



DECATUR REGIONAL
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It's a Scorching Out There

Heat indices across Illinois are above 100 degrees this Friday. With temperatures this high, the American Red Cross urges everyone to practice safety with these [tips](#).

Extreme heat can also impact your business and present challenges. [AccuWeather for Business](#) notes that personnel may be at risk of heat-related illness and that extreme heat can diminish focus and work efficiency.

Specific industries may face more acute obstacles. For example, agribusinesses may find heat-damaged crops, hospitality may see reduced tourist activities and construction projects may identify increased risks. Retailers may find the heat diminishes foot traffic or alters demand for specific products. Ice cream manufacturer [Unilever](#) found that heat waves show a decreased demand for the product as consumers seek cold beverages rather than frozen treats.

Businesses may be encouraged to assess and address heat risk. Harvard Business Review offers [insights](#) into how you can do so.

In Other News

Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announces new "[Skip the Line](#)" program for Driver Services facilities.

A \$2 billion theme park named [American Heartland](#) is planned for Oklahoma.

A potential UPS strike is [averted](#) as a deal is reached.

The Federal Reserve [raises](#) key interest rates for the 11th time in the past year and a half.

Elon Musk announced a new "X" logo for Twitter, [rebranding](#) the company following its \$44 billion purchase.

Superintendent Rochelle Clark provides an update on [Dennis Lab School](#).

Related: the Illinois State Board of Education releases a [statement](#) on Dennis School's proposed start time.

ADM reports second-quarter earnings of [\\$927 million](#).

Macon County offers Cooling Centers to offer some [relief](#) from the excessive heat.

Decatur's Mercy Gardens receives USDA [grant](#).

Bids and RFPs

Macon County: None at this time.

City of Decatur: [Current RFP list](#)

Village of Mt. Zion: None at this time.

Decatur Park District: None at this time.

