



DECATUR REGIONAL
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Two Strikes for the Entertainment Industry

After contract discussions failed, the Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Radio and Television Artists voted to strike starting today, July 14. This strike is the first for actors since 1980 and the first time two significant [Hollywood](#) unions have been on strike at the same time since 1960—as the [Writer's Guild of America](#) is also on strike (and has been since May 2, 2023).

According to the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP), studios need actors and actresses for movies and shows, which expressed unhappiness with the strike's result.

During this strike, union actors and writers are prohibited from working on many projects. Industry experts note that production of many films and scripted television show productions in the U.S. may be halted, leading to [delays](#) in premieres. Many networks are expected to broadcast reruns. There is no anticipated end date for either strike.

In Other News

Illinois will not have a [sales tax](#) holiday for school supplies in 2023.

TTX Company, a major railcar producer, will [relocate](#) to Charlotte from Chicago.

Three large tax preparation firms sent sensitive data to [Meta](#) according to a group of lawmakers.

The USDA issues four national [disaster declarations](#) across Illinois.

Illinois Representative Kam Buckner proposes a [student-athlete](#) bill of rights.

Senator Dick Durbin discusses the [2023 Farm Bill](#).

Inflation in the US has decreased, indicating [recovery](#) from COVID-19 and supply chain issues, with price increases slowing in June.

Tensions run high at the [NATO G7 Summit](#) as Ukrainian membership is debated.

[Narcan](#) boxes will roll out across Macon County courtesy of Heritage Behavioral Health Center.

Long-awaited [roadway](#) projects are underway in Decatur.

[Dennis School](#) students may have a longer summer vacation as installation of modular classrooms is completed.

The City of Decatur partners with local farmers for nutrient loss-reducing practices thanks to a [USDA grant](#).

Decatur officials work on creating a coordinated plan for [Lake Decatur](#) watershed management.

A New Jersey firm has purchased the [Akorn](#) Pharmaceuticals buildings.

Bids and RFPs

Macon County: [Voice Over IP \(VoIP\) Telephone System](#)

City of Decatur: None at this time.

Village of Mt. Zion: None at this time.

Decatur Park District: None at this time.

