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# "Tom Sawyer" opens Nov. 8 at RLC Theatre, tickets on sale

BY STACI JOHNSON

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**D**ive into a classic adventure with "Tom Sawyer," 7 p.m. Nov. 8-10, and 2 p.m. Nov 11, at the Rend Lake College Theatre. Tickets are on sale now for \$12 each by contacting the RLC Box Office at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1467. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

Tom Sawyer is a classic tale from the 1800's, filled with comedy, murder, and love. Early in the play, Tom is involved in a love triangle with Becky Thatcher and Amy Lawrence. When Becky breaks up with two-timing Tom, he says, "My heart is broken. This is worse, than having the warts."

Curtis Galloway, of Benton, is playing the role of Tom Sawyer. He says "I love being on stage and love the reactions I get from the audience." One of his favorite parts of the show is when he convinces all of the kids to paint the fence for him. He likes the line he yells at Fen Rogers - played by Tyler Hood of Pinckneyville - "You're about to vex me something certain!"

Huckleberry Finn comes up with a strange remedy for Tom's warts involving a chant and throwing a dead cat. While they are in the cemetery late at night, they are not alone. Doc Robinson is there with Injun Joe and Muff Potter. They are digging up bodies for medical studies. Injun Joe becomes tired of Doc Robinson and kills him. Muff Potter was rendered unconscious during this time and when he comes to, Injun Joe convinces him that he is the murderer. Even during the death scene, there are moments of hilarity, such as when Doc Robinson punches Injun Joe as hard as he can, and Injun Joe looks at him and says "ouch."

John Nalley, of Benton, is playing the role of Injun Joe. He says that Injun Joe is the really scary guy that everybody loves to hates. His favorite scene is the murder scene because it is very delicate. "Don't be out too late! Ghosts haint these parts at night. You be warned!" is his favorite quote of Injun Joe's.

Jon Booker, of Pinckneyville, is playing the role of Doc Robinson. He agrees that the murder scene is the best scene. When



Rend Lake College actors work on a scene for the upcoming Tom Sawyer production. Tickets are \$12 each by calling 437-5321, Ext. 1467. In front of fence, FROM LEFT, are Laura Saxton as Becky Thatcher, Curtis Galloway as Tom Sawyer and Troy Stickel as Huckleberry Finn. Cast members also include, BACK ROW, Cale Smith as Cousin Sid, Jessa Poninski as Aunt Polly, Veronica Justice as Cousin Mary, Mason Kondoudis as Muff Potter, John Nalley as Injun Joe and Jon Booker as Doc Robinson.

he is talking to Muff Potter (Mason Kondoudis of Thompsonville) about why they are digging up the bodies, he says, "We

do this for medical studies."

Troy Stickel, of Benton, is playing Huckleberry Finn. He says he enjoys the part of the show where he is explaining to Tom how to get rid of a wart. When Tom asks Huck what he has in his bag, Huck replies, "A man can mind his own business." Stickel said it's one of his favorite lines.

Tom is living with his Aunt Polly (Jessa Poninski of Mt. Vernon). Aunt Polly also has a son named Sid (Cale Smith of Mt. Vernon). She is constantly favoring Tom over her own son. Poninski said she really likes the

scene when she throws her shoe at Sid for messing with Tom.

Little did Injun Joe know, Tom and Huck are witnesses to the murder. The boys swear a blood oath to not tell anyone what they have seen. Tom, Huck, and Tom's friend, Joe Harper, run away to an island to become pirates and later find out the community is searching the river for their bodies. Tom becomes overwhelmed with guilt and devises a plan to return home.

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## Caldwell named member Emeritus by RLC Foundation Board

BY NATHAN WHEELER

RLC NEWSPAPER EDITOR

**T**he Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors recognized one of its most ardent supporters recently by including her among those in a select group of members Emeritus.

Millie Caldwell was enthusiastically and unanimously approved for Emeritus status by RLCF Board members at their August meeting. She has earned it. Her support of the college through Foundation efforts is significant. And her length of service to the organization is nearly unmatched. Two other mem-

bers hold Emeritus status on the board - Howard Payne and Mark S. Kern.

"This honor is reserved for members because of longevity and lasting contributions made to the RLCF Foundation," explained Pat Kern, RLCF consultant and former CEO. "This status welcomes these selected board members to the RLCF meetings at any time they wish to attend."

Caldwell has represented the Christopher locality on the RLCF board since 1980. For years, she operated one of the

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Rend Lake College President Terry Wilkerson and RLC Foundation CEO Shawna Hall are pictured above with Millie Caldwell at a recent event.

## Forby visits with mine rescue teams



Illinois Senator Gary Forby, D-Benton, visited with local mine rescue teams and fire brigade personnel during a training exercise Oct. 5, at Rend Lake College's Coal Mining Training Center. Pictured, FROM LEFT, are: RLC President Terry Wilkerson, CK Rahmoeller of White Oak Resources, Doc Moore of White Oak, John Peek of Mach Mining, RLC Mining Technology Associate Professor Dave Colombo, John Roberts of American Coal Company, Tim Kirkpatrick of M Class Mining, Keith Patterson of Mach Mining, Jeremy McKinney of M Class Mining, Forby, and RLC Instructor Rob Williams.

## Southern Illinois surrounded by haunted attractions this Halloween

BY BRECCA MULLINAX

RLC NEWSPAPER STAFF

**I**t's that time of year again. Halloween is approaching and all the things that come with it:

Hayrides, bonfires, pumpkin patches, new scary movies, and above all else, haunted houses! Southern Illinois is surrounded by well-done haunted houses for people of all ages to enjoy - some of them even famous!

Approximately an hour west of us, near St. Louis, are three well-known haunted scream parks - The Darkness, The Limp Brewery, and Creepyworld.

Creepyworld in Fenton, Mo., is known as one of the biggest scream parks in America. It has nine different haunted attractions, including a paintball hayride, haunted houses, and a corn maze. It's less than \$25 per person (\$35 for a speed pass to bypass long lines) and is open Oct. 12-14 and Oct. 19-31.

The Limp Brewery in St. Louis, although said to be just as scary as Creepyworld, may be even more scary since the entire experience takes place underground. The haunted attraction starts by going down a spiral staircase five stories into a creepy world of monsters and special effects. This one hap-

pens to be available at a price of only \$20 (\$30 for a speed pass) and is open the same dates as Creepyworld.

The Darkness, also in St. Louis this fall, is a scary event that gives enthusiasts three things in one. The Darkness package comes with a two-story haunted house, a 3D haunted house, and a Monster Museum. There's also a gift store. The cost of The Darkness is \$23 (\$30 for a speed pass). It's open every weekend in October, as well as on Halloween.

Thinking of putting all three famous haunted houses in the candy bucket this Halloween? Organizers have thought of that. For \$50 (\$65 for a speed pass), buyers can get into all three of these scary attractions. Keep in mind there are no refunds.

Don't feel like heading to far out of town this year? Want something a little simpler? There are a few known places right

here in the southern Illinois area and on down in Kentucky that can be just as fun. These include the Chittyville Haunted School, Marion Haunted Barn, Jaycee's Haunted House, or Talon Falls.

Chittyville's Haunted School is a great place for people not

wanting to travel too far. Located in Herrin, the interesting backstory of being accidentally built on top a forgotten cemetery

is what draws people to Chittyville's Haunted School. It poses questions for each new comer whether it is really haunted or not. When buying tickets, each customer can include an option for multiple endings, in case one is not enough. With a general admission price of \$15 (\$5 for each additional ending), it is definitely a place to put on a list of possibilities. Chittyville's Haunt-

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- **SIUC Preview Day**, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, Pat Kern Private Dining Room, Student Center
- **RLC Foundation Scholarship Dinner**, Thursday, Oct. 18, James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium
- **RLC Halloween Concert**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, Theatre
- **Fall Play: "Tom Sawyer"**, 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 8-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, RLC Theatre
- **Veterans Day Holiday**, Monday, Nov. 12
- **"Into the Woods" auditions**, 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, Theatre
- **Allied Health Wellness Bazaar**, 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, South Oasis Pit
- **Thanksgiving Holiday**, Wednesday - Saturday, Nov. 21-24

AREA EVENTS

- **Free Zumba Class.** Meets weekly on Fridays 5:30-6:30pm from Sept 7, 2012 until November 9, 2012. Marion Carnegie Library, Marion, IL. Advance registration is required, call Erica Hanke at 993-5935.
- **Wolf Creek Hollows Scream Park** located at 1516 S. Main St in Carterville. Repeats every week on Friday and Saturday until Wednesday, October 31, 2012. \$16.00 adults. Contact Jason at 618-922-9737 or getscared@southernillinoishaunts.com
- **One-Stop Business & Employment Center** located at 3000 West DeYoung Street, Suite 800-B Marion, IL. wants to help you with your job search. Various times and dates in October. Contact Theresa Smith at 618.528.8423 or theresasmith@mantracon.org FREE EVENT
- The Centralia Cultural Society Little Theater Players presents **"The Rocky Horror Show."** Various dates and times from Sept 28-Oct 13. Tickets \$12. Call 618-532-2951.
- **Pennsylvania Slim in Concert** at GenKota Winery, October 12 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. For more information call (618) 246-9463.
- **Grill's Night Out** at John Brown's on the Square in Marion. It's a block party in the street with our customers grillin' food that you're going to eat. October 13 at 6:00 pm. Contact 618-997-2909 or jbrown62@hotmail.com for more information. FREE EVENT
- The **Shawnee Volunteer Corps** invites volunteers to join them to help assist with upcoming trail work days. Daily from September 15 through November 4 at various locations. Contact info: 618-833-8576, ext. 103 kdpearson@fs.fed.us http://www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee
- **Pheasant Hollow Winery** live music and complementary snacks. 7-10 p.m. Third Friday of every month. Highway 37 in Whittington. Free.
- **Pheasant Hollow Winery Murder/Mystery.** Once a month. Highway 37 in Whittington. \$35 plus tax. Call (618) 629-2302.
- **Cedarhurst Chamber Music** presents Jaimee Paul at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts. October 13. For more information call (618) 242-1236 or visit www.cedarhurst.org
- Family Festival at Veterans Park. October 13-Times TBD. For more information call (618) 242-6890. FREE EVENT
- **Classic Kids Matinee:** "Shrek Forever After" at the Granada Center for the Performing Arts, 108 N. 9th. October 13-Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and movie starts at 2. For more information call (618) 740-0707. FREE EVENT.
- **Mt. Vernon Fall Fest Pageant** at Times Square Mall. October 13-Registration is 9 a.m. and pageant is at 10 a.m. For more information call Dawn at (618) 335-3395.
- **Walgreens 5K Zombie Run/Walk & Craft Fair** at Walgreens Distribution Center, 5100 Lake Terrace NE in Mt. Vernon, October 13. 5K starts at 9 a.m. 5K is \$20, and kid's fun run is \$10 For more information call (618) 244-9100.
- **GenKota Jamz** at GenKota Winery, October 14 from 1-5 p.m. For more information call (618) 246-9463.



Mollie Humm, Kenneth Miles, Caasey Rhine, Jeremy Easley

RLC Campus Connection

Our own Fernando Jacinto set out on campus to find out ...

**Q: Are you going to vote?**  
**Mollie Humm, 31, Rosiclair, RLC Advisor/Counselor**  
 A. I plan on it. ... I think it's important to be able to voice your opinions and thoughts ... be able to decide your future.

**Kenneth Miles, 30, Nashville, Tenn., Major: Drug Counseling**  
 A. Yes I am! ... I wanna vote for a new president.

**Casey Rhine, 28, McLeansboro, RLC Bookstore Manager**  
 A. Yes. Because I can.

**Jeremy Easley, 24, Mount Vernon, Major: Community Health**  
 A. I'm ... not sure. ... I don't know. ... Not very positive either way.

**Troy Stickel, 19, Benton, Major: Musical Theater**  
 A. Yes. ... I think it is important for everyone to vote in the United States.

Got a great suggestion for a Campus Connection question? Sign up for AskRLC by texting "askRLC" to 66746. Once you are signed up, text your suggestion to 66746.



Troy Stickel

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- Benton (Benton Consolidated High School), 6-9 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- McLeansboro (Family Resource Center), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday

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area's most successful newspapers, "The Progress," with her husband, Clifton Caldwell. With his passing in 2004, the family established the Clifton Caldwell Endowment Scholarship for Rend Lake students. The scholarship looks to help a journalism or math major in need. The math preference is in relationship to their daughter, RLC Mathematics Professor Cindy Caldwell, who continues the family tradition of contributing to the RLCF and her mother's strong belief in education. That tradition — a dedication to education — earned Millie Caldwell the coveted RLCF Presidential Award for a board

member who displays exceptional service. Some past winners of this award include Dr. Gene Stottlar, Dr. Charles "Bill" Roe, Dr. Robert J. Parks, Dr. Warren Petty, Rich Yunkus, Jim Kelly and Ed Cunningham, who will take over for Kelly as the RLCF Board's Chairman at its next meeting.

Caldwell has been active in three capital campaigns for RLC, spanning nearly two decades from 1980 to 1997 when she helped with a funding challenge to build the RLCF Children's Center on the campus in Ina. She has donated toward scholarships, the RLCF Children's Center, and now, the newest campaign: The Music Addition. She also gives her time. Millie and Cliff Caldwell actively attended RLCF events throughout the years. He was a frequent player at annual RLCF Golf Tournaments and they regularly attended the RLCF Annual Dinner together. Millie Caldwell also attends the RLCF Women's Luncheon and RLCF Scholarship Dinner. Many times Cindy would accompany her.

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# Pioneer of Cellular Age molds new talent at RLC

BY TYSON HILL

RLC NEWSPAPER STAFF

Look around. Chances are every person in the area has a cell phone. In today's digital age this is the norm. But looking back 15 to 20 years this was far from the case.

The cell phone didn't begin coming into prominence until the 1990s when technological advancements allowed for much smaller handsets. Over the last 15 years — particularly the past five years — cell phones have evolved into pocket-sized computers with high-resolution cameras.

None of this would have been possible without advancements made to landline phones and cellular networks in the 1970s. Enter Rend Lake College's own Ken Whittington, an adjunct instructor of computer science.

A pioneer of the cellular industry, Whittington spent more than 30 years working for Western Electric, establishing cellular networks, working on cellular advancements, and doing a great deal of troubleshooting along the way.

He started out studying applied sciences at SIU-Carbondale. While there, he took a job with Western Electric — a member company of the Bell System and manufacturing arm of AT&T — working with tools for electricians until he began working with telephony under the guidance of a senior Bell Electric employee. He spent the next 10 years working with cellular radio, building and mounting cellular towers all over the country — all of which routed back to a central hub in large cities such as Chicago and New York. It was the nation's first cellular network.

In the early 1980s — after more than 15 years spent working on cellular networks — Whittington was sent to Bell Labs, another member of the Bell System, to help their engineers work on digital microwave transmission. In 1983, the Bell System was dissolved under monopoly charges and Western Electric, of which Whittington was still employed, was fully integrated into AT&T.

At this point, Whittington returned to Western Electric and worked in their sales group continuing to make telephone equipment and distributing cellular licenses to entrepreneurs over the next 10 years until



Ken Whittington teaches class in Rend Lake College's Advanced Technology Center.



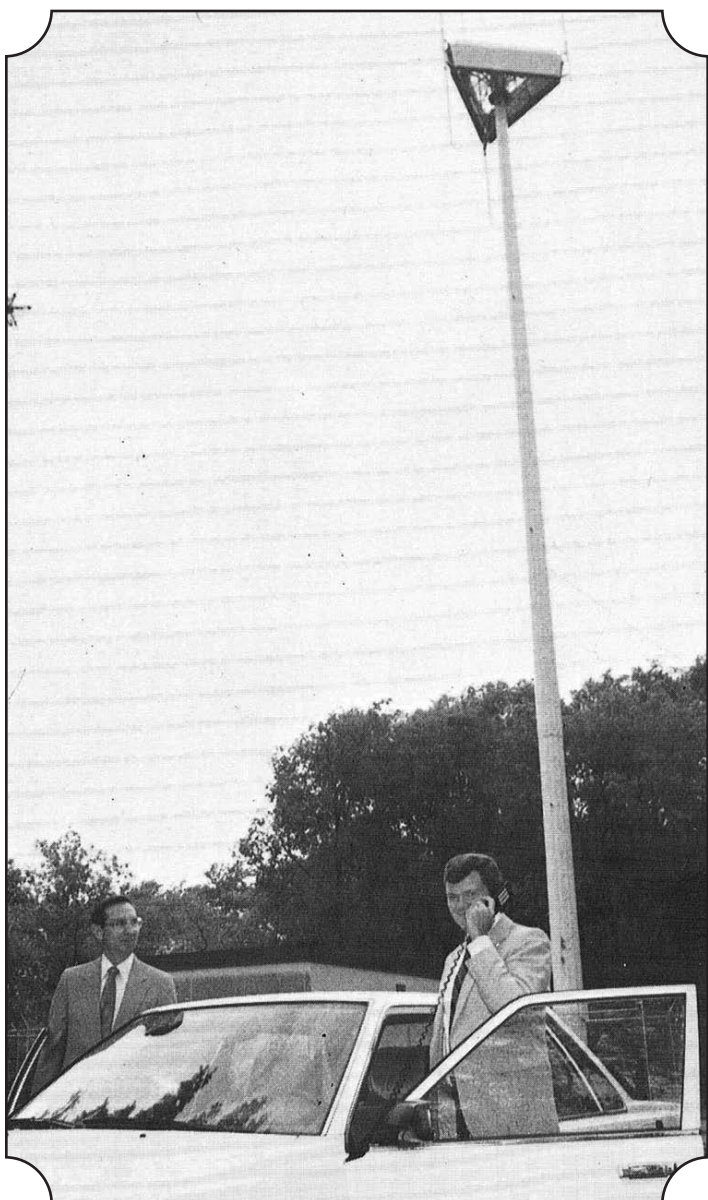
Rend Lake College faculty member Ken Whittington is pictured here in a 1978 issue of Western Electric's company magazine "WE." In the photo, Whittington is checking antennas, high above the streets of Chicago, for a mobile telephone system test. Whittington worked for Western Electric where he helped pioneer cellular technology in the U.S.

1994 when he and a number of others began acquiring cellular licenses in Russia under another company, MCT. During this time, Russia — which had seen little in the way of technical advancements since World War II — was brought completely up to speed. Once Russia was caught up, Whittington and his team expanded into Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, nations bordering Afghanistan, which proved convenient during the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, the networks Whittington and his team had established were turned over to U.S. troops, allowing communication on the ground.

Whittington sold his minority partnership of MCT in 2005 and the company dissolved before being purchased and revived by a Dutch company. Following this, he immediately started at RLC, which even now has one of the few programs that fully trains wireless technicians.

When asked about the last decade of advancements to the technology he helped build, Whittington stated that he is "amazed with the progress and very pleased."

He and his wife, Barbara, live in the area. Their son, David, is a software architect who lives in Texas with his wife and two children.



In this photo from an AT&T publication employees, Ken Whittington, LEFT, is seen visiting a cell site in Arlington Heights, with team member Jack Houston.

## RLCF Children's Center annual event a BIG deal

BY STACI JOHNSON

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The Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center is hosting its 3rd Annual Big Truck Day from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 13 outside the Children's Center on the Ina campus. The event will include various big vehicles, games, prizes, and more for children of all ages to enjoy. Admission is free and open to everyone.

"The children love playing outdoors and doing anything that is hands-on", said RLCFCC Director Brooke Pulke.

There will be free pre-registration for spring 2013 childcare. The daycare is open to children of students, staff, and the community starting at the ages of 6 weeks old. Students may use grants to pay for childcare.

Kassi Williams, a student at Rend Lake College whose children attend the center, said, "I love the convenient location on campus, and my girls love the teachers and staff."

For more information about Big Truck Day, or for inquiries about childcare at the RLCFCC, contact Pulke at pulkeb@rlc.edu or (618) 437-5321 ext. 1393. Find the Children's Center on Facebook under Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center.



## Meet the Team: Women's Tennis

Pictured, FROM LEFT, are members of the RLC Women's Tennis Team, including Alyssa Williams of Benton, Alli Reed of Mount Vernon, Ally Adcock of Mount Vernon and Alyssa Burge of Mount Vernon.

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After their surprising return, Tom testifies against Injun Joe for the murder of Doc Robinson.

Other cast members include Blythe Brown (Mt. Vernon) as Miss Dobbins; Devin Riley (Dix) as Alfred Temple; Gabriel Habtemariam (Mt. Vernon) as Preacher Charles; Steven Crawford (Benton) as Judge Thatch

er; Chuck Lawrence (Benton) as Deacon Brown; Hunter Rechsteiner (Benton) as Peter Brown; Hannah Dawson (Benton) as Molly Brown; Devin Lawrence (Benton) as Tommy Barnes; Aaron Dawson (Benton) as Billy Fisher; John Hunsell (Woodlawn) as Johnny Miller; Ryan Webster (Macedonia) as Jeff Thatcher; Lucas Wells (Mt. Vernon) as Willy Muffer-

son; Ian Dodd (Mt. Vernon) as Samuel Rice; Christine South (Enfield) as Clara Rice; Emily Schmidt (Pinckneyville) as Imogene Fisher; Sierra Harrell (Opdyke) as Gracie Miller; Marissa Acie (Raleigh, NC) as Sally Rogers; Cassie Vessel (Sesser) as Susy Harper; Krystal Schuh (Newton) as Miss Miller; Danielle Roberts (Mt. Vernon) as Miss Peters; Shannon Twitty

(Wayne City) as Mrs. Harper; Emily Legg (Wayne City) as Kitty; Brittany Willett (DuQuoin) as Naomi; and April Pheonix (Opdyke) as Myrtle.

"I like period because not only is it our job to entertain, but I like to educate", said Tracey Webb, director of the RLC Theatre. "I hope to have a nice big turnout because this is a well-known American Classic."



The cast of "Tom Sawyer," opening Nov. 8 at the RLC Theatre, includes, FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT, Troy Stickel and Curtis Galloway. SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT, Hannah Dawson, April Pheonix, Marissa Acie, Emily Schmidt, Laura Saxton, Veronica Justice, Jessa Poninski, Alison Blair, Blythe Lee Brown, Tyler Hood and Brittany Willett. THIRD ROW, FROM LEFT, Anthony Alan Pierce, Aaron Dawson, Danielle Roberts, Krystal Schuh, Sierra Harrell, Cassie Vessel, Christine South, Shannon Twitty, Emily Legg, Ryan Webster and Hunter Rechsteiner. BACK ROW, FROM LEFT, John Hunsell, Ian Dodd, Lucas Wells, Devin Riley, Gabriel Habtemariam, Steven Crawford, John Nalley, Jon Booker, Mason Kondoudis and Cale Smith.

**Meet trustee John Kabat**

BY BEKA KASH

RLC NEWSPAPER STAFF

Newspaper staff member Beka Kash recently sat down with Rend Lake College Board of Trustees Member John Kabat to ask what it's like to be a trustee and a little about what he does when he's not helping to plan the future of the college.

Besides serving on the board, Kabat is the agriculture teacher at Mt. Vernon Township High School and has been for 28 years. When he is not busy teaching or attending FFA events, Kabat spends his time farming, which he has done for the past 35 years. He resides on his farm in Scheller with his wife of 27 years, Marcia. They have three children — a son, Jacob, and two daughters, Erika and Alicia.

**BK:** How long have you been on the board?

**BK:** A year and a half

**BK:** What is your position on the board?

**BK:** I'm the Secretary.

**BK:** Why did you want to be on the board?

**BK:** I had several opportunities to teach agriculture at Rend Lake, but I never did. There were several people who asked me to be on the board. I want to help people get educated so they can get jobs and work for our country. So, I decided to

take the opportunity to run to be on the board.

**BK:** What do you see for the future of RLC?

**BK:** I hope we keep all the programs we currently have and expand. I hope we get better recruiting so more kids will go to college. I think all students should have one to two years of college, at least, before going into the workforce.

**BK:** Is there anything that the Rend Lake students should know about the board or about what you are currently doing?

**BK:** The students should know that they can call me or the other board members if they have a complaint. The students have a say so about addressing teachers and about the education they are getting. We work for them to better their education.

**BK:** Are there any perks or incentives for being on the board?

**BK:** We don't get paid for being on the board. But three or four of us get to go to nationals in Boston this year where we get to see what other colleges are doing. So, that is a perk.

Thanks to John Kabat for the interview.



John Kabat

**Rend Lake College Computer Club seeking new members**

BY RHEANNA GRIZZELL

RLC NEWSPAPER STAFF

Thespians, Horticulture, Theatre, Culinary Arts, and so on — several clubs and activities are available to students at Rend Lake College, and another one has begun their re-emergence

to campus life.

The computer club, named "RLC<sup>3</sup>," is diligently working to renew and promote their standing as an available group.

On Sept. 25, faculty members Chris Sink, Martha McCreery, and Ricky Robinson met with

other interested faculty and students to discuss the basic information about the club and the events, projects, and goals that the previous club had. The first formal meeting was held on Oct. 2, where they nominated officers and continued to prepare for the progression of the club.

They plan on having events such as LAN parties, fundraisers, field trips, and more. The first occasion will be a LAN party, which is a get-together of people and their computers on a local area network to play games; the information regarding it will be announced as soon as it is organized.

Anyone interested in joining the club or inquiring for more information can contact Chris Edwards at edwardsc0618@warrior-mail.rlc.edu or Chris Sink at 437-5321, ext. 1798.

**'After the Kiss'**



"After the Kiss" by student Jacob Dial of Mount Vernon appears in the new RLC arts publication "Lake." Dial's black and white photograph was sepia-toned and won him first place in photography at the most recent RLC Student Art Show. Copies of "Lake" can be picked up at multiple locations across campus. For information on how to get all forms of art published in "Lake," contact Peggy Davis at 618-437-5321, ext. 1725, or by e-mail at davis@rlc.edu.

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# SPORTS SECTION



RLC Men's Basketball Team

## Warriors looking to best historic run in 2013

BY MARK HOPKINS  
RLC NEWSPAPER STAFF

It's finally October and basketball is just around the corner. The Rend Lake College Warriors basketball team is looking to build on to the success it had last season.

After last year's team reached the National Junior College Athletic Association Championship Tournament for the first time in school history, hopes are high for this year's Warriors.

Rend Lake will be without its All-American point

guard from last season, TeNale Roland, who transferred on scholarship to Utah State after the 2011-12 season. Returning to the hard court for RLC this year is Dawson Verhines, a sophomore guard from Woodlawn who averaged 20 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists in 2011-12. Noel Allen, a sophomore forward from Guttentburg, N.J., averaged 15 points as a freshman and was named All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference. Also returning this year are two Academic All-Americans:

Guards Dennis Froemling and Jesse Smith, both from Trico High School. Coming off an injury that cost him the 2011-12 season is red-shirt freshman Corey Ayala, a guard from Metropolis.

"He's going to be a load," Warriors Head Coach Randy House said about Ayala.

Newcomers to the team include 5-7 point guard Trice Whaley of Jeffersonville, Ind., 6-1 transfer guard Joe Gilmore out of Fairview Heights, 6-1 point guard Stephon Bryant of

Louisville, 6-4 guard Jeril Taylor of Louisville, 6-3 guard Cortez Macklin of Louisville, 6-4 forward Montez Buford of Louisville, 6-4 forward Michael Jackson of O'Fallon, 6-4 Alonzo Singletary of Chicago, 6-5 forward Antoine Buchanon of Middleton, Wisc., 6-7 forward Bronson Verhines of Woodlawn, and 6-7 center Montez Williams of East St. Louis.

Their first practice was Oct. 1 and the season tips off Nov. 17 with a road game against Illinois Central College in East Peoria.

## RLC to host national cross country championships Nov. 10

BY JOSH MYERS  
RLC NEWSPAPER STAFF

Rend Lake College is set to host the men's and women's NJCAA Division I Cross Country National Championships, Nov. 10, at Rend Lake Golf Course.

Nearly a hundred teams from around the country will meet and compete for the national championships.

"It's a very exciting event to host. I like how it comes down to one race to determine a national champion, and the athleticism is nothing short of spectacular" said RLC Sports Information Director Nathan Wheeler.

"So many championships are suited to a tournament setup or the total points scored over a

weekend event. In cross country, it comes down to a single race to crown the men's and women's team and individual national champions. It's an 8K race for the men and a 5K race for the women. I was able to help put the meet together five years ago when our own Ben and Pasca Cheruiyot swept the individual championships. That was fun to watch."

Wheeler added that the meet is also a great way to showcase southern Illinois to visitors from other parts of the country - many of whom have never been to this area.

The event is completely free to attend. Fans will see the likes of top-ranked teams, Central Arizona Col-

lege (men's #1) and Iowa Central Community College (women's #1), as well as the home team, the Warriors.

Rend Lake hosted the prestigious event in 2007. Lansing Community College was crowned champion on the men's side while Iowa Central won on the women's side. Rend Lake finished fourth in the men's race with Ben Cheruiyot as the champion, and ninth in the women's race with Pasca Cheruiyot coming in first.

RLC will look to bring the trophy back home this time around. The men's team consists of freshmen Wesley Bradshaw of Walsh, Jon Hill of Sparta and Wade Reeves of Evansville; and sophomores Shawn Burke

of Matawan, N.J., Dameon Morgan of Edwardsville, Tivosiel Rivera of Swedesboro, N.J. and Holland Sherrer of Bridgetown, N.J.

The women's team consists of freshmen Kiera Deford of Pinckneyville and Christina Murphy of Ellenwood, Ga., as well as sophomores Sammi Bybee of Benton and Kirsten Knapp of DuQuoin.

### ATHLETIC EVENTS

- Women's basketball, Saturday, Rock Valley College Jamboree, Rockford.
- Cross Country, Saturday, Evansville University Invitational, Evansville, Ind.

### Santasy Football Challenge

WEEK 5

RLC Sports Writers Mark Hopkins and Josh Myers are going head-to-head this Fantasy Football season. They tossed a coin, held a draft and here we are. Who's ready for some fake football?!

Mark's Team			Josh's Team		
Previous pts	208		240	Previous pts	
Pos	Player	Pts	Pts	Player	Pos
QB	M. Ryan (ATL)	18	29	(NO) D. Brees	QB
	E. Manning (NYG)			(GB) A. Rodgers	
RB	R. Rice (BAL)	11		(HOU) A. Foster	RB
	CJ Spiller (BUF)			(PHI) L. McCoy	
	R. Bush (MIA)		16	(SF) F. Gore	
	A. Peterson (MIN)	9	8	(SEA) M. Lynch	
WR	V. Cruz (NYG)	23		(DET) C. Johnson	WR
	S. Smith (CAR)	4	20	(CHI) B. Marshall	
	V. Jackson (TB)	0	9	(ARI) L. Fitzgerald	
TE	T. Gonzalez (ATL)		3	(NE) R. Gronkowski	TE
	J. Graham (NO)	0	10	(SF) V. Davis	
K	L. Tynes (NYG)	12	11	(CHI) R. Gould	K
	M. Bryant (ATL)			(GB) M. Crosby	
DEF	Texans	9	29	Bears	DEF
	Ravens			49ers	
Week 5 Total Pts	86		135	Week 5 Total Pts	
FF Total Pts	294		375	FF Total Pts	

**This symbol means the guys picked that player to start.**

*Fantasy Football Tip for Week 6 - Week 6 is the week to not start Aaron Rodgers. His Packers are going to Houston to play the AFC South-leading Texans and Rodgers hasn't played like his usual self thus far this season. He is ranked outside the top 10 in both passing yards and passer rating. His number one receiver, Greg Jennings, has a groin injury that has bothered him all season, so don't expect him to perform at 100% if at all. These two issues will not be a good combo against the Houston Texans. Wade Phillips' defense is ranked 2nd in passing defense allowing under 200 yards per game, according to ESPN.com. They are also ranked in the top 10 in interceptions. The Packers will look to establish the run against a defense ranked outside the top 10 in that category. I know it sounds crazy, but this is the week to sit Rodgers. - Josh Myers*

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## Halse Anderson takes on eating disorders with Wintergirls

BY RHEANNA GRIZZELL

RLC NEWSPAPER STAFF

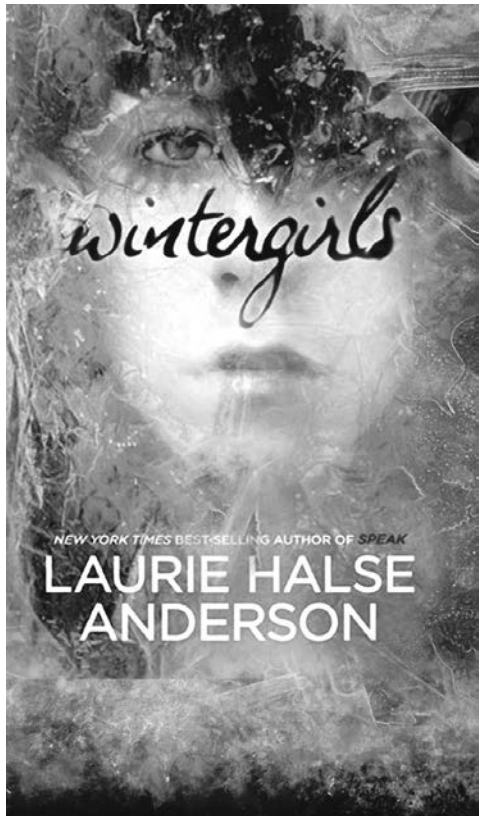
Winter is coming, and it certainly isn't about The Game of Thrones. It's about Wintergirls, a chilly fiction novel that will leave you shivering even after you leave its pages.

With unique, poetic writing, Laurie Halse Anderson tells the intense story of eating disorders, life struggles, emotional breakdowns, dysfunctional families, and most of all, self-acceptance.

Lia, the main character, and Cassie, her best friend, make a pact to be the skinniest girls in school; they become wintergirls, frozen in a fragile state of mind that could end up killing them both. While Lia counted her calories and exercised vigorously, Cassie struggled with bulimia.

The two friends eventually part ways, and a few months later, Lia is left cold and empty after hearing about Cassie's mysterious death. Lia searches for the truth behind her ex-best friend's demise and is seemingly haunted by her ghost everywhere she goes.

Along with the loss of Cassie and the pursuit of being extremely skinny, Lia must deal with her two separated families, her schoolwork, and her therapeutic sessions. She must deceive all of these people with her monitored weight and intake of food so they will not hospitalize her.



Even though the blizzard of Lia's life is raging all around her, she must find hope within herself and her closest family members to overcome her guilt, her disorder, and her near-death experiences; she must be warm again.

During the summer, I read this book late into the night and early into the morning. It captivates the reader so well with a strong subject matter, an exceptional writing style, and a passionate plot. It is truly a piercing novel you will not forget.



### Haunted ..... continued from page 1

ed School is open every weekend in October, as well as on Halloween.

Next is Marion's Haunted Barn. This is not a place for anyone who has a fear of clowns or crazy farmers with a thrill of torture and murder. Admission is only \$12 and it is open every weekend in October.

Jaycee's Haunted House in Mt. Vernon is located at the Old Train Depot on the east side of town. It's an

attraction for all ages with an admission price of only \$7 that goes toward the club's many charity endeavors throughout the year. Jaycee's Haunted House is open every weekend in October.

Lastly, there's Talon Falls in Paducah, Ky. Its famous four attractions consist of a zombie outbreak, haunted hayride, dead-end haunted house, and a freak-show carnival. All four of these scary haunts come at a price of \$50. However, get your hands on a Hardee's Talon

Falls Promotional Cup and the tickets come at a price of only \$40. Talon Falls is open every weekend in October, as well as on Halloween's Eve and Halloween.

With all these options surrounding Southern Illinois this October, making plans for Halloween this year should be easier than ever before. Whether it is to one of Illinois' more local haunts or the more famous attractions in St. Louis, everyone is sure to have a good time this fall. Happy Halloween!

## Tutors changing lives with RLC's Adult Literacy Program

BY BEKA KASH

RLC NEWSPAPER STAFF

Students looking for a way to use their skills and talents to help someone else may want to consider becoming a volunteer tutor.

The Adult Volunteer Literacy program at Rend Lake College is a grant-funded program through the state of Illinois. Students who test below a ninth-grade level in reading or math are assigned a tutor to help them improve in these areas.

To become a volunteer, one must be at least 16 years old and complete 12 hours of training. Training can be done online, in group sessions, or one-on-one with Rend Lake's Literacy Specialist, Ali Whittington. Tutors only have to volunteer one hour a week and tutoring sessions are held in public libraries, on the RLC campus or at the Rend Lake College MarketPlace in Mount Vernon.

According to Whittington, recent statistics show that about 525,000 Illinois residents have less than a ninth grade education and 2.3 million residents could benefit from



Volunteer tutor Carol Rudofski works with a learner at one of Rend Lake College's tutoring locations in the area. There are rewarding opportunities available as a volunteer tutor through RLC's Adult and Literacy Program. Call 437-5321, Ext. 1342 to find out how to help.

this program. Some of these adults struggle to complete job applications, read maps or instructions, or even read a story to their children. Through tutoring, literacy skills will improve. This leads to improved involvement in children's education, gained employment and more community involvement.

Whittington says, "As a tutor, you will help improve society, gain professional

experience, and most importantly, make a difference in someone's life."

She also mentioned that activities are held every other month, from training sessions to get-togethers, like a cookie party for the volunteers. Tutoring can change someone's life and be very rewarding for the volunteer.

For more information, or to register as a volunteer tutor, call Whittington at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1342.

## Check out Banned Books in the LRC

BY BETH MANDRELL

RLC NEWSPAPER STAFF

The library observed Banned Books Week, Sept. 24-28.

According to the American Library Association, Banned Books Week "is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information."

When a book is chal-

lenged by an individual or a group it is usually done to restrict the use of that book within a library. The RLC Learning Resource Center upholds the Freedom to Read statement which means that we believe patrons should be able to choose what they read and without restriction to materials added to our collections because someone has challenged them. Many well-known books have been chal-

lenged. A few examples are "For Whom the Bell Tolls", "Gone with the Wind," the Harry Potter series, "Twilight," "The Color Purple," "The Grapes of Wrath," and "To Kill a Mockingbird."

The LRC has a display of banned books. Drop by and check them out! Students can find more information about banned/challenged books and the Freedom to Read by going online to [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).



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