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The deadline for nominations for the Athena Business Woman's Awards is January 18.

The awards honor area business women who have achieved a significant level of success, are leaders and role models, and contribute to the community. For more information, visit

ChamberLink.org/IQCCC/athenanominations.htm

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The Community Foundation of the Great River Bend has announced a \$50,000 dollar-for-dollar challenge grant to support the work of Humility of Mary Shelter.

All donations for the match must be made to the Fund for the Homeless at the Community Foundation. Grant and matching dollars can then be accessed by Humility of Mary Shelter as needed. This challenge opportunity began on December 1 and ends June 30. Donations can be made online at

CFGRB.org

or can be sent directly to the Community Foundation, 852 Middle Rd. Suite 100, Bettendorf IA 52722. To learn more, call (563)326-2840.

Trinity's pastoral-care department is offering two ways to ease the pain for those struggling with holiday grief.

Those wishing to remember a loved one who has died may write the name of that person on an ornament and hang it on a memorial tree located in any of the chapels or meditation rooms at all three Trinity hospital campuses. Additionally, all of the chapels have holiday-grief packets available that offer advice on working through the loss of a loved one. For more information, contact Trinity's pastoral care department at (309)779-2989.

Davenport Public Library's Off-Beat Independent film series will show Roberto Benigni's

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Life is Beautiful

on Wednesday, December 16, at 6 p.m. at the Fairmount Branch Library (3000 North Fairmount Street).

The series runs the third Wednesday of each month and includes discussion and free popcorn.

For more information, visit

DavenportLibrary.com

or call (563)328-6833.

YouthBuild Quad Cities and the Rock Island Housing Authority recently joined forces.

While YouthBuild will remain a separate not-for-profit body with its own identity, the housing authority will administer the program in the same way it administers other grant-funded programs. YouthBuild will also retain its own advisory board that will continue to meet on a quarterly basis. YouthBuild participants enroll in an alternative school to earn their GEDs or high-school diplomas, and they gain job skills by working on affordable-housing projects for low-income families.

Women involved in or affected by agriculture are invited to attend the sixth-annual Overall Women Conference, February 4 and 5 at the Isle Casino Hotel in Bettendorf. The conference provides today's rural women with the opportunity to come together, network, and learn from each other and industry experts. For more information, visit

<http://www.UCS.IAState.edu/mnet/overallwomen/home.html>

or call (800)262-0015.

The Iowa Department of Public Health has announced that as of December 14, all Iowans are eligible to receive an H1N1 flu vaccination. Public-health officials predict that another wave of H1N1 illness will occur in late January and February. For a list of public H1N1 vaccination sites and clinic times, visit

State.IA.us/webmap/default.asp?map=h1n1_vaccine_sites.

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The Scott County Health Department will host clinics on Thursday, December 17, and Friday, December 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Starlite Ballroom on the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. To schedule an appointment, call (563)326-8618.

The Iowa National Guard's Davenport Army Aviation Support Facility will receive \$2 million from the House Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction Appropriations Bill. The money will be used to construct a 5,000-square-foot addition and an alteration to the existing Army Aviation Support Facility.

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The Rock Island Housing Authority's Neighborhood Network program has been recognized by the federal Department of Housing & Urban Development as a "Certified Neighborhood Network Center." The housing authority installed four fully equipped Neighborhood Network Center computer labs to provide computer and Internet access, customized computer training and certification, and communications, educational, and information-sharing tools to an otherwise underserved population. Locations include Spencer Towers, Sunset Heights, Manor Homes, and the Martin Luther King Community Center.

On Monday, December 21, people experiencing homelessness, homeless service providers, faith-based organizations, and the general public will hold a candlelight vigil from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on the West Capitol Terrace in Des Moines. The event is being held in conjunction with National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. For more information, visit JoppaOutreach.org or call (866)288-5699.