

# Headlines



## DOLLAR WISE WEEK ACTIVITIES

9/20/06

The QC DollarWise Partnership is pleased to announce events planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual DollarWise Week. DollarWise week is part of a national campaign led by the US Conference of Mayors to promote financial literacy within local communities.

The mission of the Partnership is to empower individuals in the Quad City community to improve their financial health resulting in enhanced economic and social wellness of the Quad City area. The Partnership is currently funded through a grant from the Doris and Victor Day Foundation.

The *National Dollar Wi\$e* Campaign asserts that "with improved money management and planning skills, citizens will be in a better position to own homes, raise healthy families, educate their children, and invest in small businesses.



While the national campaign encourages financial literacy activities throughout the year, a special week has been set aside to call attention to the campaign. National Dollar Wi\$e week is scheduled for **September 25 through September 30, 2006**. The following activities will be happening in Rock Island and the surrounding region during the week:

### **First QC Mayors Financial Literacy Breakfast**

**September 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center 630 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island.

Join QC Mayors, local funders, financial institutions, nonprofit organizations, and interested citizens for this free breakfast organized by the QC DollarWise Partnership. This hot breakfast is catered by Family Resources. Dustin Joyce, Manager of the Mayors' *National Dollar Wi\$e* Campaign is the keynote speaker. Joyce will discuss the National Campaign and how various local partners have a role in financial education. Joyce is coming in from Washington D.C. to speak at the event.

RSVP at 309-235-5176 or [lisa.ahern@mchsi.com](mailto:lisa.ahern@mchsi.com). The Breakfast is sponsored in part by funding from the Doris & Victor Day Foundation, the City of Rock Island, First Midwest Bank, Quad City Bank & Trust, River Cities Sound & Lights Inc., The Friendly House, and the University of Illinois Extension Office.

## **Free Financial Literacy Programs**

Certified financial counselors will be available at each of the following free programs:

- **First Time Homebuyer & Financial Literacy Class**

*Tuesday, September 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

Rock Island Housing Authority, Board Room. 227 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Rock Island

Quad City Bank & Trust along with QC DollarWise Partnership and the Rock Island Housing Authority will present the program. Topics to be covered include budgeting, checking and savings accounts, understanding your credit report, obtaining a mortgage, and more. Call George Guy at 309-788-0825, Extension 210 to pre-register. Childcare and a light supper provided. Walk-ins welcome if space is available.

- **Financial Fitness Class**

*Thursday, September 28, 5:30p.m. to 7:30 p.*

Broadway Presbyterian Church, 710 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Rock Island

Sponsored by Project NOW. Set money values and goals, budgeting, learning the envelope method, how to save on costs where possible, and alternatives to predatory lending. Pizza, beverages and daycare provided. Door prizes. Seating is limited; please call ahead at 793-6391.

- **Schemes, Scams and Flim-Flam – Consumer Fraud**

*Thursday, September 28, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.*

University of Illinois Extension Office. 4550 Kennedy Drive, East Moline.

The program will help prepare consumers to protect their assets from scams. Learn how to protect your personal and financial information to reduce the chances of becoming a victim. Learn how scams occur and how to report a scam to officials. Call 792-2500 for more information. Light refreshments provided.

- **Your Good Credit**

*Thursday, September 28, 10:00 a.m.*

Scott Community College Career Assistance Center, 627 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Davenport

Presented by Quad City Bank & Trust, this program will help participants to better understand and apply credit principles while covering many other credit related topics, such as becoming debt-free.

- **Children and Youth Budgeting Basics**

The Friendly House and United Neighbors will also be hosting special programming in conjunction with existing services for children and youth throughout the week. A board game called *Me and My Money*, from University of Illinois Extension, will be made available to help adults teach 4th-7th grade students the basics about money.