

### Local area student athletes sign letters of intent

It was a big day for many local area student athletes as they signed their national letter of intent with the college they will be attending next year.

Many area student athletes in a wide variety of sports signed with community colleges, Division III schools and one signed with a Division I school to play football, yesterday. Senior linebacker, Rod Riederer of Holton, signed his national letter of intent to play Division I football with the University of Tulsa. Reiderer was the leading rusher for the Holton Wildcats last season, rushing for 649 yards, while also playing defense, making 107 tackles on the season, all earning him All-Class 4A honors for this past season.

Plenty of other athletes mapped out their path's after their senior seasons by signing letter's of intents, yesterday, as well; a full list of the the area athletes can be seen below:

### **Local Signees:**

#### **Athlete, high school, college**

### **Football:**

Mik Barancik, Jefferson West, Hutchinson CC  
Caleb Barger, Royal Valley, Washburn  
Cody Heiman, Baileville B&B, Washburn  
Michael Houghtaling, Royal Valley, Coffeyville CC  
Bryson Smith, Valley Falls, Highland CC  
Austin Trowbridge, Oskaloosa, Fort Scott CC

### **Baseball:**

Eric Willard, Rock Creek, Ottawa  
Ryan Harshbarger, Rock Creek, Longview CC

### **Golf:**

Jade Brake, Jefferson West, Baker

### **Softball:**

Frankie Farrant, Jefferson West, Baker  
Caitlyn Larson, Rock Creek, Barton County CC  
Katie Ricklefs, Jefferson West, Benedictine  
Josey Sands, Jefferson West, Otero CC, Colo.

### **Track & field:**

Lizz Herrs, Rock Creek, Oklahoma  
Aaron Kuecker, Rock Creek, Nebraska-Kearney