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Eight venues will participate in a spring pub crawl in The District of Rock Island to be held Friday, April 24, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$4. Participating bars include The Arena, Bennigan's Grill & Tavern, Daiquiri Factory, Del's in the District, ICONS, Malarkey's, 2nd Ave., and Steve's Old Time Tap. The pub crawl is part of a larger nighttime-economy plan being developed for downtown, and is a result of discussions that stemmed from the Responsible Hospitality Plan. For more information on the event, visit RIDistrict.com or call (309)788.6311.

Rounding out this year's River Readings at Augustana, Iowa poet Marvin Bell will read from his work on Thursday, May 7. After earning a BA from Alfred University and an MA from the University of Chicago, he graduated with an MFA in poetry from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where he taught for 40 years. From 2000 to 2004, he served as Iowa's first poet laureate. Bell has published many books of poetry, the most recent being *Mars Being Red*. The reading is free and open to the public and takes place at 7 p.m. in Augustana College's Larson Hall, inside Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts (3701 Seventh Avenue in Rock Island).

Celebrity chief Rachael Ray will donate seven tons of her premium dog-food line to the Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption Center, 9525 New Liberty Road in Maysville, Iowa. For more information on the organization, visit QCGreyhoundAdoption.com.

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The 35th Annual Bix 7 race will be held on Saturday, July 25, in the streets of Davenport. People can sign up for Bix 7 events through applications available at Bix7.com

. In conjunction with its 35th anniversary, the Bix 7 race will be hosting an American National Championship for seven miles.

The Moline Public Library is the winner of the 2009 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant. The \$3,000 grant, administered by the American Library Association's Public Awareness Committee, is awarded annually for the best public-awareness campaign in support of National Library Week, which runs April 12 through 18.

Local law-enforcement officers will trade in their handcuffs and badges for serving aprons and gourmet burgers at Red Robin restaurants for a Tip-A-Cop fundraiser from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. During the fundraiser, law enforcement will collect tips from restaurant guests to benefit Special Olympics Iowa. Red Robin, Special Olympics Iowa, and local law enforcement are hoping to exceed a \$7,500 goal with support from Iowa residents.

Quad City Arts has announced a partnership with U.S.Bank in Rock Island. Local artist Ken Urban is currently displaying photographs he made during the 2008 Quad City Criterium in the bank lobby at 3411 18th Avenue. The lobby is open to the public. Urban's photography will be on display through May. For more information, contact Dawn Wohlford-Metallo at (309)793-1213 extension 108 or visit QuadCityArts.com

Quad City Flutes Unlimited will perform its 26th-annual spring concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, at the Butterworth Center, 1105 Eighth Street in Moline. Admission is free. The 18-member flute choir, directed by Rich Stodd, will dedicate this concert to Mary Kae Waytenick, who directed the group for many years. A special student scholarship will be presented to Carrie Duke, a senior flutist at United Township High School. Carrie will receive a \$150 scholarship and will perform with members of the flute choir in "The Flower Duet from Lakme."

The sixth-annual Quad Cities Earth Week Fair will be held Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the QCCA Expo Center, 2621 Fourth Avenue in Rock Island. The fair is

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open to the public, and admission is free. The first 500 adults through the door receive a free reusable metal water bottle. The fair is a celebration of Earth Day (April 22) and educates attendees on environmental issues and ways they can be better stewards of our environment. The 2009 fair offers booths from various environmental organizations, businesses, and local governments. Booths provide hands-on activities for children, information and education for adults, and special activities for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts working toward environmental badges. For more information, visit

QCEarthWeek.org