

**Community
Engagement
Initiative**



More
business
friendly.



An
amazing
place for
our youth.



The best
place
to live.



WE'RE ALLEN COUNTY

Uplifting
Community.

THE PLACE TO LEARN.
THE PLACE TO WORK.
THE PLACE TO LIVE.
THE PLACE TO BE.



A family
oriented
area.



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Listen....

THE QUIETER
YOU BECOME,
THE MORE
YOU CAN
HEAR



RESIDENT-LED GRANT- Came up with 51 Priorities and voted



After much discussion, six became our healthier community focus

1. Employment and Business Development
2. Public Safety
3. Safe and Clean Green Spaces
4. Complete Streets
5. Opportunities for Physical Activity
6. Student Achievement

We developed a Community Action Plan

Be fearless...



NEW BUSINESSES ARE COMING TO OUR DOWNTOWNS

IOLA



HUMBOLDT





Classes available:

- Construction Trades
- Welding
- Upcoming- Wind Energy

Regional Rural Technical Center



Pass on the power...



Everyone plays a



The Humboldt Union

Cubs add wins!

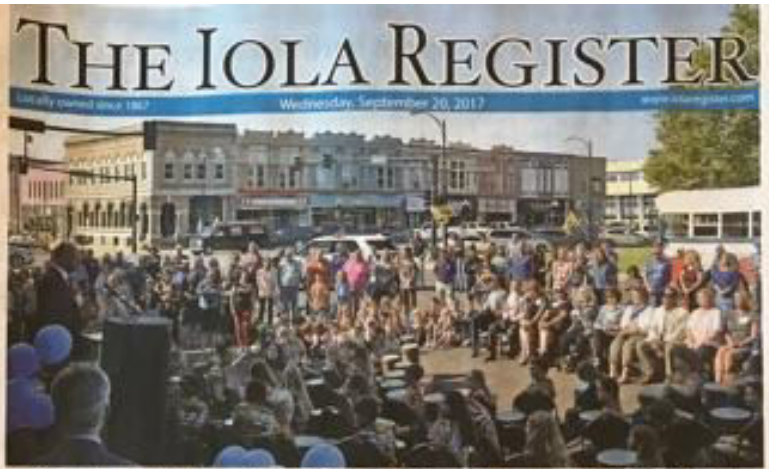
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By STEVEN LINDO
The Iola Register



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Inside: Trump adds restrictions to travel ban See A2

Sports: Quick start propels Chiefs past San Diego See B1

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Monday, September 25, 2017



Legion commander in Moran Tuesday

MORAN — Denise H. Moran, the American Legion's national commander, will be in Moran Tuesday for a breakfast at the Moran American Legion post.

The little 'burg' that could

Savonburg residents share ambitious plans

By RICHARD LEKEN
The Iola Register



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SAVONBURG — With its distinctive size barely more than 100 residents in all and relative isolation in the southeast corner of Allen County, Savonburg is quite frankly overlooked. But as a small but hoisty group can attest, great things often come in small packages.



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Tech ed center draws praise

By CHRISTIAN GUN
The Iola Register

CADWELL — Kansas Commissioner of Education, Kristi Stenehjem, visited the recently built Tech Ed Center at the Regional Technical Center on Thursday morning. Stenehjem was impressed with the current equipment and the center's progress in the future of education in Kansas. "This is a really great center," she said.

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It works both ways...

 **Damaris Kunkler** shared Thrive Allen County's post.
October 2 at 7:21pm · 🌐

Hey Allen County, he's talking about us!....."Those little bright spots around the country, give me hope"~Rich Besser, CEO, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Take a minute and check out this panel discussion #smallbutmighty #kshealthengage #allencultureofhealth #rwjf

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January 3 · 🌐

Love to Mary Ross, Debbie Bearden, Allen County GROW, The Mildred store owned by Loren Lance, and Thrive Allen County for always pushing forward to help our community!

 **Thrive Allen County**
October 2 at 3:13pm · 🌐

On September 19th Dr. Rich Besser, CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, came to Allen County to announce that we were winners of the 2017 #CultureofHealth...

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Public health experts describe the biggest public health challenges facing the United States

Former U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin and Dr. Richard Besser, President and CEO of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, describe what they...

WASHINGTONPOST.COM

 **Thrive Allen County**
January 3 · 🌐

Allen County is featured in Yes! Magazine for the great work our community has done to bring a grocery store to lolal "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."--Margaret Mead



This Small Town Refused to Settle for Wal-Mart When Its Last Local Grocery Store Closed

After four years without an independent grocery store, the residents of lolal, Kansas, found a way to bring one back.

YESMAGAZINE.ORG

 **Damaris Kunkler**
December 6, 2016 · 🌐


lolal, Kansas/Allen County is part of this story in the New York Times. You may recognize some of the people. A must read!



Life in Obamacare's Dead Zone

Excluded from the Affordable Care Act because of politics, thousands of poor Americans grapple with the toll — physical and psychological — of being uninsured.

NYTIMES.COM

 **Thrive Allen County**

Published by Lisse Regehr [?] · September 28 at 5:16pm · 🌐

Last week the ACT Together steering committee met in Savonburg. We had a great turnout from across the county with community members from Elsmore, Humboldt, lolal, LaHarpe, Moran and Savonburg represented. Residents discussed the Community Engagement Initiative and shared what they have happening in their own areas of the county. This is a resident-led meeting that occurs every third Thursday of the month at 1pm. Everyone is invited to attend and be part of the conversation! The next meeting will be on October 19th at Thrive. #kshealthengage





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