third Place. Stilwell also has a "BEST IN SHOW" for best kids-only entry. The kids' only entries are those done by "KIDS ONLY" with no adult help.

