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MarketPlace gearing up for 12th Anniversary on Sept. 12: Giveaways, discounts, tours and more planned for the day

As the 12th Anniversary Open House approaches, the Rend Lake College MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon is pulling out the stops to make the event one-of-a-kind for the attendees and all those who call the MarketPlace home. The open house is set for 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.

The RLC programs housed in the MarketPlace will be participating in the event, in addition to other businesses and organizations. Studio RLC, the college's cosmetology program, will be providing hand massages and a tour of the studio; the Child Care Resource and Referral program Project CHILD will

host several children's activities; Emergency Medical Services will perform mock ambulance and CPR demonstrations; and blood pressure checks will be completed by the college's CNA and Nursing programs.

In addition, the Fitness Center will be open all day for those looking for a great way to get in shape by offering all classes for free. During the Open House, the classes available will be spinning from 4:45-5:30 p.m. and Zumba from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Other programs will be on hand, including the RLC Small Business Development Center, the RLC Adult Education Department, the SIU Workforce Education Department,

the SIU Secondary Education Department and McKendree University.

MarketPlace retailers, such as the college-owned RLC Golf Outlet, Shoe Stop, Bonworth, Lonestar and Coffee Shop will also be open to visitors. Both the Golf Outlet and Studio RLC will be offering a 12 percent discount on several in-store items.

Additionally, the Golf Outlet will have free range balls available all day for the recently-opened Cherry Creek Driving Range. A Golf Pro will also be in attendance at the Open House.

"This event is the perfect time to experience the opportunities available at this unique facility right here in

our community," said Lori Ragland, Dean of Community and Corporate Education.

"We are excited about our recent addition of a fitness center and driving range, both available to the community free of charge the entire day."

There will be giveaways and door prizes during the event from many of the programs and businesses. Items from the RLC Golf Outlet and Book Store will be included with haircuts from Studio RLC and a Kindle Fire grand prize.

Other RLC programs will provide information about their departments and divisions in the Conference Room 354: Ag, Diesel and Heavy Equipment; Allied

Health; Applied Science and Technology; Community and Corporate Education; Radiology Tech, and Vesta and Horticulture.

Refreshments will be served throughout the event with food demonstrations by RLC Culinary Arts students. General information about RLC will be offered for those wanting to learn more about obtaining a higher education.

"Whether you're a student, job-seeker, entrepreneur, or consumer, we have something for you at the Rend Lake College MarketPlace," said RLC MarketPlace Director Corey Phillips.

For more information, contact Corey Phillips at 618-242-3001.

RLC offers late-starting classes at MarketPlace

It is not too late to join the fall semester, as a group of late-starting classes and a new program will begin soon at the Rend Lake College MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon.

Four classes are set to begin the second week of September. "Rhetoric and Composition II" will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 16 to Dec. 6. The three-credit hour class will be held in Room 344. The class is designed to prepare students for college work by using the library, reading more effectively and writing prose.

"Principles of Effective Speaking" will meet from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays from Sept. 16 through Dec. 6 in room 343. In this three-credit-hour class, students learn the theory and practice of speech communication in this class.

Both these classes are common requirements for many associate degrees.

Two food sanitation classes are set to begin Sept. 14. "Food Sanitation 1205," a one-credit hour

class, will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 14 and Sept. 21. The class will cover food temperatures, cross-contamination, cleaning, sanitizing and many other important components of food safety to help students learn current rules and regulations.

The second class, "Food Sanitation 1605," is a half-credit hour class lasting from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 14. This class is intended to prepare and meet the needs for recertification of the Food Service Managers Sanitation Managers Certification by addressing requirements set by the Illinois Department of Health. Both classes are held in Room 354 B.

A brand new program, "Nail Technology," starts at the MarketPlace on Sept. 23. The program is designed to teach students the skills of manicures, pedicures, nail tips and wraps, gel nails, acrylics and nail art and more. Successful graduates earn an occupational certificate

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Veterans, service members to get priority registration for RLC

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Thanks to a new regulation at Rend Lake College in Ina, veterans and service members will be the first to register for the spring 2014 semester.

Registration will take place for the veterans and service members from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 11 and 12; and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 13.

In order for veterans to take advantage of the prioritized registration period they need to contact the Academic Advisement Center and identify themselves as a veteran or service member and make an appointment.

According to a press release, The Illinois Public Community College Act requires a service member be defined as any Illinois resident who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Reserves, or the National

Guard of any state, the District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the United States and who is eligible to receive military educational benefits.

Also, according to a press release, a veteran is defined as an Illinois resident "who was a service member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general discharge, or an other than honorable discharge."

Not only will veterans and service members be given priority but they also will, under the federal Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, be considered in-district residents for tuition.

This saves around \$50 per credit hour for any veteran or service member who would have otherwise been considered out-of-district or out-of-state residents.

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RLC to offer oil, natural gas training classes

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New training for individuals interested in working in the oil and natural gas industry is coming to the area.

Thanks to a collaboration between Rend Lake College's Applied Science and Technology Department and Southeastern Illinois College (SIC), the two schools will combine efforts to expand the education of oil and natural gas production.

Chris Nielsen, dean of Applied Science and Technology at Rend Lake College, explained that the program "is in reaction to

the State legalizing high volume fracking."

This is the first time that Rend Lake College has offered a training and certification program for oil and natural gas production.

PEC, who will administer the training, is an organization accredited by SafeLandUSA to educate and train individuals in the oil and natural gas contractor workforce.

According to a press release from RLC, the new curriculum of the training is designed to take the place of multiple orientations. The topics covered will range

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Rend Lake College Foundation welcomes new directors

The Rend Lake College Foundation is two directors stronger after the recent addition of Finny Mathew, CEO of Crossroads Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon, and Nelson Wood, president of Wood Energy Inc. in Mt. Vernon, to the board.

RLCF CEO Shawna Manion said the board voted unanimously to approve the two directors to help represent the Foundation in the district.

"We are extremely excited to be seating such highly respected individuals to our board," according to Manion. "These two people are leaders in their industries and are both already engaged in their duties as directors. Their knowledge and experience will benefit the college and help us continue to strengthen RLC through our commitment to scholarships, curriculum and programs. The students are at the center of our mission, and RLCF Board supports the scholarships, capital campaigns and projects that continually make RLC a better place for our students."

Mathew was recommended to the board to fill the position of outgoing Chairman Ed Cunningham, the former CEO of Crossroads Community Hospital, who took a position in Granite City.

"Finny has already continued Crossroads Community Hospital's great partnership with RLC through scholarships, sponsorships and as a strong liaison to the healthcare industry," Manion said.

Mathew said he plans to continue with the partnership during his time as a director, and he also hopes to be able to help students in need through scholarships.

"Part of my reasoning in joining the board is that Crossroads has had a great, long-standing relationship with Rend Lake College, and I want to continue that part-



Finny Mathew



Nelson Wood

nership," Mathew said. "Second, on a personal level, I feel that education is really important. It was a big deal to my grandpa as my parents were first-generation students. I want to be able to further help those students like my parents who may not be able to afford college without a scholarship from the Foundation."

Right now, Mathew said he is focusing on getting to know the RLC Foundation and the inner-workings of RLC before lining out his goals as director.

"It's too early for me to say," Mathew said. "I need to understand more of the board and I will develop a goal after that. Now I'm focusing on being supportive of ongoing initiatives and getting to know Rend Lake College."

Wood was also recommended to a director's seat, based on his background in the energy industry and community involvement.

"We approached Nelson to become a director after he was continually recommended by members of our board and community leaders," according to Manion. "His knowledge in the oil industry will be very valuable as Rend Lake College continues to develop the program."

Wood said he hopes to bring something to the board from his work in the energy industry.

"I want to thank everyone. I'm very glad to be here, and

I believe I can bring something to the table in the energy sector," Wood said. "My expertise is in the areas that Rend Lake College is currently developing, in curriculum development, establishing industry partnerships and determining needs of the sector. I believe I can help with that process. The main reason that I'm joining the board is because of the young folks. We need trained individuals in our profession and in our industry, and I think Rend Lake College is the perfect vehicle. I appreciate what the college is doing for the industry. I'm really looking forward to serving on this board."

Together, the RLCF directors act as ambassadors of the college to the communities within the district, being both the eyes and ears between industry, residents and the college, according to a college statement. RLC President Terry Wilkerson added that the college is fortunate to have such high-caliber individuals serving the students.

"Each of the directors on the Foundation Board are leaders in their communities, their industries, and in the respects of their peers," Wilkerson said. "We know they are all extremely busy people, and we value the work that they do for our students tremendously. On behalf of the college, we welcome Finny and Nelson to the team."

RLC Foundation Children's Center Fall Carnival is Sept. 17

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The Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center will be holding its first Fall Carnival in order to raise money to benefit the community. The carnival is set to be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 17 and will feature numerous activities including games, a cake walk, back-to-school haircuts and personal chair massages.

The idea for the carnival is said to have been sparked up in a Southern Illinois Early Childhood Action Team (SIECAT) meeting where Brooke May, director of the Children's Center, decided there seemed to be a lot of organizations with "positive results" from similar events and that RLC could potentially have positive feedback as well.

May stated that the benefit is not just limited to Rend Lake College saying that the RLC Foundation Children's Center (RLCFCC) is "one of the best kept secrets in the community."

May said she wants the community to know that the RLCFCC is not just for those affiliated with the college directly but for the whole community, much like the college itself.

Specifically, the proceeds will be used to raise money for the playground equipment that needs to be replaced.

According to May, the equipment in current use is "worn and weathered." The current kids' super structure would be replaced by one that will have more slides, more play area, and would also improve safety. May states that this new equipment would be "safer" and that for the RLCFCC to be able to provide for the children this new equipment would be a "good thing."

The event not only will be raising money, but will also be a good source for families to learn about the childcare options offered at the college.

Brochures will be handed out and several programs and payment options will be discussed. This will include

their free pre-K program, different payment options and the care schedules.

People will also be able to benefit from a free car seat inspection to ensure that extra quality of safety.

Much of the event is free or donations will be accepted. The games are free, the haircuts will be accepting donations, and the cake-walk will consist of a raffle.

The main purpose of the carnival is to help benefit the children who attend the college and the community by "just trying to get the word out," according to May.

The haircuts will be done by licensed cosmetologists Erica Mays and Kim Waggoner, along with the RLC Therapeutic Massage program performing the massages. Other activities include door prizes, raffles, snacks, and a silent auction.

May says that she "would like to encourage people to come out" and to "have some fun," at the same time contributing to a good cause.

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These new measures taken for the veterans in order to remove any remaining hurdles that may still be creating difficulty for veterans attempting to achieve an education has been met with significant positive feedback by the administration. However, given that the Acts have only

recently been put into place, it is simply too soon to tell what kind of feedback will emerge from the students.

Lisa Price, vice president of Student Services at RLC, is among those who feel that way, saying "We are excited to give this opportunity for early enrollment to our veterans and services members. They deserve it."

The Acts are formally known as Public Act 098-

0316 and the Public Act 098-0306, in relation to the priority registration and residency changes respectively. These changes in registration may soon be implicated in all public schools nation wide, given that they enacted laws and not individual school policy.

Chad Copple, director of Marketing & Public Information, said "it is up to each school on how they implicate the priority registration."

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and are eligible to sit for the Illinois Nail Technician Examination.

Classes in the Nail Technology Program will last from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every other Saturday.

In addition to new classes

and program, students can take advantage of new hours at the Fitness Center. Beginning Monday, the Fitness Center will host spinning, bodyblade, yoga and zumba classes Monday through Friday.

Classes will be offered the following days and times:

- Monday — Noon to 1 p.m., spinning; 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. yoga;

- Tuesday and Thursday — 9 to 10 a.m., spinning; noon to 1 p.m., bodyblade; 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., spinning; and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., zumba.

- Wednesday — Noon to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., spinning;

- Friday — Noon to 1 p.m., spinning.

Registration may be arranged by calling 437-5321, Ext. 1267.

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from accident reporting and prevention, electrical safety, fall protection, hazmat and CPR. Many other safety topics will be covered as well.

The training provided will meet both the API RP 75 and API RP T-1 requirements. Over 25 of the leading oil and gas operators accept this orientation to meet their requirements.

The training will be predominantly performed through a single eight-hour class.

Rend Lake College will offer three classes: one from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 5, at the Rend Lake College Marketplace in Mt. Vernon; one from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 19, at the Hamilton County Senior High School in McLeansboro; and one from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 2, at Wayne City High School in Wayne City.

Southeastern Illinois College will host two classes. The first training class will be a two-part class, lasting from 8 a.m. to noon on Sept. 14 and Sept. 21, at the David L. Stanley Carmi-White Community Center. The deadline for registering for this class is Wednesday.

The second training class will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Workforce and Illinois Small Business Development Center in Harriburg. The deadline for registering for this class is Oct. 1.

The SafeLandUSA training programs are just the beginning of new educational opportunities for locals interested in working with oil and natural gas.

Nielsen mentioned that Southeastern Illinois University is creating a certificate program, and Rend Lake College is developing an oil and natural gas technician associate degree.

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