



CONCERT IN THE PARK: The Concert in the Park was enjoyed by all ages with a blend of music and local flavor as Forrest and Margaret McCurren performed in the Park Thursday. Sponsored by the Stevens County Library and Gumm's AutoCenter, the evening brought neighbors together for live tunes and local dining from food vendors including Baked and Brewed by Evelyn, Sip and Swirl, Wagonwheel Food Trailer and It's Tastier in Kansas.

How to show good sportsmanship: Qualities of a good sport

By Judy Parsons

As we move closer to the summer and are preparing for the fair season and judging competitions, our competitive instincts start kicking in. Competition is a big part of 4-H and being a good sport fosters positive life skills. Competitive events are an important part of demonstrating project mastery and provides youth with the opportunity to receive evaluation and feedback. Competition offers opportunities for sportsmanship, developing friendships and learning to get along with others.

What is sportsmanship? Sportsmanship is defined as an understanding of and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity, and general goodwill toward an opponent. Good sportsmanship means being fair and ethical but doesn't mean going easy on your opponents. Aggression is part of the game and being a good sport means your conduct is polite and gracious. Disrespect is not good sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship is more than just being nice to others. There are a few

qualities that display good sportsmanship:

1. **Be Supportive.** In any competition, everyone wants to do their best and win. If you are losing, don't take it out on your teammates or the competition. Support is the difference between making friends or enemies. Whether you win or lose, shake hands with your competition. This is a sign of respect.

2. **Be a Gracious Winner.** Being a sore loser when others win isn't a good look, but neither is gloating over your win. Winning doesn't make you more superior, it means that your skills and best efforts put you in the best position to win at a certain moment. You can be excited and happy for yourself without taunting or putting down your opponents. You should never have to tell people how great you are, your actions will speak for you. You get better by quietly developing your talent and should be grateful for your win.

3. **Have a Positive Attitude.** Having a negative attitude can make the competition less fun for everyone. Childish or inappropriate behavior,

such as losing your temper, can dampen the whole atmosphere of the competition. It shows your immaturity. Keep your composure and don't play "dirty" no matter how the competition is going. Cheating is always poor sportsmanship. Positivity is an important trait in any competition.

4. **Be Respectful.** Whether you win or lose, it's essential to show respect to everyone involved in the competition. Even if you suspect someone of cheating (which may not be the case), hurling harsh words at your opponents can damage your reputation, and the respect others have for you. Whining, arguing and trash talking demonstrate unsportsmanlike conduct and is a sign of weakness. Every time you treat your opponent with respect it strengthens your confidence and reputation. It is also a great way to make lasting friendships.

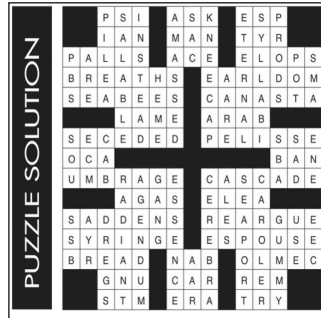
5. **Be Willing to Learn.** If you end up losing a competition, rather than take it out on an opponent, try learning from your mistakes. Work harder and practice your

game. Do not make excuses or blame others. Be humble enough to accept that you don't always deserve to win. There is no shame in learning from a loss. Winning is definitely more fun, but never feel above defeat or beneath victory. Keep improving which may mean finding a good coach that will make you a better competitor. Value their teaching and learn all you can from them.

6. **Thank Your Parents.** Appreciate what they do and the privilege they are providing for you to participate in competitions. Be sure they know how much you appreciate their sacrifice for the opportunities they give you. Always thank your parents with your voice and your actions. Do not take them for granted.

Good sportsmanship is an important life skill that makes competition more enjoyable for everyone. While winning may feel like the most important thing, good sportsmanship teaches competitors how to be gracious and respectful toward others. Bad sportsmanship can take all the fun out of competition.

Solution to the July 16, 2026 puzzle



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Matthew 16:26; Acts 2:38 - 47
Romans 6: 4-5; Colossians 2: 11-12
Lin Goode

Early in person voting for Stevens County will begin on July 21st until noon on August 3rd in the county Clerk's office. The county clerk's office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

La votación anticipada en persona para el condado de Stevens comenzará el 21 de julio y se extenderá hasta el mediodía del 3 de agosto en la oficina del secretario del condado. Dicha oficina está abierta de lunes a viernes, de 9:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m.

CCCC to host Community and Campus Fair

Garden City Community College will host its annual Community & Campus Fair Wednesday, August 19, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the GCCC Quad. The free event will bring together students, local businesses, and community organizations during the first week of the fall semester.

The fair provides an opportunity for area businesses and organizations to connect with students, showcase their services, share employment opportunities, and highlight the resources available throughout the Garden City community. Participating organizations will be provided with a table and chairs.

Tents are welcome but will not be provided.

Registration is open through August 1, 2026. Organizations interested in participating can complete registration online.

For questions or additional information, please contact Kellee Munoz at kellee.munoz@gcccck.edu.

University of Kansas announces spring 2026 honor roll

More than 9,000 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned dean's list distinction for the spring 2026 semester.

Students making the honor roll from Hugoton were Lilianah Archuleta, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Nicole Bustillos, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences;

and Abi Slocum, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and School of Education & Human Sciences.

The honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and in the schools of Architecture & Design, Business, Education & Human Sciences, Engi-

neering, Health Professions, Journalism & Mass Communications, Music, Nursing, Pharmacy, Professional Studies and Social Welfare.

Honor roll criteria vary among the university's academic units. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING									
The governing body of STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS will meet on August 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Stevens County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and approving the proposed budget for the year 2027. The proposed budget includes the proposed use of all funds and the amount of all revenue. Detailed budget information is available at the Stevens County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.									
BUDGET SUMMARY									
Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax available the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final annual valuation.									
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Budget Year for 2027	Amount of 2027 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Budget Year for 2027
General	6,580,850	20.812	6,533,516	20.776	6,433,887	1,684,320	8,616	1,684,320	8,616
Board & Bridge	212,185	20.750	212,185	20.750	212,185	3,206,479	13,378	3,206,479	13,378
Airport Maintenance	212,185	20.750	212,185	20.750	212,185	3,206,479	13,378	3,206,479	13,378
Health	475,883	9.969	475,883	9.969	475,883	1,075,173	1,075	1,075,173	1,075
Community Health	441,571	3.446	441,571	3.446	441,571	1,075,173	1,075	1,075,173	1,075
Law Enforcement	1,000,000	6.667	1,000,000	6.667	1,000,000	68,221	68,221	68,221	68,221
Board of Commissioners/Personnel Manager	900,000	7.814	900,000	7.814	900,000	116,116	116,116	116,116	116,116
Library Maintenance	792,111	1.498	792,111	1.498	792,111	285,766	285,766	285,766	285,766
Library - Capital Expenditures	46,100	0.500	46,100	0.500	46,100	45,136	45,136	45,136	45,136
Newcomer Ward	208,624	1.990	208,624	1.990	208,624	201,800	201,800	201,800	201,800
Newcomer for the (Library)	174,437	1.490	174,437	1.490	174,437	109,478	109,478	109,478	109,478
Shelf	1,842,562	13.676	1,842,562	13.676	1,842,562	1,605,961	1,605,961	1,605,961	1,605,961
Fire	174,437	1.490	174,437	1.490	174,437	112,466	112,466	112,466	112,466
Emergency Services	447,809	3.186	447,809	3.186	447,809	278,761	278,761	278,761	278,761
Special Activities Expense	6,207	7.428	6,207	7.428	6,207	161,471	161,471	161,471	161,471
WARRANTY	7,861		7,861		7,861	43,425	43,425	43,425	43,425
STEVENS COUNTY Addition Act									
Non-Budgeted Expend	101,478		101,478		101,478				
Non-Budgeted Expend	1,480,324		1,480,324		1,480,324				
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Non-Budgeted Expend	1,480,324		1,480,324		1,480,324				
Total	14,746,101	80.320	14,746,101	80.320	14,746,101	18,676,765	7,961,272	14,882	7,961,272
Low Expenditure	1,810,367		1,810,367		1,810,367				
Not Expenditure	13,935,734		13,935,734		13,935,734				
Total Tax Levied	8,008,428		8,008,428		8,008,428				
Amount Valuation	120,400,403		120,400,403		120,400,403				
Outstanding Indebtedness									
January 1, 2024									
GOV Bonds	0		0		0		0		0
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		0		0
Other	0		0		0		0		0
Local Pub. Priv.	0		0		0		0		0
Total	0		0		0		0		0