



CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE



Career Day

Area high school students gathered in the theatre to kick off a Career and Technical Education Career Day last week at Rend Lake College. Groups of students toured programs like graphic design, architecture, automotive technology, criminal justice, agriculture and mining technology. (Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

First Fall Car Show deemed success at Rend Lake College

REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Despite a rainy start Saturday morning, the fall Car Show hosted at Rend Lake College brought out more than 80 vehicles and hundreds of people for family fun and prizes.

Events were spread across campus, from a small swap meet, to slot car racing in the Auto Shop, to lines of vehicles for judging, and including food prepared by the RLC Culinary Arts program and live entertainment from Hot Rod Nights.

RLC Automotive Technology Professor Nigel Thompson said the show went extremely well after getting a late start.

"I think the weather held some people back, but then we had a big rush of people show up," said Thompson. "It's a nice day outside and we've got a lot of great cars and trucks that came out to share the day with us and support Rend Lake College students. I really want to thank the members of the Kingsmen Car Club of Mt. Vernon who have helped us out a lot. I'm very happy about the turnout."

Proceeds from the Car Show went toward a new Car Show Scholarship for future RLC students interested in the Automotive Technology program.

The scholarship will be awarded in the 2014-15 academic year.

Door prizes were donated by Tommy T's of Mt. Vernon, Mt. Vernon AutoZone, Federated Auto Parts of Mt. Vernon, Bumper to Bumper of Benton, NAPA of Mt. Vernon, the Jefferson County Schools Credit Union, Il-Mo Welding Products of Mt. Vernon, Don's Stereo and Speed Center of Mt. Vernon and Wilkey's Airport Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.

There were 11 specialty awards given out during the event, in addition to top 10 dating from 1982 and newer and top 20 dating from 1981 and older.

The specialty awards are as follows:

- **Best Car** to Rod Washousen, 1939 Cadillac Coupe
- **Best Truck** to Larry Dawson, 1971 Chevy Cheyenne C10
- **Best Mopar** to Rex Brieseacher, 1968 Dodge Super Bee
- **Best Paint** to Artie and Stacey Langston, 1935 Dodge 5 Window Coupe
- **Best Motor** to Mike Johnson, 1967 Chevy Impala
- **Best Ford** to Lyle Wood, 1956 Ford Sunliner
- **Most Original** to Don and

- Sharon Nichols, 1967 Ford Mustang Convertible
- **Best GM** to Dean and Marlene Parks, 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Coupe
- **Best Interior** to Jim Dor-

- ris, 1937 Chevy Sedan
- **President's Choice** to Toot and Mary Arviev, 1951 Chevy Pick-up
- **Best of Show** to Chris Glisson, 1977 Mustang

Cobra
To check out all of the photos from the show, visit the college's Flickr profile at www.flickr.com/photos/rend-lakecollege.



BEST OF SHOW — Chris Glisson's 1977 Ford Mustang Cobra took home the life-size trophy Saturday afternoon for winning "Best of Show" at the first Fall Car Show hosted at Rend Lake College. An additional photo is on page 2 of this week's Clocktower Chronicle. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Registration still open for SafeLandUSA oil & natural gas training on Nov. 2

REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

There is still time to register for the last SafeLandUSA training course on Nov. 2, which is offered through a joint venture by Rend Lake College's Applied Science and Technology Department and South-eastern Illinois College. The course will be held from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Wayne City High School in Wayne City.

The training is offered by PEC, an organization accredited by SafeLandUSA to provide training and orientation for the oil and gas contractor workforce. The curriculum of the training is designed to give students information on safety issues including rigging, fall protection, hazmat, emergency response, welding safety,

fire protection and many more.

Additionally, the one-day class meets both API RP 75 and API RP T-1 requirements. Over 25 of the leading oil and gas operators accept this orientation as it meets their requirements. The cost of the class is \$95.

To register for the class, call (618) 437-5321, Ext. 5804, or email mining_tech@rlc.edu. Registration is limited to the first 25 individuals on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 1.



Students ready to host RLC's Annual Art Auction Nov. 14

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For an evening of refined art and culture, as well as some spirited fun and camaraderie, don't miss the RLC Art League's annual Art Auction on Nov. 14. The auction action will kick off with a 4 p.m. preview at the Rend Lake Resort's scenic "Great Room" conference center. The lodge-style room, with its majestic fireplace, will provide patrons a fantastic venue when bidding begins at 5:30 p.m.

Admission is free to the public and food will be provided free of charge. There will also be a separate auction exclusive to bidders 16 years of age and younger. This special auction will feature some unique items tailored to youth interests. For the over-21 crowd, select adult beverages will be available for purchase. The auction itself can last anywhere from two to six hours,



Rob Little

depending on the amount of art available, according to Professor Therese Melena.

The Art Auction is meticulously planned and put together by the Art League, whose primary faculty sponsor is Melena. The free food and other amenities being provided at the auction are made possible by the efforts of the various members of the Art League who participate in fundraisers throughout the year to raise money and awareness for this event. Their

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Earthquake drill

Rend Lake College will hold an earthquake drill at 10:17 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Everyone on campus at that time is asked to participate. Notification will be sent out over InformaCast and the drill will last for 60 seconds. Drop, cover and hold on. Drop down to the floor, cover under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture, and hold on to the furniture item and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops. Anyone with questions about the process can contact Campus Security at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1212.

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Slot car racing

Colton Payne, LEFT, and Nate Ragland went toe-to-toe Saturday afternoon in the Rend Lake College Auto Shop for slot racing. The Fall Car Show hosted many such family-friendly events throughout the day. A story and additional photo from the car show event are on page 1 of this week's Clocktower Chronicle. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

CNA awards



Outstanding CNA Award

Terrance Hooper, CENTER, of Mt. Vernon was awarded the Outstanding CNA Award of 2013 Friday afternoon during the CNA Conference hosted at Rend Lake College. Jeanette Mostyn, RIGHT, nominated Hooper for his dedication to his patients. Also pictured is Marla Howard, administrator at Mt. Vernon Countryside Manor, where Hooper works. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



Recognized for caregiving

Lisa Scott, RIGHT, of Centralia was nominated for the Outstanding CNA Award of 2013 Friday by co-worker Chandra Dame, LEFT. Scott was described as a great caregiver to her residents by Dame. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Job well done!

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Nominees

Marion Rose, SECOND FROM LEFT, of Southwestern Illinois College, nominated three CNAs for the Outstanding CNA Award of 2013. They are, FROM LEFT, Mary Stewart, Rose, Dynesha Cooper and Jessica Hartman. The trio was honored during a free CNA Conference Friday afternoon held at Rend Lake College. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

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RLC grad TJ Tomshack awarded prestigious Poshard Foundation Scholarship at SIUC

REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

TJ Tomshack has one more achievement to add to his list: the title of first-ever Rend Lake College graduate to receive the Poshard Foundation Scholarship for his hard work in school and overcoming adversity.

Now a Saluki, Tomshack is working on a Bachelor's Degree in social work, with hopes of working in child welfare and family counseling.

The 2012 RLC grad and 2009 Benton Consolidated High School (BCHS) grad

said he credits his grandfather and the TRIO programs at RLC with helping him accomplish his goals.

"The scholarship is for people who have barriers and difficulties growing up, and I had almost no support when I was younger," said Tomshack. "I grew up taking care of my sister and myself, and I think I did a very good job of raising myself. My grandpa was a pretty big influence on me too."

As a sophomore at BCHS, Tomshack joined the TRIO program Upward Bound, a college preparatory program through RLC

designed to provide academic support, personal and career counseling, and cultural and social enrichment to students. After graduation and his transition to RLC, he joined STARS, a similar TRIO program designed to help eligible students by offering counseling and academic support.

"The Upward Bound program helped me get where I need to be going. It really helped a lot," said Tomshack. "I got to do things I wouldn't normally get to do, and they showed me that I do need to try to go to college. I



TJ Tomshack

never planned on going to school, but they showed me the way to go. They're not just people being professional and doing their jobs; they're like family down this hallway."

Now on track to graduate from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in May of 2015, Tomshack said that the scholarship will help him reduce his student loans.

TRIO Director Leah Stallman added, "We're all really proud of all TJ has achieved, and it's all by his own accord and motivation. We're here for the students who want us, and he has taken advantage of that. It's days like this that make us tear up."

The Poshard Foundation for Abused and Neglected Children was founded in 1999 to help abused children physically and emotionally, and to stop the abuse of children. In the last 14 years, the Foundation has awarded scholarships, sponsored seminars and workshops, and provided funding for various projects and items such as car seats, counseling and medical assistance.

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XC region highlights this coming week in Warrior sports

The men's and women's cross country teams will head to the NJCAA Region XXIV Championship meet at 3 p.m. Oct. 24 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Also coming up in Warrior sports; the men's golf team will wrap up its fall schedule with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Hilton Garden Inn Invitational, Oct. 28 and 29, at Windance Country Club in Gulfport, Miss.; Lady War-

riors basketball concludes preseason tournaments with the Vincennes Jamboree on Oct. 27 before kicking off the 2013-14 season with its home opener at 1 p.m. Nov. 2 against Lindenwood University - Belleville; and the volleyball team will host a tri-match Oct. 26 with East Central College at 10 a.m. and Parkland College at 2 p.m., before hosting its final regular season matches at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 29 and 30 against Lewis and Clark, and Lake Land, respectively. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

Auction

efforts have also enabled this year's auction to have no cover charge for the event like there has been in past years.

According to information provided by Melena, the crowd size is generally somewhere between 100 to 200 people. The last of these events was held at the beautiful Pheasant Hollow Winery, but the decision was made to move this one to the Great Room of the Rend Lake Resort due to needing more space, and to make use of its own picturesque qualities and aesthetic environment.

Along with the Art League, members of the RLC student body will be working at the event in different serving capacities. English Professor Rob Little will once again be the official auctioneer. Mr. Little has been a staple at these events since the original auction, which was held nearly 20 years ago.

All kinds of art can be found at the auction — from prints, paintings and stained glass to ceramics, and even beautifully crafted furniture on occasion.

"Until it all comes in, it is difficult to determine just what is to be offered," said Melena.

Art is donated from both past and present students, faculty members, as well as a wildly diverse range of local artists who come together to make this event come alive. Melena said past auctions items have sold for as much as \$500 — one of which was a stained glass piece crafted by an RLC instructor.

When asked to comment on some of her most favorite or most famous works of art or artists from over the years, Melena offered the following glowing summation.

"To me, they are all famous and all fabulous artists, talented in their own genre of art — generous of spirit!"

Men's cross country places 6th at Fast Cats Classic

REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

Over the weekend, nine teams from across the Midwest participated in the Fast Cats Classic in Owensboro, Ky., including the Rend Lake College Warriors, who tied for 6th at the event with Asbury University of Wilmore, Ky.

RLC's own James Douglas, a freshman from Carbondale, placed first of the Warriors and 18th overall with a time of 28:33. Ten second later, sophomore Wes Bradshaw (Walsh) took 19th place with a time of 28:43. Douglas finished just over two minutes

behind the first-place winner, John-Paul Williamson of Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky., at 26:19.

Four additional runners for the Warriors included freshman Brenton Rains (Chester) in 31st at 30:13, freshman Karson Hahn (Mt. Vernon) in 32nd at 30:27, freshman Jake Wilson (Mt. Vernon) in 33rd at 30:28 and freshman David Richardson (Dahlgren) in 55th at 34:58. RLC's overall time was 2:28:35.

Overall, Bellarmine University of Louisville, Ky., took first place at the classic with a total time of 2:16:22. They were followed by Bethel College

of McKenzie, Tenn., at 2:23:26; Ohio Valley University of Vienna, W.V., at 2:23:53; Lindsey Wilson College at 2:26:45; Notre Dame College of South Euclid, Ohio, at 2:31:54; RLC/Asbury at 2:28:18; Brescia University of Owensboro, Ky., at 2:36:11; and Kentucky Wesleyan College of Owensboro, Ky., at 2:39:09, respectively.

The Warriors traveled to the Evansville Invite in Evansville, Ind., on Saturday, Oct. 19. They will finish up their season at the Region 24 Championship in Charleston, Ill., on Oct. 24 and the NJCAA National Championship in Fort



James Douglas

Dodge, Iowa on Nov. 4. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

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