

NORTH CASS PARKWAY EXTENSION

A major piece of the North Cass Parkway Extension Project is taking shape. Crews have formed the new bridge and are currently installing rebar in preparation for the concrete pour. The bridge will be part of the new roadway connection between Peculiar Drive and South Mullen Road. Construction continues throughout the project area, with completion expected by fall 2026, weather permitting. Learn more and follow project progress: <https://bit.ly/4ddtyXb>

LOCAL FUEL PRICES

WEDNESDAY

LAST WEEK

LAST MONTH

LAST YEAR

\$3.79

\$3.82

\$3.89

\$2.99

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WEEKEND WEATHER:

FRIDAY: 87 69

SATURDAY: 85 65

SUNDAY: 85 69

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DATEBOOK

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10

Belton Farmers Market, 4-7 pm, Assembly of God parking lot, 613 E. North Ave.
...
Peculiar Planning Commission, 6:30 pm, City Hall, 250 S Main
...
Raymore-Peculiar School Board work session, 7 pm, Ray-Pec Academy, 21008 S School Rd, Peculiar

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11

CONCERT: St. Andrew Pipes & Drums and the Biscuit Boys - A 9/11 Tribute. 7-9 pm, Hawk Ridge Park, Johnston Pkwy, Raymore
...
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: Raytown South at Belton, Shawnee Mission Northwest at Ray-Pec, both 7 pm

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12

Community Paper Shredding Event, 9 am-noon, Raymore City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 14

Raymore City Council, 6 pm, City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle
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Peculiar Park Board, 6:30 pm, City Hall, 250 S Main

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15

Raymore Farmers Market, 4-7 pm, T.B. Hanna Station Park, 214 S. Washington St.

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Welcome, new Pirates!

Courtesy photo/Belton School District

Belton School District Superintendent Andy Underwood visited all kindergarten classes last week to welcome them to school, take a class photo and give high fives.

Missouri Supreme Court orders Denny Hoskins to answer on contempt charge

In a late-night order, Missouri's highest court directed the secretary of state to explain his actions implementing gerrymandered congressional map

By Rudi Keller

Missouri Independent

The Missouri Supreme Court ordered Republican Secretary of State Denny Hoskins to appear in person Thursday and explain why he should not be held in contempt for directing election officials to use a congressional map the court has barred him from implementing.

In the unusual late order Tuesday, the court

Annalise Hanshaw / Missouri Independent

Missouri Secretary of State Denny Hoskins listens to three cases during Missouri Supreme Court arguments Sept. 2.

gave Hoskins until noon Wednesday to answer a motion for contempt from People Not Politicians, a political action

committee that forced a referendum on a map gerrymandered in 2025 to favor Republicans. The court scheduled an

in-person hearing for 10 a.m. Thursday.

The contempt fight

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Belton passes habitation ordinance

By Allen Edmonds

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The Belton City Council passed unanimously the first reading Tuesday on a habitation ordinance written to give authorities some power in dealing with property owners allowing homeless individuals to camp on their property.

The situation arose this summer on Main Street when complaints arose regarding an individual camping on the front porch of the Belton Historical Presbyterian Church, 122 Main St.

Mayor Norman K. Larkey, Sr., approached diocesan officials in Kansas City regarding the issue.

"They told me they know we have no ordinances against it and there was nothing I could do about it."

The church is now on the market and a member was observed moving the individual onto Belton Historical Railroad property shortly before the building was placed on the market. She has since moved to private property with the blessing of the property owner who is providing basic needs.

City Manager Joe Warren introduced the proposed legislation.

"We've received concerns, many from councilmembers themselves, about individuals being allowed to inhabit or sleep in areas of hte ciyt on private property, that lack basic amenities that would normally make a property inhabitable.

"We had a work session on this, and we specifically did not want to put any added burden on anybody who might be homeless – or houseless – and that's not how it was written," Warren said.

He told the council it was written to "try to ensure that property owners carry the burden to provide the basic habitable necessities that are established by code in other areas."

Clean running water,

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NORTH CASS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Belton Pirates			Ray-Pec Panthers		
8/28	@Kearney	Lost, 42-0 (0-1)	8/28	@Liberty	Won, 35-3 (1-0)
9/4	@Raytown	Lost, 32-9 (0-2)	9/4	@Blue Springs	Won, 35-32 (2-0)
9/11	Raytown South		9/11	SMNW	
9/18	Winnetonka		9/18	LS West	
9/25	@Truman		9/25	@Lee's Summit	
10/2	Grain Valley		10/2	N Kansas City	
10/9	William Chrisman		10/9	@Staley	
10/16	@Fort Osage		10/16	Liberty North	
10/23	@Platte County		10/23	@Blue Spgs South	