

Thursday Prairie Rib
 44 Village Plaza • Decatur, KS 62524-4348 • Monday - Saturday
 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM • 620-434-4348

"Halloween in the Park"
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 The City of Decatur, Kansas, will host the 10th annual "Halloween in the Park" on Wednesday, October 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the park area behind the city building. Activities include a costume parade, pumpkin carving, and a raffle. Admission is free.

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

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Fair association annual meeting set for Oct. 17
 The Fair Association of Decatur, Kansas, will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur Community Center. The meeting will feature a presentation on the association's activities and a raffle. Admission is free.

County approves fighting prairie chicken listing
 A resolution was passed by the Board of Commissioners to support the listing of the prairie chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

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

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Friends of the NRA sets date for annual banquet
 The Friends of the National Rifle Association (NRA) will hold their annual banquet on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur Community Center. The event will feature a dinner and a presentation. Admission is \$20.

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