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'Treasure Island' dress rehearsal

'Treasure Island' opens tonight!

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Rend Lake College!
"Treasure Island" opens
tonight! There will be
sword fighting, pirate songs and
even a chorus line devoted to
one character's deranged desire
for cheese.

"It's a ridiculously funny version of the classic adventure tale," said RLC Theatre Director Tracey Webb. "Yes, the pirates are bloodthirsty and dangerous, but they are also hilarious, and you end up liking them in spite of yourself."

Can't make it opening night? There are four performances to choose from! Shows will be held Nov. 7, 8, 9 and 10.

It's all hands on deck for Professor Webb's 40th production at the college. The cast and crew of the fall play work nightly on perfecting their roles, learning dance steps, building sets and nailing down a British dialect or two in preparation for opening night. The cast was selected in September. Webb said the roles of the characters, while being pirates, are extremely comical.

"When we had our first read through of the entire play, the cast and crew were struggling to get through some of the scenes because they were laughing so hard," said Webb. "Comedy on stage is a beautiful thing. It takes us out of our hectic lives for a while and helps us feel lighthearted and childlike again, and that is why I chose this script."

The script used during the play is freely adapted for both male and female pirates. It was written by Phil Willmott, and based on the original novel by Scottish Author Robert Louis Stevenson. Willmott's version was first performed in England in 2006, though the original novel dates back to 1883.

The play is family-friendly and sure to raise the pulse of its audience. Tickets for the play are on sale for \$12 each. To purchase tickets, call (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1467. Tickets are also available at the door if not sold out. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7

through Saturday, Nov. 9; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.

"Treasure Island" welcomes several actors back to the RLC stage, including a duo who have performed together five times.

Aaron Dawson, a 15-year-old from Benton, will be playing the role of Captain Flint, a parrot puppet. "Treasure Island" will be Dawson's ninth show with Webb and the 11th show of his acting career, making him one of the more experienced of the actors and also the youngest.

"I have a lot of fun at the theater and I get to meet all sorts of new people," said Dawson. "When I was younger, my parents asked me if I was interested in acting, so I tried it and I really liked it. Tracey invited me to do a show at Rend Lake after seeing me with Pyramid Players [a theater company out of Benton], and it went very well."

Dawson said he plans to attend Rend Lake College in a few years as a general studies and theater major before graduating and attending ministerial school.

Another actor from Benton, John Nalley, will be joining Dawson on stage for his fifth show. He will protray the notorious Long John Silver. Nalley has had several starring roles on the RLC theater stage, including the father in Father of the Bride, Mr. Banks.

"My friend and I auditioned on a whim back in 2009, and we ended up playing the villain and villainess in the show," said Nalley. "I began to think of the theater as my home away from home. I'll take any role, big or small, as long as I get to perform"

In addition to Dawson and Nalley, there are 33 actors in the show:

Tara Bell Janowick (Johnston City) as Meg Trueblood

Phillip Borcherding (Mt. Ver-

non) as Banjo Brody (banjo) Bethaney Brown (Mt. Vernon) as Nightingale Nell

Shawna Cardwell (Benton) as

Whipstitch Winnie

Phillip Cott (Tomoros) as New

Phillip Catt (Tamaroa) as Newport Ned Nick Conner (Sesser) as Nathaniel Crisp Elecia Crider (Woodlawn) as

Shoreditch Sal Cortne Fletcher (Benton) as

Canterbury Kate Curtis Galloway (Benton) as

Israel Hands
Donald T. Graham-Barnett (Du

Quoin) as Peatbog Pat Sierra Harrell (Mt. Vernon) as

Miss Lucinda Livesey John Hunsell (Mt. Vernon) as

Old Joe Brandon Isom (Christopher) as

Gentleman Jack
Robin Johnson (Benton) as

Greystoke Gertie Clay Lewis (Mt. Vernon) as

Hardy

Chris Milburn (Mt. Vernon) as Captain Obadiah Smollett

Captain Obadiah Smollett Thomas Miller (Pinckneyville)

as Tenderloin Ted (guitar)

George Motsinger (Christo-

pher) as Barnacle Billy

Cheyenne Needham (Benton)

as Cornwall Kelly Josh Nelson (Mt. Vernon) as

Josh Nelson (Mt. Vernon) as Ben Gunn

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Spring dates now available for Concealed Carry classes

REANNE PALMER

ue to the interest in Rend Lake College's Concealed Carry Firearms
Training courses, spring classes are now available on the Ina campus and at the new RLC shooting range.

The training is taught in a two-day format; day one focused on firearm safety, principles of marksmanship, loading and unloading, safety and cleaning and day two for live-fire qualification. Firearms are not allowed on campus for the first day of training and directions will be given to the shooting facility.

The training courses are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 11-12; Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8-9; and Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2. All courses will last from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. both days in RLC Coal Mining Technology Center, Room 107 on the Ina campus and

the RLC Range.

Participants must bring a valid FOID card, a driver's license, and a handgun and two unopened boxes of factory ammunition to the training session. Handguns will be inspected by RLC certified instructors. All 16 hours of training are required, in addition to the live-fire qualification of 30 rounds at 5, 7 and 10 yards, with a minimum of 70 percent accuracy inside the 7 ring of a B-27 target.

The cost of the class and qualification is \$200, plus an Illinois permit costing \$150. Applications for Illinois permits will be available beginning Jan. 5. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required.

For more information, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Division at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1714 or visit online at www.rlc.edu/firearmtrain-

ing.

ED seeks public comments on college ratings proposal

he U.S. Department of Education (ED) this month will hold four open forums in California, Iowa, Louisiana and Virginia to gather public input on the Obama administration's plan to create a college ratings system.

ratings system.

The forums will coincide with the department's upcoming Request for Information (RFI) to ask experts to weigh in on methods for creating the system, with the goal of better informing students and encouraging institu-

tions to improve.

"One of the best ways to address the challenges to our higher education system is through shared input," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in a statement. "We plan to engage as many stakeholder groups and individuals as possible to help us develop proposals that are useful to students and take into account the



Arne Duncan

diversity of America's colleges and universities."

The forums will take place:

• Nov 6 at California

Nov. 6 at California
 State University,
 Dominguez Hills.

• Nov. 13 at George Mason University (Virginia).

Nov. 15 at the University of Northern Iowa
 Nov. 21 at Louisiana

State University.

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Read more about each position and begin the application process at www.rlc.edu/jobs.

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Studio RLC enrolling aspiring cosmetologists for spring semester

REANNE PALMER

lasses at Studio RLC have started enrolling for the spring 2014 semester with tons of room for the creative and the artistic student. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 6 at the MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon.

The program is a fulltime, 10-month program, with classes held from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and every third Saturday, also from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The classes and instructors work to train

students in the basics of hair cutting and styling and work up to the latest, hottest trends. Services covered include shampooing, cutting, coloring and styling. Students also will learn other facets of the industry, including facials, nail care and excellent customer service.

For more information or to register, contact Studio RLC at 618-242-8459, by email to mitchelld@rlc.edu

www.facebook.com/studiorlc. For more information on the programs, visit www.rlc.edu/studiorlc.

Halloween party



MONSTER MASH — A number of children at the Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center danced to the "Monster Mash" during a Halloween Party the morning of Oct. 31. Those pictured dancing are, (from left, clockwise) Madalyn Adams, 4, of Bonnie; Phoebe Bunton, 4, of Bonnie; Briley Dent, 4, of Bonnie; Pre-K **Assistant Teacher** Nichole Musielak of Pinckneyville; Hailey Roberts, 4, of Mt. Vernon; Hunter Giacone, 5, of Sesser; Lexi Cambron, 4, of Mulkeytown; Avery Owens, 4, of Mt. Vernon; and Maya Tarantino Linsin, 4, of Mari-

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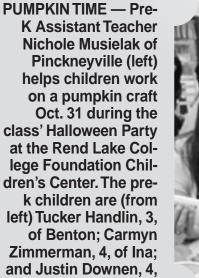
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each public forum will provided later and posted online.

A key element of Obama's proposal — with significant implications for community colleges — is a

requirement that students who receive financial aid would have to complete a certain percentage of courses before they can access funds for the next semester. It would allow students attending high-

performing colleges to receive larger Pell grants and more affordable student loans. Colleges that enroll and graduate large numbers of lower-income

students would be eligible

for a bonus.

More interaction to come In addition to hosting the forums, the department said it will continue to plan and participate in outreach events such as roundtable discussions, town hall conversations and meetings with key stakeholders.

Since the president's announcement in August of a new college value and affordability plan, Duncan and department officials

have participated in events across the country to hear suggestions and concerns. Officials have met in Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago and Washington, D.C., with groups, including the American Association of Community Colleges, other higher education organizations, student leadership associations, independent college groups in Massachusetts and California, and over the next few weeks it will meet with community colleges, business leaders, parents, faculty and others.

In the coming weeks, the

department will also formally ask data experts and

researchers to comment on the proposed system

through an RFI. Early next

year, ED will host a techni-

engage in further discus-

depth. The department will

then publish a summary of

the recommendations that

were developed as a result of the RFI and the sympo-

external experts participat-

ing in the symposium, on

the Department's college

ED will use the feedback

when it develops proposed

spring for public comment, according to officials.

The open forums are free

and open to the public. Indi-

viduals who want to com-

should register by sending

ment at an open forum

an e-mail at least three

with the subject "Open Forum Registration." The

days prior to the forum to

collegefeedback@ed.gov

department will notify registrants of the location and

time slot reserved for them. Walk-in registrations are

welcome for any remaining

time slots on a first-come,

department's on-site regis-

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Warriors take 2nd at MGCCC Hilton Garden Inn Golf Invitational to end season

<u>REANNE PALMER</u>

Iive Rend Lake College golfers made a triumphant end to their fall season with a second place finish at the MGCCC Hilton Garden Inn Invitational, Oct. 28 and 29, at Windance Country Club in Gulfport,

RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

The overall score for the RLC golfers was 594, 298 on the first day and 296 on the second. The Warriors shot the lowest of all 17 teams competing in the tournament on day two. **Head Coach Lucas** Cromeenes said day two of the tournament was great, but there is still room for improvement.

"Overall it was really good. We struggled coming in, but that's a good thing too because there's room for improvement there," he said. "As to where we finished, that's definitely good. When we made the turn today, we were even or plus one, and we ended the day at plus eight, so we didn't play the back too well. It could've

been better, but I'm happy with the whole tournament."

The team was led by sophomore Travis Waninger (Chrisney, Ind.) who shot a 145 (70-75), earning him a spot on the All-Tournament team, and tied him in fifth place with Dallas Shepard of Meridian Community College of Meridian, Miss. After day one, Waninger was in third, two strokes behind a first place tie between Cole Glass of Faulkner State Community College of Minette, Ala., who placed third overall at 143 (68-75) and Josh Moss of the University of Mobile of Mobile, Ala., who placed fourth at 144 (68-76).

Hayes Weathersby of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College of Perkinston, Miss., placed first in the tournament, up from a fourth, with 139 (71-68). He was followed by Tim Walker of Central Alabama Community College of Alexander City, Ala. in second with 141 (71-70). Weathersby and Walker tied in fourth place after



Sophomore Travis Waninger (Chrisney, Ind.) made the All-Tournament team at the MGCCC Hilton Garden Inn Invitational in Gulfport, Miss.

day one.

Next up for the Warriors was Blake Swofford (Vandalia), who tied for 10th with a 148 (75-73). He was followed by golfer Matt Greenfield (Hassocks, England) who ended the day at 149 (76-73) and tied for 13th place. Sophomore Dayton Jones (Hopkinson,

Ky.) finished the tournament at 152 (77-75) and tied for 23rd place. Fellow golfer Matthew Williams (Mt. Vernon) placed 60th with 161 (80-81).

Cromeenes added this tournament was a great end to the fall season, and he expects big things out of the golfers come spring-

"It's a good way for us to end, especially with Dayton Jones playing and doing well," he said. "He hurt his hand and only played the first and last tournaments this fall, so we've been playing without one of our best golfers. We'll have a good upside for the spring with him back and I'm looking forward to it being a very good spring season for us. Our ultimate goal is to win Nationals, so that's where our heads are."

Full results from the tournament are posted online at www.golfstatresults.com/public/index.cfm ?tournament_id=4565.

For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

V-ball region, basketball this week for the Warriors

f Rend Lake College's volleyball team advances in the post season, it will play at either 2 p.m. or 4 p.m., Nov. 11, at RLC. Warriors basketball will take on postseason rival South Suburban College at 7 p.m. tonight in Chicago before hosting St. Louis Community College in the RLC home opener at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 in Waugh Gymnasium. Lady Warriors basketball will play its third regular season game at 1 p.m. Nov. 9 at Lincoln Land and head to St. Louis Community College at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 13.

RLC volleyball: Lady Warriors lose to Lewis & Clark at home

he Rend Lake College volleyball team lost 0-3 to Lewis & Clark Community College of Godfrey, Oct. 29, at home. The Lady Warriors, now 7-29 on the season, scored 13 in the first set, 11 in the second and 21 in the third. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.



Admission - \$1, Under 12 free. Free Parking.

Women's volleyball: Loss to Lake Land ends regular-season games REANNE PALMER

RLC SPORTS INFORMATION ■he Rend Lake College volleyball team lost 0-3 to Lake Land Community College of Mattoon, Wednesday night, at home in Ina. The Lady Warriors scored 11 in the first set, 13 in the second and 22 in the third, ending their regular season at 7-30.

The team competes in the Region 24 Tournament starting Wednesday, Nov. 6

Play

Quentin Overturf

Pugh

(McLeansboro) as Blind

Vonnie Palmer (Johnston

City) as Mad Mary Maguire

Shelby Patterson (Wal-

Danielle Roberts (Mt. Ver-

Devin Riley (Dix) as Har-

Trevor Skidmore (Mt. Vernon) as Lionheart Lenny

Christine South (Enfield)

Caleb Staples (Mt. Ver-

Troy Stickel (Benton) as

Lauryn Strom (Sesser) as

Liverpool Lee (percussion)

Shannon Twitty (Bluford) as Sherwood Sheila (tam-

Yuting Zhang (Dahlgren)

There are also several crew members and volun-

teers helping with the

dredge (Benton), Josh

play, including Skyler All-

George Merry and Billy

as Lady Jacqueline

non) as Black Dog

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non) as Dizzy Delores

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against Illinois Central College in East Peoria, III., at 6 p.m. Of the eight conference teams, four will continue on to the Final Four Tournament, hosted at RLC on Saturday, Nov. 9. Games in the Final Four will be held at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.



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and Shannon Webb

(Ewing).