



DECATUR REGIONAL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### The \$500 Million Pumpkin Spice Industry

**Pumpkin Spice** is officially back for the season. Pumpkin spice is a **\$500 million industry** and flavor frenzy taking over coffee shops and many of your favorite food **products**.

### In Other News

Former Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan's ex-chief of staff Tim Mapes is found **guilty** of perjury and attempted obstruction of justice.

Illinois invests **\$21 million** to help prevent car thefts.

A federal grant will provide **\$1.3 million** to help more women launch construction careers in Illinois.

NOAA releases fall **weather predictions** for Illinois.

UPS and Teamsters approve agreement to **avert** a potential strike.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposes **new rules** to encourage seat belt use.

PBS News provides live updates on the first Republican Presidential Primary **debate**.

The FDA approves **RSV vaccine** for expecting mothers to guard newborns.

Community harm reduction boxes containing Narcan are being **installed** throughout Decatur-Macon County.

A **bargaining session** between the Decatur Federation of Teaching Assistants and Decatur Public Schools has not yet been scheduled.

Staff begins move into **modular units** at Dennis Lab School's temporary location.

The Decatur City Council approves more than **\$2.4 million** in local street improvements.

### Bids and RFPs

Macon County: **Land Records Recording System Bids**

City of Decatur: **Annual Watermain Replacement Project: S. Franklin St., Imboden Dr., and Medial Dr.; Street Restoration Project.**

Village of Mt. Zion: None at this time.

Decatur Park District: None at this time.

