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Charleston, IL - The Regional Office of Education #11 announced the 2022 3rd Annual ROE #11 Recognition of Excellence Award Recipients.

The Regional Office of Education #11 requested nominations from each school district within the region seeking to highlight a pre-kindergarten through grade 12 educator who has modeled excellence in education.

Nominees included exceptionally skillful and dedicated individuals who have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and co-workers. They also play active and useful roles within their communities as well as schools; often distinguishing themselves as leaders.

Their most important quality is their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in

students of all backgrounds and abilities.

Dr. Kyle Thompson, Regional Superintendent said, "We are privileged to have so many outstanding educators within our region, passionate about the profession, and dedicated to our students.

"It's an honor to recognize and validate their meaningful efforts. Education is truly a work-of-heart and these educators work with relentless persistency, creativity, flexibility, and competence. Our students, schools, and communities benefit from their skills, knowledge, and compassion."

Award winners from Douglas County were Arcola, Jessica Launius; Arthur, Kara Moffett; Tuscola, Beth Linstead; and Villa Grove, Gordon Gawthorp.

Rivian R1T truck named 'Coolest Thing' made in Illinois

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Rivian's all-electric R1T truck is 2022's "Coolest Thing Made in Illinois."

That was the result of the third annual Makers Madness bracket-style tournament hosted by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association which allows Illinoisans to vote for the "coolest" product made in the state.

This year's winner was announced at the Governor's Mansion Wednesday. The contest is sponsored by Comcast Business.

Manufactured in Normal, the R1T is the first electric truck in production that features four motors, eight driving modes and up to 400 miles of range on a single charge, combining off-road capabilities with the driving style of a sports car.

It can accelerate from zero to 60 in three seconds and has a towing capacity of up to 11,000 pounds.

James Chen, public policy vice president and chief regulatory counsel for Rivian, said the company's mission is keeping the world "adventurous in technology," innovation and collaboration while providing jobs that support the Bloomington-Normal community.

"We are proud to call Illinois home and honored to accept this year's award. So much credit goes to the plant team members who make the R1T every day and who made this accomplishment possible today," Chen said.

Normal is home to the company's first manufacturing campus where they build R1 products as well as commercial vans. They began production of the R1T in September 2021.

Over 400 products were submitted to this year's Makers Madness competition with over 200,000 votes cast.

The all-electric truck bested a diverse group of challengers, including General Mills' Fruit by



STATE SENATOR CHAPIN ROSE (R-Mahomet), right joins Andrew Libman and his son Max at a ceremony for the Illinois Manufacturers Association's annual Makers Madness competition at the Illinois Governor's Mansion. The contest aims each year to determine the "Coolest Things Made in Illinois." The Libman Company's Wonder Mop was one of the finalists. Libman is headquartered in Arcola. Submitted photo.

the Foot snack, which is made in Belvidere.

Another product in the final four was the Orion Spacecraft Capsule's Aft Bulkhead and Barrel and Tunnel which was made for deep-space travel missions planned by NASA. It is manufactured by Ingersoll Machine Tools Inc. in Rockford.

The other product in the finals, custom blazed diffraction gratings, allow for the creation of ultra-high line density and high precision patterning of surfaces, and are used in virtual reality headsets, semiconductor manufacturing and X-ray technology. Its manufacturer is Inprentus Precision Optics of Champaign.

Gov. JB Pritzker presented the award and said the company has established itself as a national leader in the EV industry and that he "couldn't think of a more fitting winner" in the wake of a new state law that aims to put 1

million EVs on state roads.

Pritzker said the R1T is a "game-changer" in the auto industry and that through investments made in the Reimagining Electric Vehicles Act that incentivizes EV production in Illinois, the state can open more doors to "access 21st century manufacturing careers."

In 2021, Pritzker signed the Reimagining Electric Vehicles Act into law, providing tax credits for manufacturers of EVs and their parts.

The tax credits range from 75 percent to 100 percent of income tax withheld for creating new jobs or 25 percent to 50 percent for retained employees and will depend on factors such as location and the number of employees hired. A 10 percent credit for training expenses would also be available.

In the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, REV credit eligibility was expanded to battery recy-

clers, hydrogen and solar powered vehicles, and makers of the products' component parts.

The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, or CEJA, set the goal of putting 1 million EVs on state roads by 2030.

In a news release posted in early April, Rivian said the company has produced 2,553 vehicles and delivered 1,227 vehicles in the first quarter of 2022 at the Normal manufacturing facility.

"The mission of sustainability through investment in zero-emissions transportation technology and economic growth is evident throughout our operations in Illinois," Chen said.

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PUZZLES

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A power of perception
- 4. Slotted hinged metal plate
- 8. Popular crop
- 10. Siamese fighting fish
- 11. Larval crabs
- 12. South American mammal
- 13. Occur as a result of
- 15. Slavic language
- 16. An electric underground railway
- 17. Transporting
- 18. A direction
- 21. Opposite of start
- 22. Mock
- 23. People love and hate it (abbr.)
- 24. A people of Myanmar
- 25. A Queens ballplayer
- 26. Southern Thailand indigenous person
- 27. Famed actress
- 34. Thin strips
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Ridiculed
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. Came down
- 39. Indian religious god
- 40. "Bewitched"

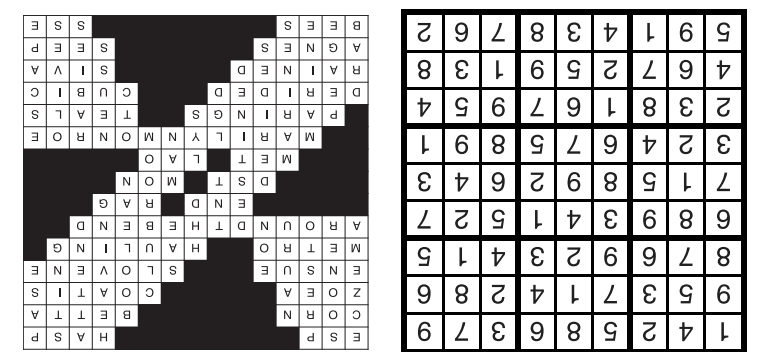
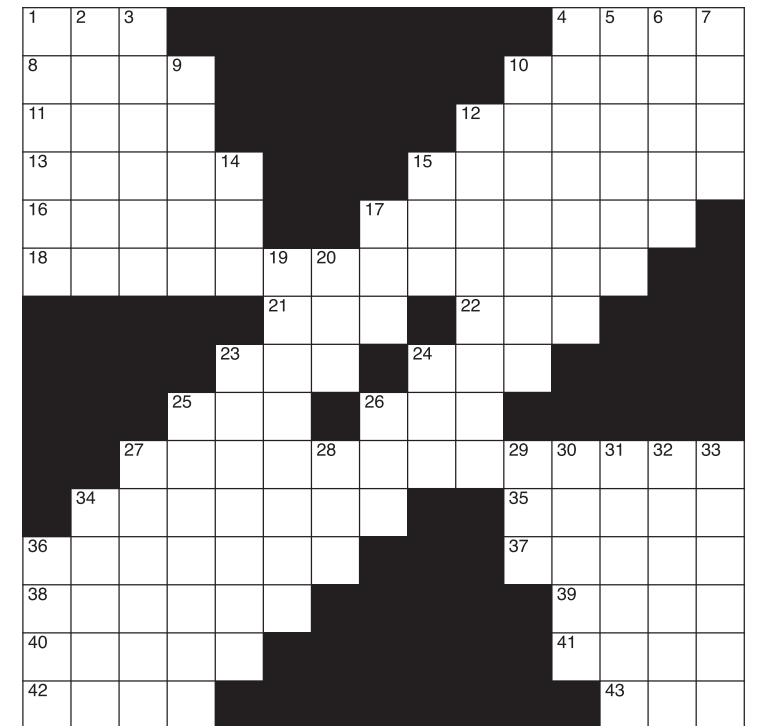
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Skin condition
- 2. Earlier
- 3. Right away
- 4. Vomiting
- 5. Go to
- 6. "The Police" frontman
- 7. Bullfighting maneuver
- 9. Pacific island
- 10. A system of algebraic notation
- 12. A room used for the activities of a group
- 14. The longest division of geological time
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 17. A barrel of liquid (abbr.)
- 19. Bound to do
- 20. Explosive
- 23. Ridicules
- 24. Adult male
- 25. Military personnel
- 26. French and Belgian river
- 27. Found in the sea

- 28. A share lost in default (abbr.)
- 29. Type of medication (abbr.)
- 30. City on the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They're in martinis
- 33. Get away
- 34. Wampum
- 36. Lacking brightness

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

A strong urge to be alone arises this week, Aries. If this happens, turn off your phone and put a message that you're not to be disturbed until you're ready for some company.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Yours may turn into the party house this week when a lot of uninvited visitors show up and expect to socialize. It's a good thing you have energy to spare right now, Taurus.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Errands are not going to complete themselves, Gemini. Schedule time this week to get all of your ducks in a row. You have obligations to your family and friends.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

You need to use the extra energy that seems to have been building in you for some time, Cancer. An impromptu sports match or a trip to the gym can burn off energy.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

This week you could receive word of an exciting challenge at work, Leo. If you have been putting in for a promotion or job change, this could be what you've waited for.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Keep in mind that you shouldn't mix money and friendship, Virgo. If a close friend wants you to work for him or her, remember the importance of this separation.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 2

Spring cleaning is in the air, and this week you are ready to tackle your home top to bottom. Why not ask for some help from the kids or your spouse to work more quickly?

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Frustrations may be high this week, Scorpio. Despite your desire to socialize, you can't seem to get out of the house. Responsibilities at home won't change for some time.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Keep in mind it can take a few days for you to recover from a night of revelry, Sagittarius. Avoid overdoing it on weeknights or you may pay the price at work in the morning.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

There is a lot of work to get done around the house, Capricorn. A lack of funding has you in a holding pattern. Examine your budget to see if there's wiggle room.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, if you find yourself in a poor mood this week, try not to take it out on others. Simply ask for some alone time until you can work out your feelings for the better.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Exercise tact and diplomacy when someone asks for your honest opinion about their performance at work, Pisces. You'll get your point across.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- MAY 1: Jamie Dornan, Actor (40)
- MAY 2: David Beckham, Athlete (47)
- MAY 3: Eric Church, Singer (45)
- MAY 4: Will Arnett, Actor (52)
- MAY 5: Henry Cavill, Actor (39)
- MAY 6: Bob Seger, Singer (77)
- MAY 7: Tommy Fury, Boxer (23)