

## “Journey of Hope” Coming to Davenport

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**On Wednesday, July 23, a team of cyclists participating in the “Journey of Hope” will arrive in Davenport as part of a nine-week, 4,000-mile cycling event across the country to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities.** The team expects to arrive in the afternoon and then have dinner and a friendship visit, with details to be determined, at 4:30 p.m. The Journey of Hope is a program of Push America, the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, which raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities. The Journey of Hope team consists of men from Pi Kappa Phi chapters across the country. The team will cycle an average of 75 miles per day, beginning in San Francisco and ending in Washington, DC, on August 16. For more information about this event or more on Push America's summer programs, contact Adam Phillips at (704) 504-2400 extension 160 or visit (<http://www.pushamerica.org>).

**Living Lands & Waters will host its annual Barge Party at the Lake Davenport Sailing Club on River Drive and Oneida Street in Davenport on Thursday, August 14, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.** Tickets for this celebration are available now at \$35 per person from (<http://www.livinglandswaters.org>)

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**The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) board of directors has announced a new slate of officers that includes Vice Chair Doug Walter of Bettendorf.** IFA's mission is to finance, administer, advance, and preserve affordable housing and to promote community and economic development for Iowans.

**The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault will receive a \$1.7-million grant, from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women.** This money will fund education, training, and enhanced services to end violence against women.

**A free educational program for Spanish-speaking people about the signs and treatments of Alzheimer's disease will be held on Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Templo Alabanza Menonita, 613 Third Street in Moline.** The program is free and open to the public and will be offered in English and Spanish through an interpreter. To register or for more information, call (563) 324-1022.

**Volunteers are needed for RiverWay 2008, celebrating the “recreational river” from August 21 through 24.** Opportunities include helping set up and run the water-screen movies and “Taming of the Slough” at Bass St. Landing, Backwater Gamblers on the river, Living on the River Expo, and placement/removal of picnic blankets on the riverfront. Additionally, volunteers are needed for the Upper Mississippi River Conference from August 21 through 23. Those interested in volunteering should contact River Action at (563) 322-2969 or through (<http://www.riveraction.net>).

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**St. Patrick Catholic Church in Taylor Ridge, Illinois, will hold its annual ice-cream social on Sunday, July 20, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the church, 9619 140th Street West.** Home made ice cream, root-beer floats, and desserts will be served, and meals will be available. The event is open to the public.

**The Kiwanis Club of Bettendorf will host the annual bi-state Kiwanis Mega Interclub luncheon event at The Lodge Hotel & Convention Center on Wednesday, August 20, at noon.** More than \$1,100 were raised at last year's event to benefit research studies in Alzheimer's and Spastic Paralysis. The cost of the event is \$15 per person, and 50/50 raffle prizes will be given away. To register, call Eric Engstrom at (563) 441-1600. For more information on Bettendorf Kiwanis service activities or membership, contact Chad Raeside at (563) 421-4200 or ( [bettendorfkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorfkiwanis@gmail.com) ).

**The Moline Public Library is presenting the Chicago Klezmer Ensemble on Thursday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m.** The 90-minute performance is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities, Friends of the Moline Public Library, and Comfort Inn & Suites in Davenport. More information about the quintet can be found at ( <http://www.muziker.org/cke/> ).