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**Aron Coleman, in the creek, works with others to construct a new bridge over Mine Creek. The project was used for Coleman to achieve his Eagle Scout Merit Badge.**

## Mine Creek Battlefield bridge ribbon cutting this weekend

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JLHS sophomore Aron Coleman is not new to community projects; this time he's completed a bridge for his Eagle Scout badge so those using trails at Mine Creek Battlefield can traverse from one side of Mine Creek to the other.

The ribbon cutting commemorating the new bridge will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 at noon at the bridge on the south side of the battlefield, east of the Confederate Memorial. The ribbon cutting is being held in conjunction with Heritage Days at the battlefield.

Aron's dad, Aron, said that there were a number of rank requirements

necessary in order for his son to earn his Eagle Scout badge; included were 14 Eagle Scout Merit Badges and seven of any other type of badge Aron might have had an interest in.

Last Monday, Sept. 8, young Aron went in front of a board of six people to determine if he had completed the requirements to the extent of their intent to earn the Eagle Scout badge.

He was granted the Eagle Scout promotion last month Aug. 3.

Aron has been associated with the program when he joined Cub Scouts in September of 2016; he moved on to Boy Scouts in Sept. 2021 and became an Eagle Scout this month.

Coleman said that Aron is still a Boy Scout; he

will become a Den Chief in Cub Scouts for Den 3101, Troop 101. "He is still attending Boy Scout meetings and helping Cub Scouts; mentoring them to become Boy Scouts and on to Eagle Scouts."

He explained that when Aron turns 18 and is no longer eligible for Boy Scouts, he wants to work with Boy Scout staff at Camp Bartle outside of Osceola, Mo. for the next year or so.

At 18, Aron has turned his sights on the adult version of Eagle Scout, the Wood Badge, mapping out three years in the future.

Currently, Aron is thinking about pursuing training as a firefighter or EMT at STARS as his vocation once he graduates high school.

## Mine Creek Heritage Day this Saturday

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The Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site, located at 20485 Kansas

Highway 52, just outside of Pleasanton, will host their annual Heritage Day this coming Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities for the day will include demonstrations of

infantry, cavalry and artillery from the Civil War era as well as a historical reenactment of Generals Grant and Lee.

There will be other demonstrations on site, such as blacksmithing, rope making, leather works, spinning and more.

The event will include live music and free tours of the site. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Children 4 and under are free.

## Thank you



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**Prescott's interim mayor, Ron Roberts, at left, presents former mayor Kevin Wood with a plaque, thanking him for his years of service to the community. Wood recently resigned his position due to having moved outside the city limits.**

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On Sept. 9, just after 5:30 p.m., emergency per-

## Pleasanton council votes 2-2 on RNR, budget

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The Pleasanton City Council met on Monday, Sept. 15, and began the meeting with a hearing on the revenue neutral rate (RNR) followed by the budget hearing.

With no one in the audience coming forward to speak on either, the hearings were opened and closed without incident and Mayor Mathew Young then asked for a motion to approve Resolution 462 regarding the exceedance of the revenue neutral rate by 74.795 mills. Council member Angelina Randall made that motion and it was seconded by council member Aaron Portmann.

That motion failed to carry on a 2-2 vote and Mayor Mathew Young voted yes to break the tie. Randall then made a motion to accept the 2026 budget as presented and that motion was also seconded by Portmann and a roll call vote on the motion came down to a 2-2 result, as well.

Following the failed vote, a second motion was made to adopt the 2026 budget by Portmann with Randall seconding the motion and a discussion followed in which Council member Bill Skipper stated he could "not in good faith accept a budget with the police department being what it is when the ad valorem income is going to be \$448,538."

Council member Rochelle Schreckhise stated

she also was voting no because the budget for the police department had increased from \$268,179 in 2024 to \$315,916 in 2025 and the proposed budget for 2026 is \$473,209. She added that there are other places, such as infrastructure, that the money needs to go.

Schreckhise also stated she had been asked multiple times why two people were on duty and Randall replied that many times that is because an officer has requested backup and Chief Tristan Snyder has responded.

Skipper stated he did not see a need for 24-hour coverage and added he did not think the town had that high of a crime rate.

Skipper then asked Chief  
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## Parker leaders prepare for 'Night Out'

*Council passes revenue neutral-exceedance 2026 budget*

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Parker city leaders made plans for next month's annual "Night Out Against Crime" and passed its 2026 city budget at last Thursday's monthly council meeting.

In preparation for the 6-8 p.m. "Night Out" on Oct. 3 at the local Community Center, 3-0 votes (as with all others last week) with Gary Earley and Kandice Higgins not present designate \$200 for food condiments and up to \$125 for door prizes.

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## Mound City resident killed in crash

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sonnel were called to the scene of a two-car collision on U.S. Highway 169 just south of Humboldt, Kan., in Allen County.

According to reports filed by the Kansas

Highway Patrol, Morgan Wakefield of Mound City, was driving a 2011 Chevy Malibu northbound when his vehicle crossed the center line and struck a second vehicle driven

by Shawn Petterborg of Stockton, Kan.

Wakefield was pronounced dead at the scene of the wreck. The driver of the second vehicle, a 2018  
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## Blood Drive: The Battle of the Badges

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A community blood drive has been scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall located at 729

W. Main Street.

The event is being hailed as the Battle of the Badges though anyone and everyone who is able to donate is asked to do so.

Those who wear a badge, be it law enforcement, fire or emergency services, will be counted as part of that  
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## Super Chiefs fans



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**Marty and Rose Troth show their team passion with memorabilia gathered on their porch. Flags flying begin with the first flag sold in 2015; one has been purchased for each year flags have been available.**

Rose said they used to be season ticket holders, but the price has gotten too high to afford so they purchase game tickets when they want to see a particular game.

Grandson, Harrison Belcher, loves KC Wolf. Rose said he was named after Chiefs' kicker Harrison Butker with his little sister, Henley, named after a star KU quarterback.

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