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RADIO WARRIOR — Brittani Wynn trained in Rend Lake College's graphic design program before joining the team at River Radio. Visit RLC's YouTube Channel and check out the "I Am A Warrior" playlist, or scan the code above, to learn why Wynn is proud to be a Warrior.

### From Rend Lake to River Radio: RLC graphic design grad loving the workforce

REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION nly six years have passed since former Pinckneyville native Brittani Wynn traversed the halls of Rend Lake College. But since then, she has gone miles.

The graphic design major at RLC graduated in 2007 with an Associate of Science degree

before moving on to both a bachelor's and a master's degree in professional media and media management at Southern Illinois University. Wynn said that it was her



Brittani Wynn talks to a colleague in the lobby at River Radio. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / **RLC Public Information)** 

experiences in RLC's graphic design program that helped start a successful career that has begun with designing material for a local ESPN network and the country band Florida Georgia Line.

'We had small class sizes at RLC, so we got to be a small family together for our two years. Two classmates of mine actually became my roommates later. I feel like that helped me a lot," said Wynn. "We all had to have the same credits to graduate, so we were in all of the same classes together. We learned off each other's styles and provided helpful criticism. We learned one another's strengths and weaknesses, and we were able to focus in on those a lot better."

Wynn added it was the college's proximity to her home and low costs that initially drew her in.

"It was the local college, and I knew I wanted to start small and go on to a university. It was a lot

cheaper and, at the time, a lot easier, because I didn't want to move out immediately. I wanted to stay close to my family and get a good education at the same time," she said.

Even after leaving RLC, Wynn said her instructor, Jennifer Taratino Linsin, continued to help in her career as an advocate and driving force.

"First of all, my teacher was extremely inspirational in getting me on the right track. She was always pushing us to explore our interests and believing in us. She has been immensely helpful in my career and she's been my inspiration," said Wynn.

In addition to her graphic design program, Wynn was also on RLC's Homecoming Court and was a member of the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success. Now living in Carterville and working for River Radio, Wynn said her education at RLC set the stage for

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## **Second Annual RLC MarketPlace Car Show** slated for May 4

ar-enthusiasts have one month left to prepare their automobiles for the Second Annual Rend Lake College MarketPlace Car Show, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday, May 4 in Mt. Vernon.

This year, all proceeds raised from the show will go toward automotive scholarships for future RLC students. Automotive Technology Professor Nigel Thompson said the \$10 registration fee will help more students, depending on attendance.

"We had a good turnout last year with 59 entrees, and we're expecting many more this time around," he said. "We're hoping everyone will come out

and support us and our students."

Cars can be entered into the show during registration, scheduled for 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The show will take place in the east parking lot, across the street from the MarketPlace on Potomac. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 registrations.

Judging will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a trophy presentation at 3 p.m.

Trophy awards include Best of Show, Best Ford, Best GM, Best MoPar, Best Street Rod, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Motor, Top Five 1995 and Newer, Top 15 1975 - 1994, and Top 25 1974 and Older.

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### **Welding Contest returning** for 32nd year at RLC

he 32nd Annual Rend Lake College Welding Contest will happen Friday at the Advanced Technology Center on campus. It's for in-district high school students.

The top 10 win prizes with the top three receiving two-year tuition waivers to the RLC Welding Technology program. Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce said the contest will begin around 9 a.m. in the welding lab and will conclude around 11:30 a.m. for lunch and judging. There will be an awards ceremony afterward.

For more information, contact Wilce at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1272, or by email at wilcep@rlc.edu.

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### RLC looking for locals, students to attend to new Community Garden

**REANNE PALMER** 

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION end Lake College is searching for students and local residents who want to get their hands dirty at the new Community Garden, located on the Ina campus next to the Historic Schoolhouse. This new project started last year with preliminary plans, and is now expanding to accept anyone who wants to get more

hands-on experience. **RLC Horticulture** Instructor Ryne Fullerton said no prior classes or skills are necessary to take part, only time and enthusiasm. The summer class will begin April 21 and run through August 6. The deadline

to register is April 14. "We're inviting people

to take the Community Garden class, Horticulture 1219, as a vegetable production class where students can take home produce they grow," said Fullerton.

"Anyone with gardening experience is welcome, and even those who don't have any experience at all. It's an opportunity to come out and learn about different vegetables without sitting through a lecture. I've been gardening for 20 years or so, and I learn something every time I work in a garden."

Participants will grow many different kinds of produce, such as sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, cantaloupe and other mel-

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## Fairytales & chocolate

SHELBY PATTERSON

RLC CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFFWRITER fter a successful night of comedy earlier this semester, the Rend Lake College Thespians have been busy working away at their scripted production, "Flummoxed Fairy Tales."

"Flummoxed" tells the tale of favorite childhood fairytales, but with the zany comedy for which RLC Thespians are known. "Flummoxed Fairy Tales" is performed for area grade schools free of charge,

towards the end of the semester. Many favorite childhood characters appear on stage - Cinderella, Snow White, and Rapunzel, just to name a few!

The troupe will be performing "Flummoxed" this year at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 1, and 1 p.m. Friday, May 2, in the theater. It has become such a hit with the area schools that three of the four performances are already full! Seats are currently still available for the afternoon show on May 1,



Snow White and the Five Cavemen are just one twist on traditional children's stories in Rend Lake College Theatre's "Flummoxed Fairy Tales." The annual play for local elementary school students will be at RLC on May 1 and 2 this year. (Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

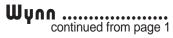
but must be reserved in advance. Please contact **RLC Theatre Director** Tracey Webb at webbt@rlc.edu or by calling (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1295

to reserve seats. In addition to becoming their fairytale counterparts, the Thespians are also raising money for their annual

trip to Chicago to see Sec-

ond City, the masters of comedy improvisation. This year's fundraiser is "World's Finest Chocolate" candy bars. A variety of flavors are available for only \$1 each.

The Thespians will be selling the chocolate until the end of April. Please scope out any member of the troupe to pick some up today!



her to learn even more on the job.

"Right now, I'm learning a lot. I'm freelance designing for a couple places and getting my foot in the door," she said. "I'm working between 50 and 55 hours a week at the two jobs."

In the recent past, Wynn has completed some unique projects, from designing a banner for a show called "Riding the Pine" for local ESPN station WXLT at the Southern Illinois Miner's Rent One Park to creating a certificate for a sound check party at HerrinFesta with the band members of Florida Georgia Line. She said the certificates were auctioned off last year, and were a part of an effort to raise more than \$258,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospi-

"I'm really a jack of all trades. I've done commer-

cials and graphic work here at River Radio. I've also made home décor that is being sold in Hobby Lobby and Kirkland's around the nation," said Wynn. "I cohosted the sound check party for our Z100 station where I got to go and meet, and hang out, with Florida Georgia Line."

This year, Wynn again had the opportunity to design the Z100 St. Jude Radiothon T-shirts, and. with the help of the community, raised over \$270,000, surpassing the 2013 total. In the future, the former Warrior hopes to expand her knowledge of graphic design with the continued support of her family.

"I just want to see where my design takes me," she said. "I am also grateful and lucky to have had the support of my family, especially from my brothers, my dad and my mom, Daniell Weinhoffer, who has always encouraged me to be the best person I can be."



"At Rend Lake, something that I really liked about it was that it was close to home. I was able to see my family and friends, and still get a quality education. Being close to my family is something that is really important to me." - Brittani Wynn, RLC Graphic Design. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT; Brittani with a banner she designed to promote a campaign for ESPN Radio and the Southern Illinois Miners; Wynn with Florida Georgia Line's Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley at HerrinFesta Italiana; Wynn outside River Radio.

## **Rend Lake College Clocktower Chronicle**

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ons, pumpkins, gourds and squash. There will also be an herb garden featuring chives, basil, rosemary and sage. Fullerton added there might be other produce, depending on what the students want.

"The way it will work is students will meet once in a classroom for the introduction and a schedule will be handed out," said Fullerton. "It won't be the typical class where you have to come Monday and Wednesday for two hours. It's set up so that the student can come whenever they have time, as long as they have 4 hours every week for a total of 64 hours by the end of the class."

The class is two credit hours and can be used as

an elective for many different programs at RLC, not just horticulture. Students will receive a pass/fail grade at the end of the course.

Fullerton said there is already a bit of interest in the course and several individuals are already signed up. If the class continues to gain popularity, he said there might be options next year to work in other areas of RLC's district.

"Different communities will donate a lot or area of land for community gardens, but for right now, we have an acre and a half available to use on the Ina campus," he said. "We're starting on the low end, but if we get more people interested, we can grow it."

For more information about the Community



A student member of RLC's Horticulture Club waters the plants for the club's plant sale, April 9 and 10, at the greenhouse by the Vocational Building on the main campus in Ina. The sale will be packed with deals, according to Instructor Ryne Fullerton. The program is starting a new Community Garden for anyone who wants to join in. Details are in today's Clocktower Chronicle. (Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

## Job openings at RLC

s of April 8, Rend Lake College in Ina was seeking to fill the following positions: Computer Technician (full-time) and Assistant Child Care Provider - Preschool Room (part-time). Read more and apply online at www.rlc.edu/jobs.

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## Lady Warriors split with Lady Saints on April 2

The Rend Lake College Softball team split two games against **Shawnee Community** College in Ullin on April 1, moving them to 9-18 for the season. The second game was cut short due to weather conditions after the fifth inning.

Freshman Emma Bachman (Carmi) went 3-4 with two stolen bases in Rend Lake's 2-1 victory. Emily Jenkins (Benton, Ky.) got the near-shutout win after giving up only seven hits through all seven



**Emily Jenkins** 

innings. RLC committed one error and outhit SCC eight to seven. Rend

Lake scored its two runs in the fourth and held Shawnee's rally in the bottom of the seventh to only one run.

Timing was everything for the Lady Saints in the nightcap. SCC tacked on two runs in the bottom of the fifth and grabbed a 5-4 win, just before the game was called for weather. Hayley Spricer (Sims) got the loss on the mound for RLC. She gave up eight hits. Cierra Hutchinson (Johnston City) went 2-3 with a home run and three RBI.

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

## Warriors baseball 9-8 over Olney Central on April 2

REANNE PALMER RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

he Rend Lake College Baseball team defeated Olney Central on April 2, 9-8 in Olney. The win moved the Warriors to 8-18 for the season and 4-6 in the GRAC. Due to weather concerns, the games against Parkland and Lake Land were canceled.

Rend Lake scored two runs in the third, three in the sixth and four in the eighth on 13 hits and committed four errors. Olney Central scored four in the second, one in the third, one in the fifth, and two in the sixth on seven runs and no errors.

Tyler Ellis of Belle Rive got the win on the mound. He threw four innings and gave up one hit and one earned run.

Hitters for The Lake included Clayton Reeves (Mt. Vernon) 2-3, 2 R, 2 RBI; Eli Miller (Shelbyville) 2-5, 2 R, 2 RBI; Colton Meador (Mt. Vernon) 2-5, 2 R, 1 RBI; Darius Box (Belleville) 1-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Jake Stewart (Murphysboro) 2-2, 1 R; Alex Wittenauer (Waterloo) 2-5, 2 RBI; Will Fisher (Havana) 1-2, 1 RBI; Paul Knapp (Flora) 1-5, 1 RBI; and Landon Thomas (Mt. Vernon) 1-5.

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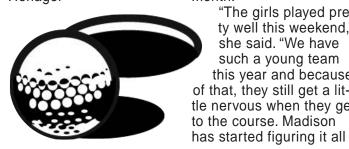
Clayton Reeves (Mt. Vernon) scored twice and had two RBI in the Warriors' 9-8 win over Olney Central on April 2.

## Burgett leads RLC at Wash U Invite

REANNE PALMER

RLC SPORTS INFORMATION ■reshman Madison Burgett (Charleston) led the Rend Lake College women's golf team, this past weekend, at the Washington University Invite at Gateway National Golf Course in Madison. RLC finished 14th as a JUCO among many NCAA teams. The Lady Warriors finished with an overall score of 693 (351-342).

Burgett tied for 57th place with a score of 170 (89-81). She was followed by sophomore Kylee Henager



(Mt. Carmel) in 63rd place at 173 (85-88). Rounding up the team players was Ashley Sexton (Anderson, Ind.) in 67th at 175 (88-87), Katie Garver (Campbell Hill) in 74th at 177 (91-86), and Emily Thomas (Moline) in 88th with 186 (89-97). Freshman Kaylyn Fuhrhop (Okawville) competed as an individual, finishing 85th with a score of 184 (96-88).

Head Coach Cindy Corn said she is proud of the team for competing against tougher division schools, and is looking forward to Nationals next month.

"The girls played pretty well this weekend," she said. "We have such a young team this year and because of that, they still get a little nervous when they get to the course. Madison

out, and we're improving. We could register and play in tournaments we would win, but that's not pushing the team to do better. We've got Nationals coming up in a few weeks, so we're working to get there. Because they're almost all freshman, we've got nothing to lose."

William Woods University of Fulton, Mo. came in first place this weekend at 605 (306-299), followed by invite host Washington University of St. Louis at 606 (300-306). There were only three other Illinois schools competing: Illinois Wesleyan of Bloomington who placed 9th overall with a score of 605 (329-321), North Central College of Naperville who placed 13th overall at 686 (347-339), and Millikin University who placed 16th overall with a score of 724



**Madison Burgett** 

(365-359).

The Lady Warriors will host the Rend Lake Preview at the Rend Lake Golf Course in Whittington on April 18-19. They will then move on to the Region 24 Tournament in Carterville on April 27-28 and the NJCAA National Tournament in Daytona Beach on May 12-15. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.

## Warriors finish 2nd at John A. Logan Invite

he Rend Lake College Warrior golf team placed 2nd on March 31 at the John A. Logan Invite, held at Kokopelli Golf Course in Marion, with a score of 618 (312-306).

Sophomore Travis Waninger (Chrisney, Ind.) and freshman Matt Greenfield (Hassocks, England) led the Warriors in sixth and seventh places. respectively. Waninger finished with 152 (77-75), only five strokes behind Invite leader, Logan's Connor Graves' (Rockin, Calif.) at 147. Greenfield finished with 153 (78-75).

Also playing for the Warriors' team was freshman Blake Swofford (Vandalia), who scored 156 (77-79) and finished ninth: sophomore Dayton Jones (Hopkinsville, Ky.), who scored

157 (80-77) and finished 11th; and Dalton Korte (Metropolis), who scored 161 (82-79) and finished 14th.

Three other RLC athletes competed individually at the Invite: Jesse Sanders of Benton finished 21st, Trenton Easley of West Frankfort finished 23rd, and Gage Wetzel of Mattoon finished 26th.

Invite host John A. Logan took first place at the tournament with 603. Parkland came in third at 621 and Mott Community College of Flint, Mich., finished fourth at 669.

Next up for the Warriors will be to host the RLC Invite at Green Hills Golf Course in Mt. Vernon on April 27-28. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

## Rend Lake Women's Golf team comes in 14th at Saluki Invite

REANNE PALMER

RLC SPORTS INFORMATION he Rend Lake College Lady Warrior golf team finished 14th yesterday at the two-day SIU Saluki Invitational at Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale. The golfers held 14th place through both days and ended the tournament with a 732 (362-370).

The Lady Warriors were led by freshman Madison Burgett (Charleston) who finished with a 176 (87-89), closely followed by sophomore Kylee Henager (Mt. Carmel) at 179 (86-93).

Three RLC freshman rounded off the five-player team. Katie Garver (Campbell Hill) finished with a 188 (92-96), Ashley Sexton (Anderson, Ind.) finished at 189 (97-92), and Kaylyn Fuhrhop (Okawville) finished at 207 (101-106).

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placed first with a score of 617 (309-308). Other local teams participating included SIU Edwardsville, who tied for 7th place at 660 (336-324); and John A. Logan, who placed 13th at 708 (352-356).

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The RLC Women's Golf team posed for a picture after day one of the SIU Saluki Invite. The team finished in 14th with a score of 732 (362-370). Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Ashley Sexton (Anderson, Ind.), Katie Garver (Campbell Hill), Kylee Henager (Mt. Carmel), Kaylyn Fuhrhop (Okawville), and Madison Burgett (Charleston). (Submitted Photo)



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## Rend Lake College hands out awards at Student Art Show

RLC's annual Student Art Show was held Thursday, March 27, in the Theatre Lobby. The judge was Tienne Rei Kollars of Herrin. A total of 80 pieces were submitted for the show, and more than \$1,500 were awarded in prizes, scholarships and tuition waivers to local high school and RLC students.



**Adam Lee Lorance Memorial** Scholarship: Alexandra Miller of **Pinckneyville** 



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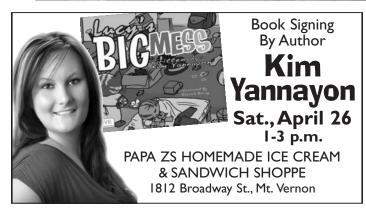


Sue Good (McLeansboro) won a Students for Students Scholarship for her art portfolio. On the right is "Echoes of Chihuly."



High School Scholarships: Chelsea Sprinkle, RIGHT, of Mt. Vernon was awarded one of three tuition waivers to attend Rend Lake College in the fall, based on her portfolio. Chelsea is pictured with RLC Vice President of Academic Instruction Chris Kuberski, LEFT.







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BEST OF SHOW -Chris Glisson's 1977 **Mustang Cobra took** home the life-size trophy last October for winning "Best of Show" at the first Fall Car Show hosted at Rend Lake College. The spring Car Show will be held on May 4 at the RLC Market-Place in Mt. Vernon. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC **Public Information**)

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A photographer will take pictures of participants with their cars starting around 1:30 p.m. There will also be door prizes, food and soft drinks available and live music by Hot Rod Nights.

For more information, contact Nigel Thompson at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1806 or thompson@rlc.edu. For regular updates, check out the event's Facebook page by searching "2nd Annual Rend Lake College MarketPlace Car Show."

## Rend Lake College Student Art Show Awards (cont.)





Best of Portfolio went to Casey Brandt of Mt. Vernon. She won the Adam Award for "Happy Kiss."



Foundation Award: Dawn Tanner of Pinckneyville for "Out on a Limb"



3D, Third Place: Achaia Shipp of Mt. Vernon for "Waterfall Brown"



Claxton Award: Makeda Jones of Mt. Vernon for "Do You See What I See?"





Honorable Mention: Samuel Lawrence of Mt. Vernon for "Serpent's Ire"



2D, Third Place: Michael E. Williams of Ina for "The One That Didn't Get Away"





Honorable Mention: Hannah Forby of Benton for "Skull within the Hats"





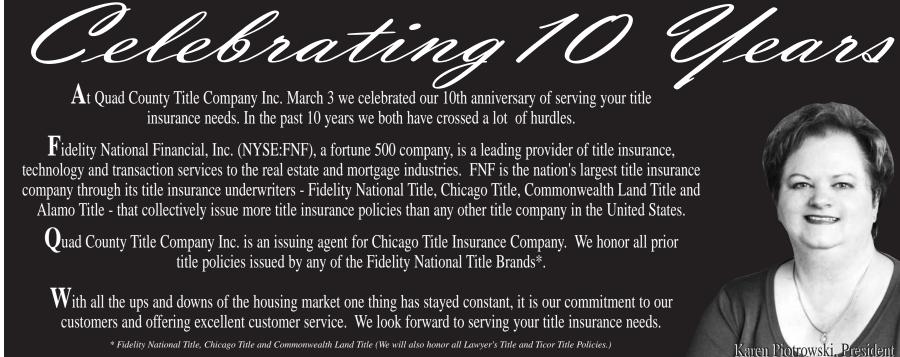
Honorable Mention: Hannah Brannan of Thompsonville for "Alice in Wonderland"



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