



# CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE

## RLC 2013 Homecoming Court announced

**R**end Lake College officials are pleased to announce the candidates for this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

Coronation of the 2013 RLC Homecoming King and Queen will take place Feb. 20, during halftime of the men's basketball game that starts at 7:30 p.m. in Waugh Gymnasium.

RLC students will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite candidates from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Homecoming, Feb. 20. All voting will take place in the RLC Student Center.

Queen candidates are Melissa Pearson of DuQuoin, Juanita Jones of Mt. Vernon, Alexa Heumann of Benton, Justine Lamke of Scheller and Kylee Henager of Mt. Carmel. King candidates are Jason O'Brien

of Emden, Alex Heathcoat of Benton and Steven Campbell of Pinckneyville.

Pearson is the daughter of Leonard Pearson and Angela and Mark Rojek. She is a graduate of DuQuoin High School and majors in Radiologic Technology at RLC. She is president of the RLC Radiology Club and plans to pursue a career as a Radiographer, specializing in Computed Tomography and MRI.

Jones is the daughter of Cindy and Earl Jones. She is a graduate of Mount Vernon Township High School and is a Music major at RLC. Jones is a member of RLC's STARS Program and desires to live a successful and happy life.

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Candidates for Rend Lake College's Homecoming King and Queen include, SEATED, FROM LEFT, Justin Lamke of Scheller, Melissa Pearson of DuQuoin and Juanita Jones of Mt. Vernon. STANDING, FROM LEFT, are Jason O'Brien of Emden, Steven Campbell of Pinckneyville and Alex Heathcoat of Benton. In the offset photos are, Alexa Heumann of Benton (TOP) and Kylee Henager of Mt. Carmel. The student body will vote Feb. 14 and 15, as well as on Homecoming, Feb. 20. Coronation will take place Feb. 20, during halftime of the men's basketball game that starts at 7:30 p.m. in Waugh Gymnasium.

## Blue Monk Melody



**D**r. Isaac Lausell, an internationally acclaimed classical/jazz guitarist who teaches at Southern Illinois University, tunes up for a Thelonius Monk piece he played at the Rend Lake College Theatre on Wednesday. The Classical Guitar Concert featured Lausell, the SIU Guitar Orchestra, and Southern Illinois, the own virtuoso and educator Joseph Palermo. The concert, which was followed by a master class, was free to attend and sponsored by RLC's Cultural Events Committee and the guitar program at SIUC. Find out what cultural events are coming up at RLC by visiting the college online at [www.rlc.edu/liberal-arts](http://www.rlc.edu/liberal-arts). (Photo by Nathan Wheeler/RLC Public Information)

## Rend Lake College offers several Community Education classes this semester

BY BEKA KASH  
CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFF

**D**on't have time to attend weekly classes, but want to learn something new?

Whether it's for professional development or personal enrichment, consider signing up for Community Education classes offered through Rend Lake College. With a variety of affordable classes available, there's no better time to get started than this spring.

Coordinator of Community and Corporate Education Kristina Shelton says "The classes are non-credit and are open to anyone in the community. They are not for a degree or certificate, but are used to fulfill the needs of the community for different education."

A few classes for personal enrichment include ACT Prep, Conversational Spanish, Extreme Couponing, Flag Football, For the Love of Chocolate, Hunter Safety, Hair Braiding and many more!

Professional development classes include Men's Haircutting and Advanced Color Technique for licensed cosmetologists, Food Sanitation and Exploring Wines for Culinary Arts, as well as a Legal

Seminar Series for those involved or interested in business, medical practice, or real estate. Classes in the health-care field include CNA Recertification, Online Digital Radiography and PACS for radiologic technologists and Mammography. There are also computer workshops, online classes, truck driver training, and emergency service courses available.

Those who would rather forego the class setting for a first-hand, lifelong learning experience can check out the day trips offered by Community Ed. Tours include the Savor St. Louis Tour, St. Louis 1904 World's Fair Tour, St. Louis Victorian Home Tour and Roaring 20s in Southern Illinois Tour.

"It can be challenging to find new options and someone to teach each semester," says Shelton. Have an idea for a class or know someone who wants to teach others a skill or topic? Call (618) 437-5321, ext. 1714 or 1267. Call to register or get more information. A complete list of classes can be found in the Community and Corporate Education Spring Catalog or on the RLC website at [www.rlc.edu/acad-comed](http://www.rlc.edu/acad-comed).



## 'Into the Woods'

The cast of RLC's Spring Musical "Into the Woods," directed by Sara Alstat, is in full rehearsal mode for the big production. They'll also be going through some promo events, like "Meet the Cast," before the show hits the RLC stage March 21-24. Cast Members are, FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT, Sierra Harrell (Mount Vernon), Kristin Doty (Herrin), Kenzey Stanley (Fairfield), Angie Youroukos (Mount Vernon), Tim Barnett (Benton), Laura Saxton (West Frankfort), Sara Barnett (Benton), Veronica Justice (Mount Vernon), Krystal Schuch (Newton). BACK ROW, FROM LEFT; Randy Grider (Woodlawn), Devin Riley (Dix), Elecia Crider (Woodlawn), Emily Wells (Sesser), Steven Crawford (Benton), Cale Smith (Mount Vernon), Gabriel Habtemariam (Mount Vernon), Kathleen Sledge (Mount Vernon), Braden Downs (Carlinville), Christine South (Enfield), Levi Overturf (Mount Vernon), Curtis Galloway (Benton), Troy Stickel (Benton), Emily Hoffman (Mount Vernon). Get tickets by calling the RLC Box Office at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1467.

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# Ill. Comm. College Board president announces plans to retire

BY STEVE MORSE  
ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

President and Chief Executive Officer of the Illinois Community College Board Geoffrey Obrzut has announced his plans to retire from that position on June 30. Obrzut was first appointed by the Board as President/CEO in January, 2004.

"I am grateful for the time I have spent leading the Illinois community college system," said Obrzut. "It has been a privilege to work with the excellent staff at the ICCB and I want to thank them for their professionalism and their dedication to the service they provide to the state and the community colleges."

"I also want to convey my heartfelt gratitude for the support I have received over the years from the Board and from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association and the Presidents Council," said Obrzut. "It has been crucial to maintaining a strong and united system. No state surpasses the quality of education and the dedication to students and their communities that we find with Illinois community colleges."

Under Obrzut's leadership, the ICCB has undertaken a Homeland Security and Campus Safety Initiative, advocated for additional resources for adult education and family literacy, and completed comprehensive reports on textbook

costs, baccalaureate degree access, and funding of Illinois Veterans and National Guard grants.

"Geoff has been a true public servant and champion for the Illinois community colleges and the Illinois Community College Board. His passion, commitment and leadership will truly be missed," said ICCB Chair Alexi Giannoulas. "Geoff is a good friend and I am sad to see him go, but am excited to see what the future holds for him."

"Geoff has served the Illinois Community College System with integrity and has led the system in some of the most financial and political turbulent times in Illinois history," said former ICCB Chair Guy Alongi. "I wish Geoff well in his retirement and will always consider him a dear and personal friend."

"The Illinois Community College System owes Geoff a great deal of gratitude for his service over the past nine and a half years," Alongi said.

Obrzut has served citizens of the State of Illinois in government for more than 30 years. His background includes serving as a State Representative for the 52nd District in the Illinois General Assembly, where he represented both Triton College and Oakton Community College in his district. He had been elected to the Triton College Board of Trustees in River Grove and served on the board from 1981-1987.

Obrzut's achievements include his service as a past officer and Chairman of the State Relations Committee of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. He was awarded the Illinois Community College Trustees Association "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" award in 1986 and the Illinois Student Association "Outstanding Service Award" in 1992. Obrzut also served as Chairman of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Obrzut also initiated the formation of the ICCB Latino Advisory Committee in March, 2008. The committee, composed of statewide advocates on Latino educational issues, members of our community colleges, and representatives from

partner agencies, has helped inform the Illinois Community College system on student needs, educational best practices, and legislation that affects our Latino student population.

Prior to coming to the Illinois Community College Board, Obrzut was the Director of the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Obrzut received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield in Political Science and graduated from Triton College in River Grove. He graduated from West Leyden High School (class of 1970). While at West Leyden and at Triton, Obrzut was very active in the environmental movement, founding a group called SOAP (Students Organized Against Pollution). He also played com-



Rend Lake College President Terry Wilkerson (LEFT) and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Illinois Community College Board Geoffrey Obrzut talk at an event on campus in the fall. Obrzut recently announced he will retire from the position on June 30. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler/RLC Public Information)

petitive sports, serving as the captain of his high school and college basketball teams.

"This is a true retirement and I plan to spend a lot of time fishing at my cabin in northeast Wisconsin and golfing in South Carolina,"

Obrzut said. The ICCB is the state coordinating board for community colleges. Illinois is home to 48 community colleges in 39 districts and has the third largest community college system enrollment in the nation.

## Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Pickle holder
- 4 React in horror
- 8 Anything but that
- 12 Past
- 13 Concept
- 14 Stroll
- 15 Medium-sized dog
- 17 Without acting
- 18 To-do list
- 19 Every last crumb
- 21 Stimp's cartoon pal
- 22 Lassie, e.g.
- 26 Pavarotti's range
- 29 A mere handful
- 30 Toss in
- 31 Nerve cell process
- 32 Carte lead-in
- 33 Turned blue?
- 34 Gas stat
- 35 Wall climber
- 36 Deep-voiced singer
- 37 "French" dog
- 39 Shriner's chapeau
- 40 "— the fields we go ..."
- 41 Anti-elderly prejudice
- 45 Satchmo's genre
- 48 Large terrier

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- 50 Burn soother
- 51 Pesky insect
- 52 Silent
- 53 Night light?
- 54 Tackles' teammates
- 55 Crony
- 7 Cure-all
- 8 Dungaree, for one
- 9 Owned
- 10 Under the weather
- 11 Heavens
- 16 Company that went under in 2001
- 20 Depressed
- 23 Pringles competitor
- 24 Bad day for Caesar
- 25 Taro root
- 26 Pack (down)
- 27 World's fair
- 28 "Forget it"
- 29 Aviate
- 32 Mean
- 33 In a stupor
- 35 — -de-France
- 36 Sires
- 38 Doughnut shop
- 39 Capacitance measure
- 42 Poetic foot
- 43 Insult
- 44 Note to self
- 45 Van Eyck or Vermeer
- 46 Milwaukee product
- 47 Menagerie
- 49 Hostel

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# Car care crucial in the cold

BY FRANKI BONNER  
CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFF

Warmer days may be on the way, but students should still be prepared if their vehicle breaks down. Extended forecasts show a low of 15 degrees tomorrow, Feb. 15. Being stuck in that kind of weather for an extended period of time is dangerous.

The Clocktower Chronicle decided to ask Shannon Perkins, automotive technology professor at Rend Lake College, about how to properly care for a person's car in the winter.

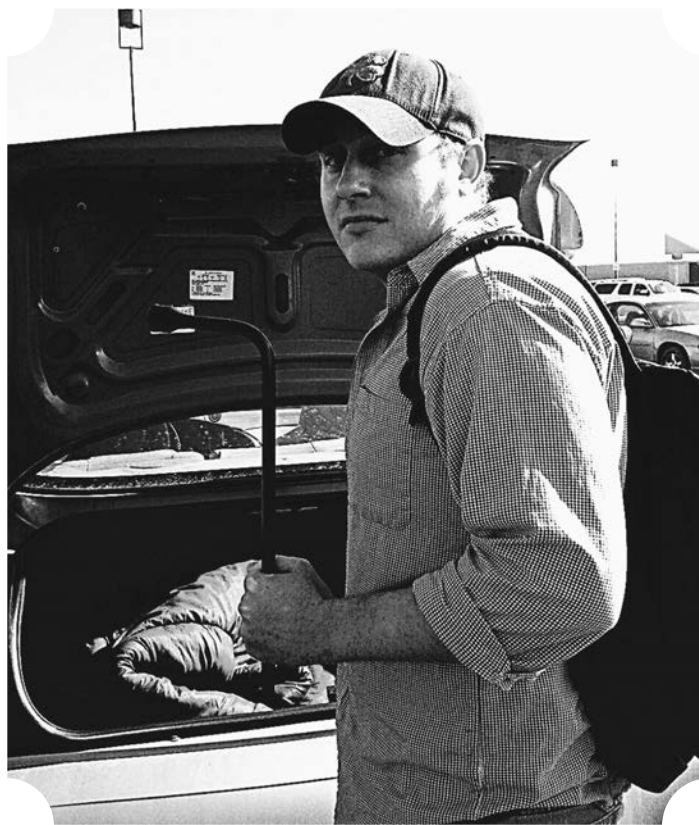
"Tire pressure, wiper blades and fluids," Perkins replied. According to Perkins, a person needs to maintain their tire pressure at the correct level that it is needed and that level is about 25 to 32 psi. Anywhere in that range, the pressure is well-maintained, he said, adding that having the right level

of fluids is an absolute must in winter conditions, along with damage-free wiper blades. Perkins also provided a list of some supplies drivers should consider stowing away in case they were to breakdown.

"An emergency kit," he said. Emergency kits like this contain an assortment of things such as a set of jumper cables, road-side flares, a flashlight, a blanket, and a first-aid kit. He also recommended that a person keep a bottle of water and a non-perishable food item in their car.

After talking to Perkins, it was time to venture out on campus and see if some RLC students were prepared for their car to breakdown.

Patrick Flannigan, a student from McLeansboro, popped open his trunk for a surprise inspection in the parking lot. Patrick passed with flying colors. Inside was an emergency



Patrick Flannigan is prepared. (Photo by Franki Bonner/RLC Cloctower Chronicle)

kit, a jack, Fix-A Flat, flares, and a blanket.

"I feel pretty prepared for

if I was to breakdown on the side of the road," said Flannigan.

Film, speculation has been rampant as to what the first new "Star Wars" movie will be about. (*San Jose Mercury News*)

### Pregnant Kate Middleton, Prince William Take Mustique Babymoon

R&R for the royals! Pregnant Kate Middleton and Prince William are vacationing in Mustique. The duo left Monday for their tropical vacation after William wrapped up his weekend shift at work. (*E! Online*)

### Technology

#### World's largest prime number discovered — all 17 million digits

If diamonds are a girl's best friend, prime numbers are a mathematician's. And Curtis Cooper at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg has just found the biggest, shiniest diamond of them all. (*Fox News*)

### Science

#### NASA: Asteroid fly-by next week closest ever of its size

A close encounter of the rocky kind is set for Feb. 15 when an office-building-size asteroid will speed past the Earth faster than a bullet and closer than some communications satellites. (*Washington Post*)

#### Curiosity rover drills into Mars for 1st time

London: NASA's Mars rover Curiosity has turned its drill in rock for the first time. (*Zee News*)

#### Why Chevy Is Launching A Diesel Sedan

Have you ever seen a diesel gas pump? Many of them are colored green to distinguish them from regular old gas pumps. The "green" handles may seem ironic to people who still think diesel is dirty. (*AOL Autos*)

#### 35 Ancient Pyramids Discovered in Sudan Necropolis

At least 35 small pyramids, along with graves, have been discovered clustered closely together at a site called Sedeinga in Sudan. (*Live Science*)

# RLC fitness centers beefing up 'Lose to Win' with TV giveaway

BY DYMIN HAYES  
CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFF

Rend Lake College is sweetening the pot for the Crossroads Community Hospital "Lose to Win Challenge!"

RLC has generously bought five 32" LCD televisions for those who are participating in the challenge. To be eligible for the drawing, those competing in the contest now — they started earlier this year — can complete 10 hours at the RLC Market-Place Fitness Center, Ina Campus Fitness Center,

earn college credit. That's a real win-win."

To those involved, keep working hard because the drawing will be held around March 8, after the conclusion of the contest!

RLC's new fitness center is conveniently located between the

RLC Golf Outlet and Shoe Stop at the RLC Market Place in Mount Vernon. For \$53 a semester, anyone can gain access to the gyms at both the main



campus and Market-Place. According to Clocktower Chronicle archives, the new center has all the exercise equipment someone would need to stay in shape, including treadmills, stairmasters, exercise bikes, weights, and a second attached room where yoga classes and fitness mixes are being held. This room is also where new Zumba classes are taking place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. In instances where a member wants to try another exercise video or routine, a projector has been made available as well as a curtain to seclude the room for a private workout session, archives state.

Once they complete their hours, their name will be added to the drawing to win a TV. Not only is it a great motivator to reach their weight loss efforts, but contestants can also gain college credit.

"I think it's great that Rend Lake College is able to add something to this successful local fitness program," said Tony Etnier, director of RLC Fitness Centers. "I think these televisions are great incentives for these individuals to reach their weight loss goals. And by getting involved with RLC's fitness center, they can

## FOLLOW THE LEAD

HEADLINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

### U.S. News

#### Judge: Ronell Wilson is not mentally retarded and can be sentenced to death for killing two cops

Wilson killed Detectives Rodney Andrews and James Memorin in 2003. Judge Nicholas Garaufis says he's not the smartest guy, but can still face death penalty. (*NY Daily News*)

#### Obama Presses Plan to Delay Spending Cuts

President Barack Obama urged Congress to pass a small package of spending cuts and tax increases to delay the major spending cuts set to kick in next month, saying thousands of jobs and the nation's economic recovery hang in the balance. (*The Wall Street Journal*)

### Entertainment

#### Chris Brown Lied? — DA Moves to Violate Probation

The L.A. County District Attorney has filed legal documents claiming Chris Brown has violated his probation by submitting bogus community service records. (*TMZ.com*)

#### Lindsay Lohan back living in her teenage bedroom, report says

Lindsay Lohan has come full circle and ended back up in her teenage bedroom in Long Island, NY, the Daily News reports. "For the past three months that has been her home base," a source told the paper, adding her mom is all for with the arrangement. (*Fox News*)

#### Hicks: Yoda to be subject of next 'Star Wars' film, says report

A good idea, is this? Ever since Disney bought Lucas-

## Homecoming .....

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Heumann is the daughter of Crystal and Wilford Heumann. She graduated from Benton Consolidated High School and is a Science major at Rend Lake where she is a member of the Dance Team. After RLC, Heumann plans to pursue a degree from Eastern Illinois University as a Clinical Lab Scientist.

Lamke is the daughter of Ernie and Tina Lamke. She graduated from Waltonville High School and is a Paralegal Studies major. Lamke is a RLC Cheerleader who plans to earn her degree at SIU Carbondale and one day become a Cheer Coach.

O'Brien is the son of Mike and Tammy O'Brien. He graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School and is a Business major. O'Brien plays on the Warriors baseball team and plans to continue his baseball career for the Quincy University Hawks.

Heathcoat is the son of Tim and Sally Heathcoat. Home schooled before RLC, Heathcoat is majoring in Business, is a member of

the RLC STARS program, and plans to continue on to Southern Illinois University.

Campbell is the son of Keith and Crystal Campbell. He graduated from Pinckneyville Community High School and is a Radiologic Technology major and a member of the Radiology Club at RLC. His plans are to pursue a career as an X-Ray Technician and continue developing his band on the side.



Solution to crossword puzzle printed on page 2.

Solution time: 27 mins.

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# What happens in the darkness?

BY CARRIE CLOVER  
CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFF

If you have ever been to a theatrical production, you may have noticed a ring of darkness edging the lit-up stage. Hopefully though, your attention was drawn only to the action on the stage and you were able to immerse yourself in the world of the play. However, the darkness is there and in it lurks a rarely seen creature — the theatre techies.

They are a rare breed who dress all in black and scurry around in the darkness backstage, barely speaking and, when they do, only in a whisper. Weeks before the production is seen by the public, while the actors are busy memorizing lines and working on blocking, the techies are building sets, sewing costumes, designing makeup and gathering props. I spoke with Veronica Justice, and 18-year-old musical theatre major who is taking the Technical Theatre class and is also a cast member of the upcoming spring musical, "Into The Woods." She has a lot of stage experience, acting since the eighth grade. However, this is her first time doing anything technical for a show.

"It really makes you appreciate it more as an actor, and I think it's actually a lot more fun and



Theatre major Veronica Justice uses a heavy duty miter saw to cut a board for the spring musical set during a recent Technical Theatre class at RLC.

interesting to act on a set you can say you helped build," said Justice.

The Theatre Tech class uses their class periods to learn about set design and set building while they are building the set for "Into The Woods." The class is taught by Therese Melena, who makes sure every student gets a chance to try the different aspects of putting scenery together.

In most theatrical productions, the cast and crew do not meet until

one to two weeks before the show begins. They do a full week of tech and dress rehearsal in order to work out all the kinks and make sure that the cast and crew are ready to run the show. The joint effort of the crew and cast allow the show to run like a well-oiled machine.

So, the next time you see a show, know that there is a gaggle of people backstage who, hopefully, you will never see. But without them, you would see nothing at all.

## RLC Campus Connection



Benjamin Kenniker



Susan Cunningham



Nick Lemay



Antoinette Moore

### RLC staff, students celebrate Valentine's Day for variety of reasons

The Chronicle's own Fernando Jacinto set out on campus to find out...

**Q: Are you going to celebrate Valentine's Day?**

**Benjamin Kenniker, 31, Christopher, Major: Education**

**A. Absolutely!** I've been married for four years. **Susan Cunningham, 58, Clinton, Iowa, RLC Disability Services Coordinator**

**A. Yes.** We are going to celebrate Valentine's Day. I work with young children and they always like to celebrate holidays.

**Nick Lemay, 29, Mt. Vernon, Assistant Director of Small Business Development Center at RLC MarketPlace**

**A. No I'm not.** Don't really have a reason. It's just another work day I guess. Plus, it's a conspiracy for people to buy!

**Antoinette Moore, 20, Mt. Vernon, Major: Cosmetology**

**A. Yes.** Because. Just to celebrate it.

**Daphne Mitchell, 44, Benton, Director of Studio RLC**

**A. Yes.** Just so I can have a nice dinner out with my husband.



Daphne Mitchell

## Check it out



Tessa England, a biology major from Mt. Vernon, works her shift at the Learning Resource Center front desk where she checks books in and out, assists students with wi-fi account issues, processes books into the system, makes signs and more. There are a number of part-time positions around campus that are filled by students each semester. Fill out an application at Financial Aid. (Photo by Angie Pheonix, Clocktower Chronicle)

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## A few facts & superstitions about Valentine's Day

**E**very Feb. 14, people around the world exchange gifts, chocolates and romantic greetings for a day set aside for lovers. Many traditions are followed, all in the name of St. Valentine. Still, people may not understand why such customs are upheld. Much of the history of Valentine's Day and St. Valentine himself is shrouded in mystery, and

much of what's widely accepted is inaccurate. To set the record straight, here are some facts about the holiday.

- Valentine's Day is believed to have originated from a celebration in Rome during the fifth century. This celebration paid tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic priest. Other historians surmise it was a way to "Christianize" the pagan holiday of Lupercalia, which was a

fertility festival. Included in the traditions were boys and girls drawing names from a box and exchanging gifts.

- The Catholic Church acknowledges at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus.

- All of the stories surrounding St. Valentine — whether they are disputed or not — paint him as a sympathetic and heroic

individual.

- Valentine's Day greetings have been popular from the Middle Ages onward, though they have been usually verbal in nature.

- The oldest known written valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt.

- Valentine's Day is celebrated in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

- Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are the most popular holidays to give flowers.

- According to Hallmark, women purchase 85 percent of all valentines.

- According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas.

- Candy was among the earliest Valentine's Day gifts and remains a popular gift today.

- Some tales suggest that the type of bird a girl watches on Valentine's Day predicts her future husband. A bluebird indicates a happy man, while a sparrow indicates a poor man.

- In Medieval times, girls consumed unusual foods on Valentine's Day in the belief it would make them dream of their future husbands.

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# ATHLETICS

## WISCONSIN SECTION



### Germantown

### Aviston

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SIJHSAA Girls 2013 Champions, FROM LEFT, Class S Germantown, Class M Aviston and Class L Collinsville

## SIJHSAA Basketball wraps up 92nd on Valentine's Day

Another year of area junior high basketball championships is nearly in the books with five of six, boys and girls championships decided at the 2013 Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association Basketball Championships, hosted by Rend Lake College. The SIJHSAA was formed in 1921 and has held the tournaments at RLC since the late 70s.

The **Boys Class L** championship is the only one left to be played this year. The championship game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.,

Thursday, Feb. 14. The final four will take place Tuesday, Feb. 12, and features Marion and Herrin at 6 p.m., and Benton and Centralia at 7:15 p.m.

Champions so far this season are Woodlawn (Class S) and Okawville (Class M) for the boys; and Germantown (Class S), Aviston (Class M) and Collinsville (Class L) for the girls.

Results of the Girls' Class S, M and L tournaments, and the Boys' Class S and M tournaments are:

**Boys Class S**  
Championship (Feb. 9) — Woodlawn 39 v. Rome 28

Third Place (Feb. 9) — Pinckneyville #204 52 v. New Hebron 40

Final Four (Feb. 7) — Rome 67 v. New Hebron 35, Woodlawn 41 v. Pinckneyville #204 35

Quarterfinals — Rome 33 -Trinity Lutheran-Centralia 22, New Hebron 48 v. Carrier Mills 35, Woodlawn 57 v. St. John Catholic-Red Bud 25, Pinckneyville #204 60 v. Patoka 54

**Boys Class M**  
Championship (Feb. 8) — Okawville 55 v. Cairo 50  
Third Place (Feb. 8) — Pinckneyville 55 v. Gallatin County 35

Final Four (Feb. 5) — Cairo 55 v. Gallatin County 35, Okawville 50 v. Pinckneyville 41

**Boys Class L**  
Championship and Third Place (Feb. 14) — TBD  
Final Four (Feb. 12) — Marion v. Herrin, Benton v. Centralia

Quarterfinals (Feb. 9) — Marion 50 v. DuQuoin 29, Herrin 42 v. Triad 23, Benton 42 v. Olney 40, Centralia 44 v. Collinsville 27

**Girls Class S**  
Championship — Germantown 33 v. Bartelso 26  
Third Place — Hoyleton-Grand Prairie 32 v. Lick

Creek 19  
Final Four — Bartelso 43 v. Lick Creek 17, Germantown 36 v. Hoyleton-Grand Prairie 32

Quarter Finals — Lick Creek 25 v. Summersville 23, Bartelso 50 v. St. John Catholic — Red Bud 22, Germantown 44 v. Desoto 13, Hoyleton-Grand Prairie 48 v. St. Joe Olney 25

**Girls Class M**  
Championship — Aviston 47 v. Goreville 39

Third Place — Okawville 35 v. Gallatin County 28  
Final Four — Aviston 25 v. Okawville 11, Goreville 54 v. Gallatin County 31

Quarter Finals — Aviston 38 v. Meridian 21, Okawville 34 v. Christopher 28, Goreville 49 v. Pinckneyville 26, Gallatin County 37 v. Fairfield 26

**Girls Class L**  
Championship — Collinsville 52 v. West Frankfort 41

Third Place — Carmi 38 v. Carterville 23

Final Four — West Frankfort 38 v. Carterville 37  
Quarter Finals — Carterville 39 v. Centralia 35, West Frankfort 28 v. Highland 27, Collinsville 43 v. Massac County 23, Carmi 40 v. Trico 19

## Warriors beat The Trail on last leg of regular season

*Editor's Note: The Warriors lost 66-62 to Danville Area and beat SWIC 82-77 on Feb. 9 to take the lead in the conference.*

Led by Montez Williams (East St. Louis) with 15 points, the Rend Lake College Warriors had 11 players contribute to the scoring column — three with double digits — in its 73-68 win at Lincoln Trail on Saturday. The win puts RLC in a tie for the top spot in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference.

RLC, now 16-2 overall and 8-2 in the GRAC, is lockstep with Southwestern Illinois College (15-5-1) and will head to Danville Area Community College on Wednesday. It's an important game for the Warriors, since it will help paint the postseason picture in the National Junior College Athletic Association's DII Region XXIV Tournament. The winner of that tournament will move on to nationals.

"That's a big game for us at Danville," said RLC Assistant Coach Tommy Holder. "They are up there with us as one of the top teams in the region."

DACC is 20-3 overall and 5-0 against opponents in the Midwest Athletic Conference. Teams in that conference include Parkland (13-8, 0-4), Lincoln Land (13-9, 0-3), Lincoln (15-9, 2-2), John Wood, (16-6, 3-1), Illinois Central (14-11, 1-1) and DACC. Those are also the teams Rend Lake might face in the Region XXIV Tournament, which is being hosted by John Wood this year and will run March 8-10 in Quincy.

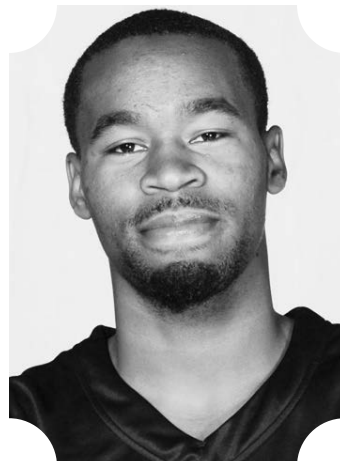
The region tournament is most likely a small blip on RLC Head Coach Randy House's radar right now. It will definitely grow as the Warriors go through its nine remaining games in the regular season. But for now, the odds are Rend Lake is hungry for a conference championship. Six of the DII program's remaining games are against DI foes

in the GRAC.

After Danville, Rend Lake will head to SWIC on Feb. 9. The Blue Storm beat RLC 79-62 on Jan. 7. Then it's back home against Southeastern Illinois on Feb. 13. RLC won its first meeting with the Falcons, 69-50, on Jan. 9. Rend Lake will play at Kaskaskia on Feb. 16. The Blue Devils will be looking to avenge its 80-74 loss to the Warriors on Jan. 12. On Feb. 18, the Warriors will play at Olney Central. RLC won 78-66 when it hosted the Knights on Jan. 16.

RLC's Homecoming game is Feb. 20 against Wabash Valley. Rend Lake took the first War of the Warriors, 81-76, on Jan. 19. Rend Lake's last conference game will be at John A. Logan on Feb. 23. The Warriors will attempt to repeat its 87-64 routing of the Volunteers on Jan. 21 at RLC.

The final two games of Rend Lake's regular season are Feb. 27 at Lincoln College and Feb. 28 at John Wood. Both will have



**Freshman center Montez Williams (East St. Louis) led the Warriors with 15 in its 73-68 conference win over Lincoln Trail on Feb. 2. RLC has nine games remaining in the regular season, six of which are against GRAC opponents.**

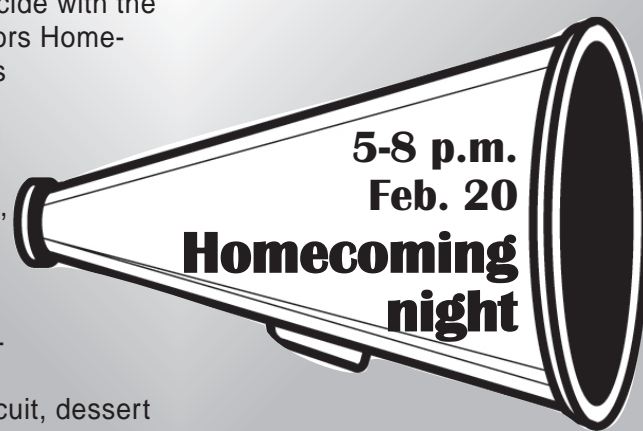
postseason implications.

For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at [www.rlc.edu/warriors](http://www.rlc.edu/warriors).

## Cheerleaders hosting fried chicken dinner fundraiser to support national competition

Rend Lake College cheerleaders are hosting a fried chicken fundraiser from 5 - 8 p.m., on Homecoming night, Feb. 20, at the college. Supporters have the option to dine in or carry out from the RLC Student Center for \$8 a plate. The event will coincide with the Lady Warriors and Warriors Homecoming basketball games against Wabash Valley College at 5: 30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively. Homecoming Coronation, where a king and queen will be named, will take place during halftime of the men's game. The dinner will include fried chicken, two sides, a biscuit, dessert

and a beverage. All proceeds will go to help fund the cheerleading team's trip to Myrtle Beach in March for a national competition. Reserve tickets or get more information by calling coach Nikki LaBuwi-Carollo at 513-1978.



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## Athlete of the Week

### Coltyn Pease

#### Wrestling

Pittsfield, IL

Coltyn went 2-1 at the Grey Hound Open, Feb. 2, in Indianapolis. He defeated Tyler Kral of NCAA DI Purdue 4-2 and Indianapolis University's Evan Wooding 8-4, before falling to Ohio State's Nick Tavanello. RLC Head Coach Kevin Tate said, "When a Juco kid goes 2-1 against Big 10 and DII kids, it's a very good weekend."

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