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GET LICENSED — RLC students qualified on the range in Mt. Vernon last winter. The college will soon begin offering concealed carry certification classes for those wanting a license. The state starts issuing those licenses in January. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

COMING SOON: IL Concealed Carry certification through RLC

REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Concealed carry is now the law in Illinois, and those wanting to earn their concealed carry license will soon be able to look to Rend Lake College to get started.

Rend Lake College has started the application process to become a certified training center with the Illinois State Police for the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, which was passed on July 9, 2013. Several instructors are applying for their instructor certifi-

cations from the state, and the training program currently is in development.

One of the requirements to obtain an Illinois Concealed Carry License is a 16-hour firearms training, including classroom work and range instruction. This is the pro-

gram being developed by RLC. Dates and costs of the classes have not yet been finalized.

Once the participant passes the training class, they must also be fingerprinted and fill out an application for a state license, which costs \$150.

The state will not begin processing these applications before January 5, 2014; however, the training class can be completed beforehand.

The college will release more information as it becomes available in the coming weeks.



A TIME FOR REVIEW — Rend Lake College Track and Field athlete Jeremy Johnson, RIGHT, works on an English paper in the Writing Center with Director Kelsey Landis. To set up an appointment, or to ask a quick question, email the Writing Center at writing_center@rlc.edu or the Communications Lab at comm_lab@rlc.edu.

Recently-opened Writing Center, Communications Lab to benefit RLC students

REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Rend Lake College students needing an extra opinion on their class paper or speech now have the option to visit the Writing Center or Communications Lab throughout the week for tips and suggestions from experienced staff.

Dean of Liberal Arts Henry Leeck said there has been a need for more than just tutoring for students on campus. The idea evolved into a space dedicated to the written and spoken word.

"We identified the need for tutoring, especially in writing and communica-

tion, and we found that professionals in those areas needed to be available throughout the day to help our students," said Leeck. "The Communications Lab and Writing Center have posted hours when students can drop in or make an appointment to visit."

Leeck added that students needed more help in writing; therefore the Writing Center will be open 47 hours per week. The Communications Lab will be open approximately 24 hours per week.

"Students can now come in no matter what

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Tours & trips offered by Institute of Lifelong Learning

REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Two new tours have been added to the list of educational events planned by Rend Lake College's Community and Corporate Education Institute of Lifelong Learning. This year, five events and tours are scheduled to take students to other states and countries.

New this year are the Ste. Genevieve Tour and the World Religions Tour. The Ste. Genevieve Tour will take participants to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, a historic, colonial city, to visit 18th-century homes and buildings led by costumed guides. The afternoon will be filled with lunch at Chaumette Winery & Vineyards and a stop at Crown Valley Winery for a tour and wine tasting. The cost of the trip is \$115, and includes transportation, guides, fees, lunch and a wagon ride. It is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 24.

The World Religions Tour will introduce participants to a variety of religions located in St. Louis, Missouri. Stops include a Hindu temple, an Islamic Mosque, The Cedars at St. Raymond's, the Maronite Catholic Church, a Buddhist library and activity center and a Jewish synagogue. The cost of the tour is \$79, and includes everything except lunch. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Also being held locally is the Reading, 'Riting, & 'Rithmetic Taught to the Tune of a Hickory Stick event, held at the Historic Schoolhouse on the Ina campus. The program, taught by local historian Sid Milliner, will bring back memories of yesteryear with memories and stories. The event costs \$10 and is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18.

There are two additional tours — Northern National Parks and Reflections of Italy — that take participants out of the state for overnight trips. The Northern National Parks trip will take attendees to Jackson, Wyoming; Yellowstone National Park and

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VESTA providing workshop for wine makers at RLC

BY REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

A weekend workshop is being offered to wine makers across the state through Rend Lake College and the Viticulture and Enology Science and Technology Alliance (VESTA). The Wine Chemistry Workshop will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 and end at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 in the RLC Applied Science Building, Room 108.

Dr. Barry Gump, VESTA Enology Lead, will lead the workshop with activities focusing on analytical testing and the chemistry of wine making. VESTA Illinois State Coordinator Candice Fitch-Deitz said the workshop is aimed toward commercial and home wine makers. The event costs \$150 per person, which includes

instruction, coffee breaks and lunch on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Due to a limited number of seats, the workshop is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is due by Sept. 27.

Those who register may also reserve a room at Comfort Suites, 404 S. 44th St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864. Reservations may be made at (618) 244-2700 and referencing "VESTA" to receive a room block rate between \$105 and \$120. Reservations must be made by Sept. 20.

To register for the workshop, or for more information, contact VESTA Illinois State Coordinator Candice Fitch-Deitz at deitzc@rlc.edu or at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1724.

A detailed schedule of activities for the workshop is available online at www.rlc.edu/vesta.

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Bake cakes and cookies, create in RLC Oct. classes

If learning to bake is on your bucket list, or if you're wanting to learn some secrets and tips, check out these evening baking workshops, courtesy of Rend Lake College's Community and Corporate Education Division.

Instructor Kim Barr Barr teaches the workshop Cake Decorating: Beyond the Basics. It's being held from 6-8 p.m. on three Tuesdays, from Oct. 8 through Oct. 22 in the RLC Student Center, Room 103, on the main campus in Ina. This class will focus on decorating, using techniques to make fondant icing, flowers with buttercream, and other advanced techniques. The

cost is \$30 for the workshop with a \$20 supply fee.

The workshop Me & My Buddy Cookie Decorating is taught by Mary Rice and aims to get both adults and children involved in decorating. It meets from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at Aunt Minnie's Nibble & Chat Bakery in Pinckneyville to decorate sugar cookies with fall themes. The cost of the workshop is \$10 plus a \$5 supply fee, and children will be able to make and take home up to six cookies.

To register for these or any other workshops, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1267, or visit online at www.rlc.edu/com-ed.

Two Sign Language workshops to be held at historic schoolhouse

REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Spots are still open in Sign Language I and II workshops through Rend Lake College's Community and Corporate Education Division.

Both classes work on the fundamentals of American Sign Language. The first workshop, Sign Language I, covers topics from the alphabet and numbers to colors and classroom items, while also providing a basic understanding of the culture of the hearing impaired.

The second workshop, Sign Language II, introduces phrases and sentences into the curriculum and is for the advanced sign language student.

The instructor of both workshops is Amy Richards. Educators who participate in the workshops are able to earn Continuing Education credits for the classes. Each is worth 0.5 credit hours or 8 CPDUs (Continuing Professional Development Units).



Sign Language I will be held at the Historic Schoolhouse on the Ina campus from 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 16 through Sept. 25.

Sign Language II will follow in the next two weeks, also at the Historic Schoolhouse, from 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 30 through Oct. 9.

To register for these or any other workshops, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1267, or visit online at www.rlc.edu/com-ed.

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Grand Tetons. The Reflections of Italy trip will have stops in Rome, Perugia, Florence, Venice and Malpensa. RLC partners with Collette Vacations to offer the trips. A free informational meeting will be held on Oct. 15 for more information on the guided tours.

To register for these trips, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1267, or visit online at www.rlc.edu/com-ed.



REFLECTIONS OF ITALY — Venice is a stop on the Reflections of Italy trip through RLC. An informational meeting for those interested is planned for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 1, at the Historic Schoolhouse on the RLC campus in Ina.

Youth invited to attend workshops through RLC

REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

For youth needing an after-school or weekend activity, and who want to improve upon their education and skills, two Community and Corporate Education workshops are available through Rend Lake College.

High school juniors and seniors are invited to prepare for the ACT test with the ACT Prep workshop, which is held on Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. Sept. 7 through Oct. 12 at the RLC Market-

Place, Room 203 in Mt. Vernon. Instructor Larry Journey will teach reading, English, science, math and test-taking skills. The course will cost \$75, with an additional cost of \$20.22 for the Barron's ACT 17th Edition textbook.

A Girls Volleyball workshop will be held for girls in 4th through 6th grades to teach the fundamentals and skills of the sport. The cost of the course is \$40 and it will be taught by April McCormick. Class times are from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, start-

ing Sept. 17 through Sept. 26 at the McLeansboro Junior High Gymnasium.

Other workshops open to youth participation include Etiquette Dinner, Horse Whispering (ages 16 and older), Me & My Buddy Cookie Decorating, Martial Arts and Principles of Street Rodding I and II (ages 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult).

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Writing Center ...

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stage they're on, from brainstorming on what they want to write about through the editing process," said Leeck. "While editing isn't the main focus of the Writing Center, it can be done. The real goal is to be a part of the writing process with the student."

Two staff members, Kelsey Landis and Bill Robinson, will be available in the Writing Center each week. Robinson is an adjunct English instructor at RLC and Landis is finishing

a Master's Degree in English from DePaul University.

As for the Communications Lab, Leeck said the focus will be on helping students through the process of individual or group presentations.

"It can be any part of that process as well, from choosing a topic and outlining the speech to the final tweaks and presentation itself," he said.

RLC adjunct Speech and Business Instructor Dana UHls will be working in the Communications Lab this semester.

To set up an appointment, or to ask a quick question, email the Writing Center at writing_center@rlc.edu or the Communications Lab at comm_lab@rlc.edu. Students can also connect with the Writing Center on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rlcwritingcenter.

Below is the list of days and times for each site. The Writing Center is located in the North Oasis Room 138 and the Communications Lab is in Room 125.

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ATHLETICS

WISCONSIN SECTION

Lady Warrior tennis off to great start in fall season

REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

The Lady Warrior tennis team is already off to a great start this season with four wins under their belt. With five new freshman players, this Rend Lake College team is wasting no time beating the competition with a 4-0 record.

Head Coach Dave Junkins said that his team is much better as far as depth of the players compared to last year.

"We're already off to a better start," said Junkins. "I have six players who are state qualifiers, so they're used to playing at the next level. I'm able to switch up my line-up any way I need

to. This is the deepest team I've ever had and we're going to be real solid this year."

Returning to the team this year is Ally Adcock of Texico and Alyssa Burge of Mt. Vernon. Last year, Adcock was named to the NJCAA DI All-Region XXIV Team for her skills.

The team also has five freshman players: Paige Hutchcraft of Whittington, Evelyn Mendez of West City, Jessica Renshaw of Herrin, Marisa Uhls of Mt. Vernon and Katie Wall of Mt. Vernon.

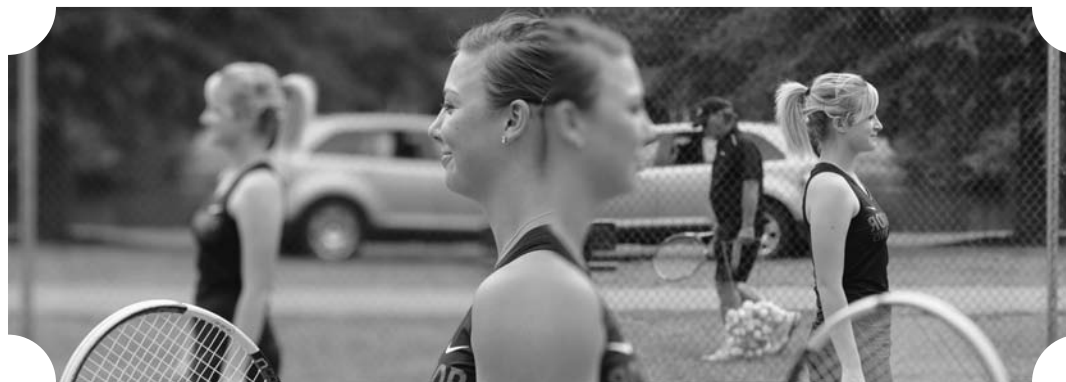
Junkins said that he expects a lot from his young team, both in games and scrimmages.

"I'm really fortunate this year that I have three dou-

bles teams who have played together," he said. "They competed against each other in high school, and they all get along and are very positive as a team. The competition among them is real tough. We've played this fall against other schools, but when we play each other in challenges, the competition is a lot tougher."

As for the spring season, Junkins said that he hopes to play some tough teams to help the girls get to Nationals.

"My major goal is to go to Nationals," he said. "In our conference, all of the schools can go, but I think we should have to win to go. The spring schedule will include competitions



Sophomore netters Alyssa Burge (Mt. Vernon) and Ally Adcock (Texico) are the veterans on this year's women's tennis team at Rend Lake. Coach Dave Junkins has confidence in their leadership as the team continues to be unbeaten in the fall, with wins over Millikin University, Illinois Central College and Kaskaskia College. (Photos by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Sports Information)

against some tougher teams, but these contests are aimed at strengthening the team."

The next game for the Lady Warriors is set for

Sept. 10 against Kaskaskia College in Mt. Vernon. They will then play in the Benton Tournament on Sept. 14-15 and wrap-up the fall season with a

game on Sept. 21 against McKendree University in Lebanon.

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

Rend Lake College Cross Country



Members of the RLC women's cross country team are, FROM LEFT, PHOTO ABOVE, Sarah Forby (Goreville), Christina Murphy (Ellenwood, Ga.), Kirsten Knapp (DuQuoin), Britney Burmester (Red Bud), Mallory Bergbower (Bluford) and Head Coach James Wooldridge. Members of the men's team are,

FROM LEFT, PHOTO BELOW, Karson Hahn (Mt. Vernon), Jon Hill (Sparta), Jake Wilson (Mt. Vernon), David Richardson (Dahlgren), James Douglas (Carbondale), Wesley Bradshaw (Walsh) and Coach Wooldridge.



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Warriors Golf 2nd at RLC Fall Preview

Rend Lake College was the runner-up to John A. Logan in the Warriors' Fall Preview, Aug. 30, at Franklin County Country Club in West Frankfort. RLC shot 581 (290-291). JALC shot 559 (284-275) and Parkland rounded off the top three with a 597. RLC was led by three players who tied for eighth place at 145 - Blake Swoford (70-75), Dayton Jones (75-70) and Matt Greenfield (73-72). For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.



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