



Miss Stacey read “Lola Loves Stories” by Anna McQuinn at Stevens County Library Circle Time September 16. Everyone had a lot of energy and enjoyed playing the crowd favorite guessing game! Circle Time is perfect for



ages birth through five years old. Registration is not required: simply show up at the library Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and get ready for a great time!



GCCC and Newman University establish accelerated Criminal Justice Degree Pathway

Garden City Community College graduates can finish a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in as few as 12 months under a new agreement between Newman University and the Kansas Association of Commu-

nity Colleges (KACC), the statewide association representing Kansas' 19 community colleges and three technical colleges. GCCC is one of the member colleges participating in the new pathway, which was signed

August 31, 2026. The pathway is designed for two groups: GCCC graduates who want to earn a bachelor's degree, with no credits lost during the transfer process and substantial scholarships available to help them complete their degree; and working public-safety professionals who already have established careers in criminal justice but do not have a bachelor's degree and could benefit from financial assistance to complete their degree.

“This agreement creates a meaningful opportunity for our graduates and working professionals in Southwest Kansas to build on the education and experience they already have,” said Dr. Ryan Ruda, GCCC President. “By recognizing prior learning and providing significant financial support, Newman is helping make a bachelor's degree more accessible while also

strengthening the workforce that serves our communities.” Newman's Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice requires 120 credit hours. Students who transfer from GCCC with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree can transfer up to 60 credit hours toward the bachelor's degree. Newman will then award up to 30 additional credit hours for prior learning, leaving approximately 30 credit hours to complete at Newman. A full-time student can complete the remaining coursework in two consecutive semesters, plus a summer or intervening term. The prior-learning component is particularly beneficial for working public-safety professionals. Newman will evaluate law enforcement basic training through the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center and Kansas CPOST certifications, military training and occupations on a Joint Services Transcript, employer and industry training, current professional certifications, and standardized exams such as CLEP and DSST.

The pathway also provides significant financial assistance. Every GCCC graduate admitted to the pathway receives a \$20,000 Newman scholarship toward the degree. Newman also matches, dollar for dollar, any federal Pell Grant or State of Kansas financial aid the student applies to the program. “A lot of people in Kansas law enforcement are two or three semesters from a bachelor's degree and don't know it,” said Alden Stout, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Newman University. “They've been trained at the academy, they've served in the military, they've earned certifications, and none of it has ever been counted. This agreement counts it. Then it gets them to the finish line in about a year without asking them to leave the job or the community they serve.”

Students who hold an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from GCCC are assured admission to Newman with junior standing. Upper-division coursework is offered in formats built around working schedules, including online and hybrid options,

Senior Lifestyles

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Hello everyone. What a wonderful start to fall! I'll take all the nice weather and rain we can get. This week is Bingo Night! The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the games begin at 6:30. Concessions are available with hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy, and drinks. The next Grace and Gather meal is on the 28th for 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the VFW. Then it will be October! Our dance is on the 10th with Craig Stevens performing and Ag1st Insurance as the sponsor. We hope to see you soon!

Menu

September 23 ...Chicken
.....Fried Steak
September 24Pork
.....Loin
September 25Chili
September 24Pork
.....Loin
September 25Chili
September 28 ...Chicken

.....Pot Pie
September 29 ...Sausage
.....Gravy Biscuit
September 30Sloppy
.....Jo

Activities

Wednesday, September 23
Cards12:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 24
Bingo Night.....6:30 p.m.
Friday, September 25
Bingo12:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 26
Cards6:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 24
Bingo Night.....6:30 p.m.
Friday, September 25
Bingo12:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 26
Cards6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28
Grace and Gather
Table5:30-7 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29
Dominoes12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30
Cards12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF ELEANOR S. WALKER,
Deceased
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. 2016-PR-000038

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL
PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified a Petition has been filed in this Court by Troy Martin, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Eleanor S. Walker, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Estate be as-

signed to the persons entitled to it pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed, costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before October 29, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the District Court, Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Darrel E. Johnson
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State of Kansas Official General
Election Ballot
Constitutional Amendment
County of Stevens
November 3, 2026

Questions Submitted
Constitutional Amendment
Vote Yes or No

“Explanatory statement. This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same.”

Shall the following be adopted?

“§ 1. Qualifications of electors. Every(a) No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person:

(1) Is a citizen of the United States who;

(2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and who

(3) except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), resides in the voting area in which he or she such person seeks to vote shall be deemed a qualified elector.

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-presi-

dent of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if his or her such person's removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election.

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of his or her such person's former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which he or she such person seeks to vote, if his such person's new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas.”

- o Yes
- o No

Boleta oficial de las elecciones generales del estado de Kansas Enmienda constitucional Condado de Stevens

Pregunta enviada
Enmienda constitucional
Vote Sí o No

“Declaración explicativa. Esta enmienda dejaría claro que solo una persona que sea ciudadana de los Estados Unidos tiene derecho a votar en este estado.

“Un voto a favor de esta propuesta dejaría claro que solo una persona que sea ciudadana de los Estados Unidos tiene derecho a votar en este estado.

“Un voto en contra de esta propuesta no supondría ningún cambio en la Constitución del estado de Kansas, y la redacción relativa a los requisitos para ser elector seguiría siendo la misma.”

¿Se debería adoptar lo siguiente?

“§ 1. Cualificaciones para ser elector. Cada(a) Ninguna persona se considerará elector con derecho a

voto a menos que:

(1) sea ciudadano de los Estados Unidos que,

(2) haya cumplido los dieciocho años; y que

(3) salvo en los casos previstos en los apartados (b) o (c) resida en la circunscripción electoral en la que él o ella dicha persona pretenda votar se considerará elector habilitado a toda persona.

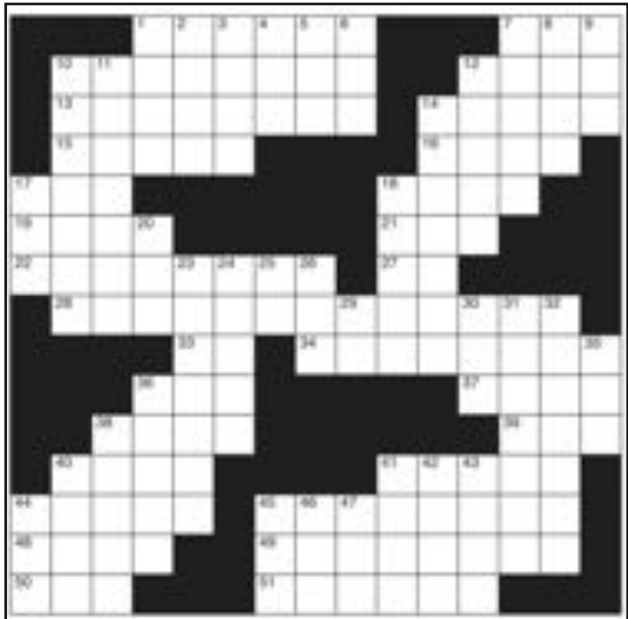
(b) Las leyes de este Estado relativas a la votación de los electores presidenciales y de los candidatos al cargo de presidente y vicepresidente de los Estados Unidos deberán ajustarse a las leyes de los Estados Unidos que regulen dicha materia.

Un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos que reúna los requisitos para votar en Kansas por los electores presidenciales y los candidatos a los cargos de presidente y vicepresidente de los Estados Unidos podrá votar por dichos cargos, ya sea en persona o mediante voto por correo, a pesar de que dicha persona pueda haberse convertido en un no residente en este estado si su el traslado de dicha persona fuera de este estado tiene lugar durante el período, conforme a la legislación federal, inmediatamente anterior a dicha elección.

(c) Una persona que, por lo demás, reúna los requisitos para ser elector podrá votar en la circunscripción electoral de su la antigua residencia de dicha persona, ya sea en persona o mediante voto por correo, aun cuando haya dejado de ser residente de dicha circunscripción durante el plazo establecido por la ley inmediatamente anterior a las elecciones en las que él o ella dicha persona desee votar, siempre que su la nueva residencia de dicha persona se encuentre en otra circunscripción electoral del estado de Kansas”.

- o Sí
- o No

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A place for worship
- 7. Referee declaration
- 10. Tension
- 12. Used to introduce something
- 13. Healing method
- 14. Taken to the sea
- 15. Make law
- 16. French coastal city
- 17. Hawaiian dish
- 18. Young of domestic cattle
- 19. Women's undergarments
- 21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
- 22. One after another
- 27. It's a hot topic these days
- 28. Folk band from Iran
- 33. They precede C
- 34. Heavenly
- 36. Fiddler crabs
- 37. Major Hindu deity
- 38. Hebrew given name
- 39. Cost per mile
- 40. ___ Romero, cat
- 41. Rural municipality in Manitoba
- 44. Nameless
- 45. "A tragedy had ___ him"
- 48. Iranian city
- 49. Praises publicly
- 50. Founding Father Franklin
- 51. Floral sun

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indian unit of mass
- 2. "Tears in Heaven" singer Clapton
- 3. Part of a sailing vessel
- 4. Part of (abbr.)
- 5. Polynesian garden of flowers
- 6. Keyboard key
- 7. One who steals
- 8. Large oven
- 9. Former CIA
- 10. Idea
- 11. Solomon Islands capital
- 12. Afrikaans
- 14. Remove thank
- 17. Television network
- 18. Jean Brissot is one
- 20. Title of respect
- 23. Flowering trees
- 24. Occurring in a tube
- 25. Exits
- 26. Woman (French)
- 29. Expression of doubt
- 30. NHL legend Bobby
- 31. Accomplished
- 32. Makes slightly wet
- 35. National Assn. of Manufacturers
- 36. Not sated
- 38. Poe's middle name
- 40. Swiss river
- 41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music
- 42. "Shane" actor Ladd
- 43. Popular woodcut board game
- 44. Bar bill
- 45. Ballplayer's tool
- 46. Indicates near
- 47. Feet per second