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"Halloween in the Park"
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 The City of Decatur, Kansas, will host "Halloween in the Park" on Wednesday, October 9, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The event will be held at the Decatur Community Center, 1000 S. 10th St. The event is free and open to the public. Activities include a costume parade, pumpkin carving, and a haunted house. For more information, call 787-2222.

School board plans for public input at Wednesday meeting
 Competency grading up for discussion

The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Decatur Community Center. The agenda includes a presentation on the proposed competency grading system for the district's schools. The board will also discuss the proposed changes to the district's policies and procedures. The meeting is open to the public and a public comment period will be held following the presentation.

Fair association annual meeting set for Oct. 17

The Fair Association will hold its annual meeting on Friday, October 17, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Decatur Community Center. The meeting will discuss the association's activities for the past year and the plans for the upcoming year. The meeting is open to all members of the association.

County approves fighting prairie chicken listing

The Board of Commissioners has approved a resolution to support the removal of the prairie chicken from the list of endangered species. The resolution was passed by a vote of 4-1. The board will continue to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure the prairie chicken is protected and its population is restored.

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Friends of the NRA sets date for annual banquet

The Friends of the National Rifle Association will hold their annual banquet on Friday, October 11, at 6:00 PM in the Decatur Community Center. The banquet will feature a dinner, entertainment, and a raffle. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call 787-2222.

Sen. Moran blasts VA for spending a half-million dollars on art

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) has criticized the Veterans Affairs (VA) department for spending half a million dollars on art. He said the money should be used to improve the VA's healthcare services for veterans. He has introduced legislation to limit the VA's spending on art to \$50,000 per year.

Kan. defends school funding decisions before court

The State of Kansas has defended its school funding decisions in court. The state argued that its funding formula is constitutional and that the federal government's lawsuit is an overreach of its power. The court will hear the case in the coming weeks.

Family: Man who set self on fire was mentally ill

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Silver Lake man dies in riding mower accident

A man from Silver Lake, Kansas, died in a riding mower accident on Saturday, October 5. The man was 65 years old and was mowing his lawn when the mower rolled over on him. He was taken to the hospital but died of his injuries.

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