

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

"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, 2013, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The event will be held at the Decatur Community Center, 1000 S. 10th St., Decatur, KS. Activities include a costume parade, pumpkin carving, and a haunted house. Admission is free. For more information, call 625-439-4468.

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, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Decatur Community Center. The agenda includes a presentation on the proposed competency grading system and a public hearing on the matter. The board will also discuss the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 school year.

Fair association annual meeting set for Oct. 17

The Fair Association will hold its annual meeting on Friday, October 17, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Decatur Community Center. The meeting will discuss the association's activities for the past year and the proposed budget for the coming year.

County approves prairie chicken listing

The Board of Commissioners has approved the listing of the prairie chicken as a state symbol of Kansas. The listing will be effective on January 1, 2014.

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 for the purpose of funding school expansions. The issue will be discussed at the city council meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

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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, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Decatur Community Center. The banquet will feature a dinner, entertainment, and a presentation of the NRA's 100th anniversary award.

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

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) has criticized the Veterans Affairs (VA) department for spending \$500,000 on art. He says the money should be used for veterans' healthcare and benefits.

Silver Lake man dies in riding mower accident

A 62-year-old man from Silver Lake, Kansas, died on Monday, October 7, 2013, after being struck by a riding mower while working in his yard.

Kan. defends school funding decisions before court

The State of Kansas has defended its school funding decisions in court. The state argues that its funding system is constitutional and that the federal government's lawsuit is unfounded.

Family: Man who set self on fire was mentally ill

The family of a man who set himself on fire in a public place has said he was suffering from mental illness. The man, 35 years old, was hospitalized and is expected to make a full recovery.