

**Thursday Prairie Rib**  
 44 Village Plaza • Decatur, KS 625-439-4468 • Monday - Saturday  
 10:30 AM - 10:00 PM • 100% Beef • 100% Pork • 100% Bacon

**Halloween in the Park**  
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 The City of Decatur is sponsoring a Halloween in the Park event at the Decatur Community Center. The event will feature a costume parade, pumpkin carving, and other Halloween-themed activities. The event is free and open to the public.

**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, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Decatur Community Center. The meeting will focus on the proposed changes to the district's grading system, specifically the implementation of competency-based grading. The board will also discuss the proposed changes to the district's curriculum and standards.

**Fair association annual meeting set for Oct. 17**  
 The Fair Association will hold its annual meeting on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Decatur Community Center. The meeting will discuss the association's plans for the upcoming year, including the location and theme of the fair. The meeting is open to all members of the association.

**County approves prairie chicken listing**  
 A resolution was passed by the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Oct. 8, to list the prairie chicken as a threatened species. The resolution will require the county to take steps to protect and restore the species' habitat.

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**School financing**  
 City to discuss adding 1/2-cent sales tax for school expansions to ballot for public approval at today's meeting

The City of Decatur will discuss the possibility of adding a 1/2-cent sales tax to the city's budget. The tax would be used to fund the expansion of the city's school system. The city will hold a public hearing on the tax at its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

**Friends of the NRA sets date for annual banquet**  
 The Friends of the National Rifle Association will hold their annual banquet on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Decatur Community Center. The banquet will feature a dinner, entertainment, and a raffle. The event is open to all members of the organization.

**Sen. Moran blasts VA for spending a half-million dollars on art**  
 Sen. Pat Moran (R-KS) has criticized the Veterans Affairs (VA) department for spending half a million dollars on art. Moran says the money should be used to improve the VA's healthcare services for veterans.

**Silver Lake man dies in riding mower accident**  
 A man from Silver Lake, KS, died on Tuesday, Oct. 8, after being struck by a riding mower. The man was 65 years old and was working in his yard when the accident occurred.

**Kan. defends school funding decisions before court**  
 The State of Kansas has defended its school funding decisions in court. The state has argued that its funding formula is constitutional and that it has made significant investments in education.

**Family: Man who set self on fire was mentally ill**  
 The family of a man who set himself on fire in Decatur, KS, has said that the man was mentally ill. The man was 35 years old and was in the process of a divorce when the incident occurred.