

Goldmans Donate Properties to Rock Island Economic Growth

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The Goldman family has donated six properties in the 1600 block of Second Avenue to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation. Stanley and Ann Goldman, owners of Hyman's Furniture Store, were honored Friday for their contributions to the community, including the recent property donations. The properties, valued at nearly half a million dollars, are slated to become a business incubator and housing.

As part of a nationwide effort, SuperLiberty.com will host a public "tea party" rally on Saturday July 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. on the south side of the Figge Art Museum (225 West Second Street in Davenport). Organizers say that the United States Constitution and the founding principles of liberty and self-governance are under attack by federal legislators from both sides of the political aisle. Information can be found at [Tea](#)

[PartyPatriots.org](#)

, by e-mailing

info@SuperLiberty.com

, or by calling Michael D. Elliott at (563)570-5395.

The Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity has launched the fifth-annual Innovate Illinois competition, designed to recognize high-growth businesses in Illinois that have launched or plan to launch an innovative product or service. The application deadline is Wednesday, August 12. For more information or an application, visit [InnovateIllinois.org](#)

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Beginning on July 10, Iowa Public Radio (IPR) will be expanding its locally produced Triple-A music and jazz offerings on the Studio One network, creating a new rhythm-and-blues show hosted by Bob Dorr and adding jazz with Curt Snook, also heard on the IPR classical network. IPR will also bring back folk music with Karen Impola and national music programs including *The Thistle & Shamrock, Mountain Stage*

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. In the Quad Cities, the news and Studio One stream of IPR can be heard at 94.5FM. For complete schedules, visit

IowaPublicRadio.org

After learning of Birdies for Charity's shortfall of charitable funds, the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend made a \$20,000 grant to help the organization and its 500 beneficiaries. The foundation is one of nine organizations that stepped forward to help Birdies for Charity. For more information on the Community Foundation, visit

CFGRB.org

String players interested in auditioning for the Quad City Youth Orchestra and Youth String Ensemble can get professional coaching on musical excerpts and techniques at 60-minute sessions held July 16 at Grace Evangelical Free Church, 5520 Eastern Avenue in Davenport. The cost is \$5, and space is limited. Reserve a spot by contacting Rich Stodd at (563)322-0931 extension 15 or education@qcsymphony.com.

On September 17, the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency will kick off the 2009-10 school year with an event featuring speaker Tony Wagner. Wagner has made appearances on the *Today* show, National

Public Radio, and
McNeil/Lehrer News Hour

and has served as senior advisor to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Wagner will be discussing his latest book,

The Global Achievement Gap: Why Even Our Best Schools Don't Teach the New Survival Skills Our Children Need - & What We Can Do About It

. The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center (2021 State Street in Bettendorf). Registration costs \$40 and includes print materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. Register online at

SolutionWhere.com/mbaea/cw/showcourse.asp?1879

or contact Donna Brase at (563)344-6481.

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Christ's Family Church (4601 Utica Ridge Road in Davenport) will host an event from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 11 featuring a free car wash, free interior vacuuming, and a free cleaning of the dashboard while freshly grilled hamburgers are being served. No donations will be accepted. For additional information on the event, contact the church at (563)359-3765.

Iowa State University Extension is offering farm-bill meetings focusing on the ACRE program on July 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Scott County Farm Bureau Building (1721 East LeClaire Road in Eldridge), July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Durant Community Center (606 Fifth Street in Durant), and July 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds (101 North Clay in West Liberty). Speakers will discuss the various provisions of the new farm bill, including the changes from the last farm bill and the forms for program eligibility. The meetings are free and do not require advance registration.