A Unique Town

My town, Stockton, is a wonderful place to live. The friendly people make all visitors feel welcome. Alongside most of the country roads are farms. Cattle farms, which can be smelled before they’re seen, are the most common. Football is another major part of our community. The bright lights of the Stockton Tiger games can often be seen from the road, and the sound of the announcer’s loud voice ringing through the speakers can be heard throughout the town. Our water tower even has a Tiger’s face on it since it is Stockton’s mascot.

Although Stockton is known for other things, it is most known for its lake. People come from many other places because it has some of the most beautiful lake views. Its dam, which was built in 1969, provides electricity for the area. Driving across the dam, it is not uncommon to see many different types of boats, such as sailboats and motorboats. Magnificent cliff and beach views can be seen from campsites and hiking paths.

The best place in town to eat is called “The Squeeze Inn.” It is a very unique place owned by Miss Ruth and her son Gabe, who love Jesus and are some of the nicest people in town. When the door to the restaurant is opened, colorful chef hats attached to strings drop down and a bell rings. Over 100 gnomes fill the store along with a welcoming feeling that makes everyone feel at home. Their famous burger is nicknamed “The Squeeze with Cheese.” These burgers have giant cheese skirts, which is sizzling cheese from the grill that sticks out of the burger like a skirt. The Squeeze’s one-of-a-kind burger was awarded one of the best burgers in southwest Missouri.

Stockton is also the Black Walnut Capital of the World. Our walnut factory is called Hammons, and it is the biggest black walnut factory existing. The sound of the
machines and the rolling of nuts can often be heard while driving by. People usually either love black walnuts or they hate them. The only way I like to eat them is caramelized and coated with chocolate. We even have an annual Black Walnut Festival every September with the best parade on earth. There are also booths and rides, along with a turtle race, tractor pull, and pet parade for the kids.

The still waters of the lake, tasty Squeeze burgers, and the Walnut Festival are things that make my town unique. While tourists are attracted to the popular features, the people who live here see the small wonderful things about this town. The friendly people are my favorite part about Stockton. In a small town like mine, everybody is like a neighbor.