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Generating momentum



State Sen. Steve Stadelman, from left, Shayne Walmeier, Walmart senior vice president of energy policy, Gil Quiniones, president and CEO of ComEd, and State Rep. Dave Vella, react after a ceremonial power switch is turned on Oct. 5 at the the new Walmart perishable foods distribution center in Belvidere.

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New power infrastructure fuels Belvidere growth

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Walmart and ComEd marked the completion of new electric infrastructure that will supply power to a future Walmart perishable foods distribution center in Belvidere. • Company leaders and local officials gathered Oct. 5 at the project site. • The event highlighted the energization of a new high-voltage substation built to serve the planned distribution center at 1508 Crosslink Parkway. • The 1.2 million-square-foot facility is expected to begin operations in 2027 and will handle fresh and frozen products destined for Walmart stores throughout the Great Lakes region.

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The new Walmart perishable foods distribution center is pictured Oct. 5 in Belvidere.



U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood answers questions after a political forum with his Democratic opponent Paul Nolley on Oct. 5 at the WTVZ studios in Peoria.

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LaHood opposes Trump’s \$5K checks

President said he would send payments if GOP keeps majority

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PEORIA — President Donald Trump has said if Republicans retain control of the House and Senate following this year’s midterms he will send Americans a check for \$5,000. It is a proposal that Peoria Republican Darin LaHood cannot get behind. Trump, who said the payments would be called “Trump Dividends,” first floated the concept of sending Americans a \$5,000 check last month at a rally in Dallas. The president has since repeated the idea, saying in a Truth Social post on Saturday that he “looked forward to signing the checks.”

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Rock River Recreation path is seen on Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, in Rockford.

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Project to connect paths along Rock River downtown

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ROCKFORD, IL — The city is working on a plan to create continuous north-south pathways along the Rock River through downtown and is inviting residents learn more. The goal of the Downtown Riverfront Path project is to fill the gaps that exist in the current path system, according to the city’s post on Facebook.

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