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Above and Beyond



end Lake College President Terry Wilkerson (FAR RIGHT) and Liberat Arts Chairman Buster Leeck (FAR LEFT) had the pleasure of presenting these three student-athletes with RLC Humanity Awards during the Homecoming celebration on Feb. 20. The award was given to these three members of the baseball team (FROM LEFT) Brian Deaton (Mt. Vernon) Zane Xanders (Mt. Vernon) and Jason O'Brien (Emden) for their actions earlier this semester to help retired Professor Sue Tomlin. Tomlin was struck by a car on the lna campus and the three students rushed to her aid, called for help, stayed by her side and assisted first responders. Tomlin suffered a broken ankle in the incident. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler/RLC Public Information)

Welcome new RLC employees!



Rend Lake College welcomes Ron Hudson and Eric Breeze as new employees. Ron and Eric are the latest additions to the Security Department at the college.



Rend Lake College welcomes Amy Epplin as a new employee. Amy is a specialist in the Financial Aid Department.



Rend Lake College welcomes John McKinney as a new faculty member. John teaches agriculture at the college.

RLC AmeriCorps students join in on midterm retreat

he Land of Lincoln Southern 7 AmeriCorps midterm retreat was held February 22-23, 2013 in the Giant City Lodge. Rend Lake College, John A. Logan College, Kaskaskia College, and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale were represented at the event. There were also Southern 7 team members out of Metropolis and the surrounding areas.

The retreat is held annually in February and is designed to allow members time to catch up on paperwork, allow them to meet new members, renew previous friendships and learn new things.

Franki Bonner, of Mt. Vernon, stated, "The retreat is a great way to learn new information and meet people from other teams." Bonner is majoring in Special Education and Elementary Education at RLC.

"It was good to see everybody again," stated Hunter Marler, also of Mt. Vernon. Marler is majoring in Special Education at RLC.

"I encourage all members to attend the retreat each year for many reasons," stated David Warner, Director Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps out of RLC. "This allows them to be rejuvenated at the midway point to tackle the second half of their service with fresh eyes, get reacquainted with friends they made at the beginning of their service year, and hopefully reline they are truly making a difference in their schools and committees." April Pheonix, an alumnae of Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps, stated, "I have been to the retreat twice and both times have been very enjoyable. The best part about the event was getting with friends, learning a lot of neat stuff, and making memories." Pheonix is attending RLC for Social work.

According to the RLC website, AmeriCorps members from RLC provide literacy tutoring for K-8 grade students in



AMERICORPS RETREAT - FROM LEFT, First Row, Brenda Beel (Mt. Vernon), Rachel Bennett (Xenia), Nicolle Patton (Mt. Vernon), Juanita Jones (Mt. Vernon), Christina Hagene (Pinckneyville), Sydney Morris (Benton) and Abbie Jerrells (Benton). SECOND ROW: Mallory Owens (Mt. Vernon), Brooke Greenwalt (Mt. Vernon) and Brooke Kujawa (Mt. Vernon). THIRD ROW: Tiffanie Seidel (Bonnie), Savannah Krieg (Salem), Kyla Bennett (Irvington), Danae Behr (Nashville), Brittany Copple (North Womac), Emily Showen (Centralia), Hannah Piercy (Centralia), Lyndsie Lappe (Ceryle), Logan McCray (Carlyle) and RLC AmeriCorps Campus Coordinator Leah Conner (Whittington). FOURTH ROW: Katy Groves (Marion), Mallori Chamness (Marion), Katie Baltzell (Pittsburg), Tabitha Trutman (Marion), Shawna Moulton (Creal Springs), Kaskaskia College Ameri-Corps Campus Coordinator Wendy Blythe. FIFTH ROW: William Sutphin (Carbondale), Victoria Rogalla (Carbondale), Christina Penna (Carbondale), Jenna Pelaez (Mt. Vernon), Jodie Delaney (Herrin), Margaret Anderson (Makanda) and Ameri-Corps Director Dave Warner (Benton). SIXTH ROW: Stephanie Young (Desoto), Patrick Soule (Carbondale), Gabrielle Brumbaugh (Carbondale), Chelsea Devivo (Herrin), Dina Hummels (Metropolis) and Benny Skelton (Metopolis). (Photo by Angie Pheonix/Clocktower Chronicle staff photographer)

schools in the local area. Members receive a living allowance and education award to help finance their college education or vocational training, or pay back student loans after successful completion of service.

For more information or applications, contact Warner at (618)437-5321 ext. 1345 or warner@rlc.edu.

- By Angie Pheonix

Leah Connor is RLC's new AmeriCorps compus coordinator see her story on page 3

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RLC MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon. Me and My Buddy Hair Braiding will be held from 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, March

26. Participants can learn how to braid hair just in time for warmer weather. This class will show how to do different braiding techniques including French braiding, fishbone and corn rolls. Participants are asked to bring a buddy to practice on. The registration fee is \$10. A \$5 supply fee is payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.

Hairstyling Tricks will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 9. This class was designed to show participants how to create different hair styles at home with their own styling tools. Students will learn how to curl hair with a smoothing iron, how to create unique looks with different size curling irons, and more. The registration fee is \$10. Students are encouraged to bring their own styling tools to class to practice.



Woman braiding girl's hair

Both classes will be held at Studio RLC in the RLC MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon.

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Classes to Community

For more information, or to register, call RLC Community and Corporate Edu-

cation at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1267 or Ext. 1714, or toll-free at (800) 369-5321, Ext. 1267 or Ext. 1714. Make contact by e-mail at CommCorpEd@rlc.edu.

ACT Prep Class offered in Pinckneyville

end Lake College Community & Corporate Education is offering an ACT Prep class for area high school juniors and seniors. Taught by RLC Math and Science Division Chair Andrea Banach, ACT Prep class is designed to teach the reading, English, science and math skills needed to do well on the ACT test. Test-taking skills are also emphasized.

ACT Prep will be held from 6-9 p.m., Wednesdays, March 20 through

April 17, at the RLC Murphy-Wall Campus in Pinckneyville in Room 101. The class meets for five sessions. The registration fee is \$37. Pre-registration is required.

Students taking ACT Prep will be provided with a Barron's ACT textbook.

For more information, or to register, call Rend Lake College Community & Corporate Education, (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1267 or Ext. 1714, or toll-free at (800) 369-5321, Ext. 1267 or Ext. 1714.

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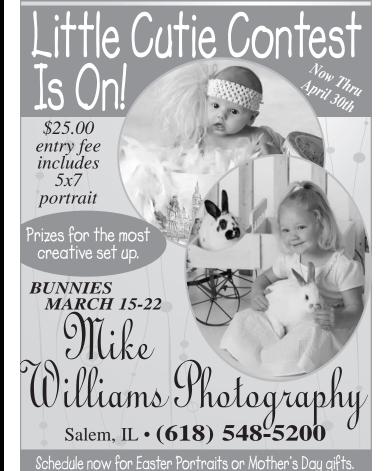


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~~~~ RLC EVENTS ~~~~

March 21-24 Into the Woods — RLC Spring Musical in the Theatre. March 21-23 at 7 p.m.

March 27 Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony in the Theatre. 3 p.m.

March 28 Student Art Show Reception, 6 p.m., in the Theatre Lobby.

March 28 - May 3 Student Art Show in the Learning Resource Center and Theatre Lobby.

Conner takes over as **AmeriCorps Campus Coordinator**

end Lake College Records Specialist Leah Conner is the new Campus Coordinator for Ameri-Corps. Ed Ruffino was the previous coordinator before retiring from this position in January of this year.

AmeriCorps campus coordinators assist the director in the recruitment of new members, application process, placement of members into sites, assist in coordinating special projects, and provide support to members. Conner works full time as the Records Specialist in the Counseling Department.

Land of Lincoln Ameri-Corps is a grant-based, community service project through the Illinois Governor's Initiative and the Corporation for National Service in Washington,

"AmeriCorps is about serving the community -Getting Things Done," Conner stated. "In our program at RLC, members serve in area grade schools, tutoring and mentoring youth. Members commit to a total of 900 hours of service in one year, while receiving a monthly stipend. At the end of a year of service, members receive an edu-

cational award. It is an excellent experience for students to be involved with.'

When asked if she enjoys the work she does, Conner stated, "I am enjoying learning about AmeriCorps and being involved with such an important program. The best part is getting to work with the great group of students that we have this year."

Conner is from Southern Illinois. "I attended RLC and was actually a student worker in community education and then transferred to SIUC to finish my bachelor's degree and now I'm back as an employee."

When Conner is not on campus, she enjoys hanging out with family, spending time with her 7- yearold Boston Terrier, Sophie, and shopping. Conner is also getting married this spring.

AmeriCorps is currently accepting applications for the 2013-2014 academic year. The deadline is May 17, 2013. Those interested in receiving some information and an application, contact Conner at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1266 or by email at

connerl@rlc.edu. - Angie Pheonix



In US News

Zimmerman stuns court, waives right to 'Stand Your **Ground' hearing in Trayvon Martin case**

George Zimmerman's attorneys stunned court observers Tuesday when they waived their client's right to a "Stand Your Ground" hearing slated for April that might have led to a dismissal of the charges in the shooting death of unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin. — March 5, 2013 (ABC News)

South Carolina man accused of taking \$19,000 in Girl Scout cookies from warehouse

A South Carolina man has been charged with taking about \$19,000 in Girl Scout cookies from a Spartanburg warehouse. — March 7, 2013 (Fox News)

Clinton to court: Overturn Defense of Marriage Act

It's not every day you see an ex-president ask the Supreme Court to strike down a law he signed. That's what Bill Clinton is doing with the Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman. — March 8, 2013 (USA Today)

In World News

New pope needs to be "Jesus Christ with an MBA" An American priest and Catholic Church historian said Tuesday the 115 cardinals tasked with picking the next pope want a man who has both keen evangelical and managerial skills. — March 5, 2013 (CBS News)

North Korea vows nuclear attack on U.S., as UN prepares to vote on sanctions

North Korea on Thursday vowed to launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike against the United States, amplifying its threatening rhetoric hours ahead of a vote by U.N.— March 7, 2013 (Fox News)

China warns against Korea escalation

China has appealed for calm on the Korean peninsula, hours after North Korea said it had scrapped all peace pacts with the South and threatened pre-emptive nuclear strikes. — March 8, 2013 (BBC News)

In Entertainment

Tony Stark sends in an army in new 'Iron Man 3'

The Mandarin is a global threat, but Tony Stark has a lot of allies on his side - and an armored suit. IM3 trailer. Robert Downey Jr. — March 5, 2013 (USA Today)

Justin Bieber rushed to the hospital after collapsing during London concert

Justin Bieber says he is "getting better," after fainting backstage at a concert in London, and the venue says Friday's show is scheduled to go ahead as planned. — March 8, 2013 (Fox News)

'Snooki' loses 42 pounds after having baby Lorenzo

Snooki is back to her pint-size figure thanks to her postbaby diet and workout. Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi shed 42 pounds and is showing off her slimmer frame in the latest issue of Us Weekly. — March 7, 2013 (KMBZ)

In Science

Online ivory trade threatens Africa's elephants Conservationists say there's a new threat to the survival of Africa's endangered elephants that may be just as deadly as poachers' bullets: the black-market trade of ivory in cyberspace. — March 5, 2013 (Fox News)

Scientists zero in on identifying 'God particle,' but still require more to say for sure

Physicists in Italy are achingly close to concluding that what they found last year was the Higgs boson, the elusive "God particle. — March 7, 2013 (Fox News)

Giant ancient camel remains discovered in Canadian Arctic

When Natalia Rybczynski unearthed the first few bone fragments on a windswept ridge in Canada's High Arctic, she knew she was onto something big. — March 5, 2013 (National Post)

In Technology

Android to dominate 2013 mobile app downloads App developers may start targeting Google's Android platform ahead of Apple's iOS platform, says ABI Research. March 5, 2013 (Information Week)

Facebook ready to launch new news feed

Facebook is holding a major press event Thursday, which means that Mark Zuckerberg and company are going to make at least one big announcement. — March 7, 2013 (TheCelebrityCafe.com)

Subaru recalling 47,000 vehicles that could start themselves

Subaru is recalling about 47,000 of its vehicles with remote starters because the vehicles could start themselves, raising a concern about carbon-monoxide poisoning for vehicles parked in garages. — March 8, 2013 (New York

In Health

Female life span going down in some parts of the U.S.

Life expectancy among some women in the U.S. is steadily declining, according to the latest research published in the journal Health Affairs. — March 5, 2013 (Medical News Today)

Bumble Bee issues recall on ccans of tuna

Bumble Bee Foods LLC, a privately held company in San Diego, is recalling its 5-ounce cans of chunk white albacore tuna because some can seals may not be on it tightly. — March 7, 2013 (Online News Heard Now)

Nurse refuses to give CPR, senior dies: ethical problem or legal issue?

A licensed nurse refuses to give CPR to an 87-year-old woman who collapses in the senior residence where she works because of "company policy." — March 8, 2013 (Forbes)

Strings and Steel: Learn new talents at Jefferson County Historical Village

end Lake College and the Jefferson County Historical Society have once again collaborated to bring the community two unique experiences at the Jefferson County Historical Village - Blacksmith Basics and Mountain Dul-

cimer for Beginners. Blacksmith Basics will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 20, in the Blacksmith Shop. Participants can learn the process of blacksmithing from an expert. A blacksmith is a person who forges iron or steel into tools, horseshoes, décor, and many other possibilities. Instructor Wilbur Haley will show students more about this historical craft. Participants will see how an old-fashioned coal fire is built in a forge. Students will have hands-on experience transforming

metal. The registration fee is \$35. A \$5 supply fee is payable to the instructor at the beginning of class. Participants should wear long sleeves, long pants, close-toed shoes, and gloves and should bring safety glasses and a lunch.

Mountain Dulcimer for Beginners will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 26 through April 4, in the Village Museum. Participants will learn how to play the American Folk instrument, the dulcimer. The dulcimer is an instrument with a long rounded body and a fretted fingerboard. Instructor Libby Wilson will show students the proper finger placement, strum patterns, and basic chords for the dulcimer. The registration fee is \$40. A \$12 supply fee is payable to the instructor



Blacksmith at work

the first night of the class to cover the cost of the instruction book. Bring your own dulcimer or borrow one for use during the class.

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Amy Richards will teach basic American Sign Language, how to sign exact English, and will help students acquire an understanding of the culture of the hearing impaired.

Sign Language will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Mondays, March 18 through April 8, at the RLC MarketPlace Room 203 in Mt. Vernon. This class is a great opportunity for teachers to learn the alphabet, colors, numbers, and common items in the classroom. Teaching materials for deaf and hard of hearing will be shared. It is worth 0.5 credit hours/8 CPDUs and the cost is \$45.

For more information, or to register for the class, contact RLC Community and Corporate Education at (618) 437-5321 at Ext. 1267 or Ext. 1714. In-district residents may call toll-free at (800) 369-5321 at Ext. 1267 or Ext. 1714.

'Into the Woods' to take RLC stage **March 21 to 24**



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, from left, FRONT ROW, Sierra Harrell (Mt. Vernon), Kristin Doty (Herrin), Kenzey Stanley (Fairfield), Angie Youroukos (Mt. Vernon), Tim Barnett (Benton), Laura Saxton (West Frankfort), Sara Barnett (Benton), Veronica Justice (Mount Vernon), Krystal Schuch (Newton). BACK ROW: Randy Grider (Woodlawn), Devin Riley (Dix), Elecia Crider (Woodlawn), Emily Wells (Sesser), Steven Crawford (Benton), Cale Smith (Mt. Vernon), Gabriel Habtemariam (Mt. Vernon), Kathleen Sledge (Mt. Vernon), Braden Downs (Carlinville), Christine South (Enfield), Levi Overturf (Mt. Vernon), Curtis Galloway (Benton), Troy Stickel (Benton), Emily Hoffman (Mt. Vernon). Get tickets by calling the RLC Box Office at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1467.

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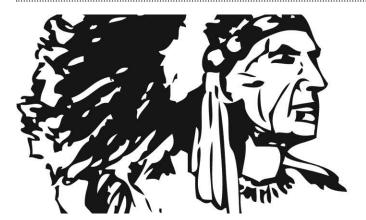
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SWIC comeback stops Lady Warrior postseason run

end Lake College women's basketball has never sent a team to the national championship tournament. A win Thursday would have changed that, since two teams advance this year from Region XXIV. This year the finals are in Salina, Kan.

On Wednesday — the day after RLC's 87-78 round-one win over Olney Central — Rend Lake point guard Tazonda Gibbs' eyes lit up when asked if she was ready for Thursday's matchup with Southwestern Illinois College.

"Oh yeah!," she said. "We want to go to Kansas!"

Things were looking pretty good for RLC at halftime of the semifinal game against SWIC. The Lady Warriors had built a seven-point lead on hardnosed hustle at both ends of the court, and SWIC shooters were having trouble hitting. At the break, RLC Head Coach Ward McDaniel and his staff trailed their squad of smiling players up the stairs to the locker room.

"We were one step away from going to nationals. ... Overall it was a positive season."

Ward McDaniel

Lady Warriors

"We've still got another half," he said.

The suspicion in McDaniel's voice was with good reason. Southwestern stormed back. SWIC point guard Janelle Cannon — the top Juco scorer in the nation — started driving hard into the lane, looking for contact and getting the calls. She scored 27 of her 38 points in the second half with 10 of those coming from the free-throw line. It was enough to lead her team to an 82-76 win and a trip to nationals. SWIC plays in the Region XXIV championship at 5 p.m., today against Kaskaskia College, which won 85-79 over Wabash Valley on

"I'm proud of the way they played," McDaniel said. "They played hard and together as a team. They played with emotion

Thursday.

and passion. They did all the little things right. We were playing a good team, led by the best player in the country, and we only lost by six. I'm so proud of our kids. They didn't give up. We were down by four with two seconds left and we were still thinking we had a shot at it. That's basketball. It's never over. You just keep fighting."

McDaniel's team came close, but it's another year of canceling the bus trip to nationals for the Lady Warriors. RLC finished the regular season at .500 (14-14) — a big step forward from a 2-23 finish in 2012. Jennifer Moeller (Nashville) was the team's only returning sophomore. She was a leader on the court both seasons. Against SWIC, she led RLC with a season-high 23 points and hit all five of her free-throws. Moeller feels her performance was fueled by a mixture of her matchups with SWIC and the postseason implications.

"It was one of those games. It was the postseason and you go in with the mentality that you have to win. And I think I matched up well against them. They are a great team. It was also that I'm a sophomore playing on our home court."

Moeller — a two-sport athlete in basketball and volleyball — said she really enjoyed her career at The Lake. She played through injuries this year — two concussions, with the second leaving her with whiplash. She visited a chiropractor before each game to get adjusted. She said playing through it was just a matter of focusing on the game rather than the pain.

"I had a lot of fun playing. I liked my coaches a lot and we had a really great group of girls this year. I really wish we could have won yesterday, but I'm still really proud of the girls and how our season went."

She wants to play basketball somewhere next year. The biology major has some visits scheduled, she said. "Hopefully I can find a place that's a good fit for me."

"I'm going to miss Mo," McDaniel said of Moeller. "I'm going to really miss her. She'll be a success wherever she goes. She's a biology major and a 4.0 student. Whoever gets her is going to get one quality kid, whether she starts for them or not. She is one you want on your team."

Aside from Cannon's run in the second half: rebounding, steals and



Rend Lake College sophomore Jennifer Moeller drives on SWIC's defense. Moeller (Nashville) finished her career at RLC with a season-high 23 points. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler/RLC Sports Information)

shot percentage were mostly even for both teams throughout the game. RLC scored 40 in the first half and 36 in the second. SWIC scored 33 in the first half and 49 in the second. One staggering contrast on the stat line was free throws. Southwestern shot 31 free throws while Rend Lake shot only 18. RLC hit 15 of its 18 while SWIC made 22 of its 31.

"That loss is bitter," McDaniel admitted. "We were one step away from going to nationals and I've got a bunch of freshmen. Overall, it was a positive season. We ended up 15-15 and that's a huge jump from where we were last year."

He said those freshmen returning next year to the Lady Warriors will have a year under their belts.

"Sometimes that makes all the difference," he said.

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NJCAA REGION XXIV BASKETBALL

REND LAKE COLLEGE LADY WARRIORS v. SOUTHWESTERN IL COLLEGE LADY BLUE STORM March 7, 2013 - Ina, Ill.

RLC 76 (40-36) Gibbs 3 4-4 12 McClarn 3 4-5 10 Hilliard-Williams 1 0-0 2 Murphy 1 0-0 2 Cannon 4 2-4 10 Guthrie 2 0-0 4 Thorn 2 0-0 4 Henley 2 0-0 5 Jackson 2 0-0 4 Moeller 9 5-5 23 SWIC 82 (33-49) Duncan 5 1-2 12 Cannon 12 12-16 38 Deloach 3 6-7 13

Baker 4 1-2 9 Washington 2 0-2 4 Black 2 2-2 6 Team fouls RLC 24 SWIC 16. Free-throws RLC 15-18 SWIC 22-31. Three-pointers RLC 3 (Gibbs 2, Henley) SWIC 4 (Cannon 2, Duncan, Deloach). Technical fouls None.

Rend Lake's LaNeice Cannon looks for an outlet

with Southwestern Illinois' Danielle Duncan

applying pressure in Rend Lake's 82-76 loss in

the semifinal round of the NJCAA DI Region XXIV

Tournament at Rend Lake. Kristina Henley looks

on for RLC. Also pictured from SWIC are Janelle

Cannon (12) and LaTeesha Deloach. (Photo by

Nathan Wheeler/RLC Sports Information)

A New Pre-school Opportunity

We need your response

St. Theresa School, currently K-8 located at 190 N. Ohio St., Salem, IL, is exploring interest in an all day Preschool for 3 and 4 year old children. Regular hours of operation would be 8:00 am - 2:45 pm, Monday through Friday. This program would begin in the Fall of 2013. Full day and half day pre-school options would be available in a safe, Christian environment with a focus on preparing children for kindergarten. Extended hours of care after 2:45 pm would also be available for a nominal fee.

For more information and to verify interest, please call 548-3492 or email sttheresaparish@hotmail.com.

Contacting us is not considered registering, but simply letting us know of your possible interest. Deadline to respond is April 1st.

We are eager to hear the level of community interest so that a final decision can be made. Thank you.



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