



## Student Rep

The Rend Lake College Trustees welcomed new student member Eli Liske to the board at their April meeting. Liske, of Okawville, is a double major in agriculture production and agriculture mechanics with aspirations to one day teach. Liske will serve on the board for the next year. The previous student trustee was Haden Smith of Wayne City. Liske is pictured above, SEATED, along with, FROM LEFT, Board of Trustees member and ICCTA Representative Rick Marlow, member Dr. David Asbery, member Randall Crocker, Chairman Eric Black, RLC President Terry Wilkerson, Secretary John Kabat, and member Larry Manning. (Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

## Online associate degree rolls out this fall, registration begins May 5

**CHAD COPPLE**  
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

**B**eginning May 5, students can enroll in Rend Lake College's new distance-delivered associate degree program, which makes local higher education more accessible than ever.

Classes begin Aug. 18 in this Associate in Science Degree program, which has a business focus. The program is made up mainly of online classes, allowing students to complete work at their convenience. The remainder of the classes will be delivered in a hybrid format,

consisting of online coursework with a small number of face-to-face meetings announced in advance.

The roll-out of this new offering is an effort to make a college education more accessible to the residents of the Rend Lake College district, particularly those who may have difficulty attending college in the traditional face-to-face setting. This distance-delivered format allows most class work to be completed at the student's convenience, making it well suited to working adults, stay-at-home parents and more.

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the organization which accredits colleges and universities in this region, has given its approval to allow RLC to offer this degree. College officials will continue working to polish this new offering and to investigate additional distance-delivery options in the future.

Chris Kuberski, Vice President of Academic Instruction at RLC, said, "Rend Lake College is continuously seeking ways to improve the educational opportunities for the residents

of our district. Offering an online degree is yet another way for us to provide a quality education in a convenient and affordable format."

"Distance delivery is an option that is needed in our community," said RLC President Terry Wilkerson. "The simple fact is that people have tighter schedules today, and it's difficult for many people who want a college education to attend classes on a set schedule at a brick-and-mortar location. The goal of this program is to enable more people to pursue a college degree."

Registration for the online

degree begins May 5. Those enrolling in this distance-delivered program will pay in-district tuition regardless of residency. The curriculum includes several general education core classes in subjects such as English, mathematics, computer science, psychology and health, in addition to various business classes.

To set up a registration appointment or for more information, contact the Rend Lake College Academic Advisement Center at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1266, or at [advising@rlc.edu](mailto:advising@rlc.edu). For more information about RLC, visit [www.rlc.edu/journey](http://www.rlc.edu/journey).

## RLC taking back unwanted prescription drugs April 26 in Mt. Vernon

**REANNE PALMER**  
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

**R**end Lake College is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to collect unwanted, unused, or expired prescription drugs from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at the RLC MarketPlace in Mt. Vernon. The DEA only accepts pills and patches, not liquids, needles, or sharps.

The service is free and anonymous with no questions asked. Last year, over 647,000 pounds of prescription drugs were turned into the DEA, totaling more than 3.4 million pounds collected at 4,114 sites since it began Take Back events.

Sustainability Professional Tyson Ellis said this is the second collection RLC has organized with the goal of keeping the environment clean and safe from prescription drug chemicals.

"Rend Lake hosted a prescription drug take back last year on the Ina campus," he said. "We're

hoping to be able to reach out to more people who need to get rid of their unwanted prescriptions before they cause harm to our environment. RLC is excited to be offering something like this to the public."

The DEA states the events address a vital public safety and health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the

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## Job openings at RLC

**A**s of April 11, Rend Lake College was seeking to fill the following positions: Administrative Assistant for the Allied Health Division (Part-Time); Administrative Assistant for the Liberal Arts Division (Full-Time); Computer Technician (Full-Time); and Assistant Child Care Provider - Preschool Room (Part-Time). To learn more and apply, visit RLC online at [www.rlc.edu/jobs](http://www.rlc.edu/jobs).

## Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi inducts 2014 class

**REANNE PALMER**  
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

**S**ixty-six Rend Lake College students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi Chapter on April 9 in the RLC Theatre. The induction ceremony featured guest speakers RLC President Terry Wilkerson; Nathan Brouwer, Associate Professor of History and PTK RX Chapter Advisor; inductee Bailey Wynn (Benton); and honorary faculty inductee Larry Williams, Zoology Professor.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Wilkerson gave all the students words of advice for their education at RLC and beyond.

"We're all proud of you, and we wish you the best of luck," he said. "I challenge you in life to appreciate what you've got and what you've got to do. At Rend Lake College, we're honored that you represent our chapter and our school."

Brouwer agreed, adding, "This group is a perfect example of who will run this world. They

are the next generation of leaders. It's a wonderful thing to be an advisor to them and it's an honor to be here."

Wynn introduced Williams, the 2014 Phi Theta Kappa honorary faculty inductee. She said he was awarded the induction because of his great teaching skills and his efforts to go above and beyond for his students.

"He's one of the best teachers I've ever had," said Wynn. "You can tell he really cares for his students and he would do anything for them. He is one-of-a-kind and he's truly made my education at Rend Lake College one to remember."

Williams, a 33-year instructor at RLC, said he was honored to have been chosen by such an esteemed group.

"I thank you very much for selecting me for this honor. I know there are some wonderful faculty at Rend Lake College, and you chose me, so again, I want to thank you for that," said Williams. "I believe everyone here

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# Highlights from Board of Trustees April meeting

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RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

**E**lijah Liske was seated as the new student member of the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees for the 2014-2015 academic year. Liske (Sesser) is studying Agricultural Production and Management and Agricultural Mechanics. Liske replaces outgoing student trustee Haden Smith (Wayne City), who was recognized with a plaque for his year of service on the board.

The board accepted with regret the retirement resignation of Chris Kuberski, Vice President of Academic Instruction, effective June 30, 2018. Kuberski has been with Rend Lake College full-time since August 1989, teaching English and Speech as a full-time faculty member before becoming head of the Liberal Arts Division. She assumed her current position as a vice president in July 2008.

"Rend Lake College has provided me with opportunities I would never have imagined in my early days as a part-time instructor," Kuberski wrote in her retirement letter. "My life has been enriched by the students, faculty, staff, community members and community college colleagues that I have encountered as a representative of Rend Lake College. It has always been and continues to be my hope that my contributions to the institution have made it an even better place for students to learn."

The board approved two personnel moves involving the Student Services Department. Charlotte Loquasto was transferred from Records Specialist to Testing and Placement Specialist, effective May 5. She has experience with the current aspects of the position as well as technology experience, and will be able to update software and troubleshoot the programs used in the testing lab. Beth Stevens was transferred from Administrative Assistant to the Allied Health Division to Records Specialist, effective May 5, filling the vacancy from Loquasto's transfer. Stevens' strengths include

knowledge of campus programs, admission requirements and student support.

The contracts for Terry Wilkerson, Rend Lake College President, and Angie Kistner, Vice President of Finance and Administration, were renewed at the terms and length agreed upon with the Board of Trustees. Approval was granted to amended retirement dates for two employees. Cathy Cross, Administrative Assistant for the Liberal Arts Division, and Lisa Payne, Vice President of Career Technical Instruction, moved their previously set retirement dates of June 30, 2015, and July 1, 2014, respectively, to June 29, 2014. The moves were made due to State University Retirement System pension plan changes set to take effect July 1, 2014.

The board granted permission to suspend the dance program, effective immediately. According to administrative rationale, the program was recommended for suspension because of a lack of state funding and tuition reimbursement, the fact that very few Illinois community colleges have dance programs, and low interest in the program. No student-athletes have been recruited for the 2014-2015 academic year.

In other business, the board approved the 2014-2015 RLC Student Handbook; approved revision to board procedure concerning fees; and approved submission of the Statement of Final Construction Compliance on the Excess Protection, Health and Safety Funds project for parking lot lighting replacement.

Mark your calendars for the Student Art Show going on through May 2 in the Learning Resource Center and Theatre Lobby; the Southeast Region Trustees Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at Robert L. Meese Village Centre, John A. Logan College; the Spring Concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the RLC Theatre; the RLC Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the Pat Kern Private Dining Room of the RLC Student Center; the Spring Orches-



**THANK YOU** — Haden Smith, LEFT, of Wayne City completed his term as the student representative on the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees. The new student trustee is Eli Liske of Okawville. Smith said it was an honor to serve on the board and is looking forward to continuing his education after graduating from RLC next month. He is pictured with RLC President Terry Wilkerson, CENTER, and RLC Board of Trustees Chairman Eric Black, RIGHT. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

tra Concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27, in the RLC Theatre; Flummoxed Fairy Tales at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and Friday, May 2, in the RLC The-

atre; the RLC Board / Faculty / Staff Awards from 4-6 p.m. Friday, May 9, at Birdie's at the Rend Lake Golf Course; the Associate Degree Nursing Pinning

Ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15, in Waugh Gymnasium; and Commencement at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in Waugh Gymnasium.

## Crossword

### "Places to Play"

#### Across

- 1 Turn toward
- 5 A goatee covers it
- 9 Random guess
- 13 "American \_\_\_"
- 14 Call up
- 15 "The Way We \_\_\_"
- 16 Where players drive and putt
- 18 Boleyn or Tyler
- 19 Slimy veggie
- 20 Yogurt brand
- 22 Some infielders
- 26 Hawaiian necklace
- 27 Stated to be true
- 28 Become unified
- 33 Basmati and jasmine
- 34 Chewing gum, chocolate bars, etc.
- 35 "\_\_\_-ching!"
- 36 Apple computers
- 37 Extra feature
- 38 Dress up like (for Halloween)
- 39 Devoured
- 40 Songs for one
- 41 Not beating around the bush
- 42 Soft piece of sports equipment
- 44 Journalist's secret
- 45 Little white lie
- 46 Weightlifter's helper
- 47 Nike rival
- 50 Store
- 51 One of many in a strawberry
- 52 Where players check and deke
- 58 Starbucks size
- 59 Host
- 60 Swedish furniture chain
- 61 Word in cutesy store names
- 62 Speaker's platform

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- 63 Moisture covered, as a meadow
- 14 Nudged with a stick
- 41 Pirate's treasure
- 17 Shows up
- 21 No enemy
- 43 Violin's cousin
- 22 Server of beers
- 23 Take to the skies
- 44 Shopping \_\_\_
- 24 Where players dribble and shoot
- 46 "\_\_\_ alive!"
- 25 Female sheep
- 28 Panama or Erie
- 47 Concerning
- 29 Burden
- 30 Super Bowl highlights?
- 48 "Let's Make a \_\_\_"
- 31 One of three spaces on a Monopoly board
- 49 Structure for storing tools
- 32 Holiday with eggs
- 50 1221, in Roman numerals
- 34 Cobra's shape
- 53 Grandma, in Germany
- 37 Sports \_\_\_
- 54 (Free) of
- 38 Oversupply
- 55 Pres. Eisenhower
- 40 Swedish group that did "Fernando"
- 56 \_\_\_ Mexico
- 57 Letter after "jay"

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# RLC Agriculture Banquet



## Kabat honored

John Kabat received the Doug Leeck Memorial Service Award at Rend Lake College's 38th Annual Agriculture Banquet. The award recognizes Kabat's dedication to the ag industry in Southern Illinois. The current RLC Board of Trustees Secretary and former RLC student has taught at Mt. Vernon Township High School for 29 years. He was named RLC's Outstanding Ag Student of the Year in 1982. Kabat said the award is special to him because Leeck inspired him to continue his education and go into teaching. "You never know who it will be, but some people will touch your lives. ... Doug Leeck did that for me. He convinced me to go into teaching many years ago and I didn't have that idea in mind. I appreciate this award. It means a lot to me." (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



## Outstanding students

Student award winners posed with their instructors at Rend Lake College's 38th Annual Agriculture Banquet, April 10, in Waugh Gymnasium. Pictured are, FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW; Quinton Mathis (DuQuoin), Daniel Qualls (West Frankfort), and Blake Kiselewski (Woodlawn). SECOND ROW; Brett Anderson (Johnston City), Carolyn Overturf (Bonnie), Mike Hetisimer (Belleville), Andrew Hilme (Caryle), Keith Hamilton (Steeleville), and Agriculture Associate Professor Kathy Craig. BACK ROW; Horticulture Instructor Ryne Fullerton, Heavy Equipment Technology Associate Professor Zach Vahlkamp, Agriculture Mechanics and Diesel Technology Associate Professor Mike Burris, Outstanding Part-Time Agriculture Instructor Award winner Dave Funk, and Agriculture Instructor John McKinney. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

# Construction under way for art addition at LRC

**SHELBY PATTERSON**  
RLC CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFFWRITER

If you've ventured to the north side of campus lately, you've probably noticed the ongoing construction outside the Learning Resource Center. About 2,000 additional square feet of art space will be ready for students in the fall 2014 semester, according to Henry "Buster" Leeck, dean of Liberal Arts at RLC. "This new addition will house stained glass, metal-smithing, ceramics, sculpture, and life drawing," said Leeck. "The existing space will also undergo extensive

renovation over the summer of 2014. When classes resume in the fall semester, Drawing I and II, and Painting I and II will be the primary classes housed in the current room. Our hope is that this new space and all of the new equipment and furnishings will make the art program even more appealing to students." The art program isn't the only one benefiting from the renovation. Leeck said the added space will relieve cramped conditions for theatre students. "This addition will free up existing space that was, by design, meant for theater.

The current ceramics and sculpture room is really the scene shop for the theater. For the past several years, we have been forced to perform most of the construction of sets on the stage, leading to issues with dirt and dust getting into the auditorium of the theater, the lighting system, and other sensitive equipment like the Steinway Grand Piano. This addition will allow us to relocate ceramics and sculpture to an art space." The project is being funded by the Capital Development Board, in conjunction with RLC.



**WALL ART** — Workers with Shores Construction wall up what will be more than 2,000 additional square feet for art students in Fall '14. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

## Working lunch

Jason Swann, LEFT, RLC dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management, heard feedback from dozens of students last Wednesday at RLC's first-ever Dean's Luncheon in the Student Center. Swann said topics mentioned included faculty and staff, lectures and programs, campus needs, and student services. He said there will likely be more Dean's Luncheons in the future. Pictured with Swann are, FROM LEFT, students Chandler Kirsch (Mt. Vernon), Aaron Green (Texico) and Nikolas Green (Opdyke). (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



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trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards. The DEA is in the process of approving new regulations to implement the Safe and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an ultimate user of

controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. For more information, contact Ellis at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1230 or ellist@rlc.edu.



### Solution to Crossword puzzle printed on page 2.

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## New DVDs at LRC

Check out these new DVDs, recently added to the collection at the Learning Resource Center. "Julius Caesar," "Hot Coffee," "In Time," "20 Feet from Stardom," "The Great Gatsby," "12 Years a Slave," "Rashomon," "Elementary: the First Season," "Hidden Fortress," "The Three Branches of Government," "Legend of Charlie Birger,"

"United States Bill of Rights and Constitutional Amendments," "The United States Constitution," "Understanding the Skin," "Understanding the Lymphatic and Immune Systems," "Understanding the Cell," "Understanding Reproduction in Humans," "Understanding Metabolism," and "Understanding the Cardiovascular System."

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# ATHLETICS

## W S E C T I O N

## Sports Hall of Fame inducting '04-'05 Women's Golf Team, Bivens-Decker from '99-'01

For the 15th Class of the Rend Lake College Sports Hall of Fame, one graduate and one team will be honored during the banquet: the 2004-05 Women's Golf team and Bobbie Jo Bivens-Decker, an RLC

women's golfer from 1999-2001. The ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the Student Center.

Bivens-Decker is the first, and so far only, women's golfer to win back-to-back Regional Championships

during her two years at RLC. As a graduate of Petersburg Porta High School in Petersburg, Bivens-Decker came to RLC and led the Lady Warriors as a freshman in four of the five events preceding her first regional win as well

as leading the team to sixth at Nationals. As a freshman, she placed 30th overall with a score of 365.

When she returned as a sophomore, she again won Regionals, and also helped the team place seventh at Nationals. She placed 35th as a sophomore with a score of 361 at Nationals. Afterward, she transferred to Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Ark.

During her time at RLC, she was also medalist in the RLC Mary M. O'Neal Classic with 158 (81-77), second place at the McKendree Invite with 164 (82-82), medalist at the Illinois Wesleyan Classic with 148 (76-72); medalist again at the Southern Indiana Invite, and second place at the Brescia Invite.

"When Bobbie Jo won Regionals two-years in a row, I feel like that was a huge accomplishment for her and for the team," said Head Coach Cindy Corn. The 1999-2000 team was her first as head coach. "The team built a lot of friendships, and they are still close-knit today."

The 2004-05 Region XXIV Championship team and NJCAA fourth-place team was comprised of seven players from as close as Benton and as far as

South Africa. Local players Nicole Adams (O'Fallon), Courtney Doughty (Benton), Ashley Hemann (Highland), Danielle Kaufman (Nashville) and Meredith Mosel (DeSoto) were joined by Casey Biddinger (Lafayette, Ind.) and Surita Risseeuw (Pretoria, South Africa).

Kaufman was named Third-Team All-American as a freshman, and Biddinger and Mosel were listed as All-Region honorees. Together, the team set a 17-stroke Region record with 645 (324-321). At Regionals, Risseeuw finished first with 157 (77-80) and Kaufman finished second with 159 (80-79). Biddinger came in fourth at 166 (82-84), Mosel in fifth at 167 (85-82), and Hemann in sixth at 168 (88-80).

The sophomore-dominated team finished Nationals in fourth place with an overall score of 1,310 (336-315-333-326). Other feats for the team include setting 18- and 36-hole team records at the McKendree Invite, winning the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Invite, and taking third at the Illinois Wesleyan Invite. Risseeuw won medalist at the Screaming Eagle Classic in Indiana, and both



Bivens-Decker in 1999

Kaufman and Biddinger carded holes-in-one during the season.

"That year, their families were very supportive and would always travel for the team, even if their child wasn't playing," said Corn. "Every tournament was a team effort, and you can see that looking at their scores. We were very fortunate. It's the best showing we've ever had at the National Tournament. This team was great to coach. It'll be good to have them all back."

The Hall of Fame Inductees will be honored with plaques and a dinner during the ceremony. The public is invited to attend. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the RLC Athletic Department at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1250, or by e-mail at oxford@rlc.edu.



The 2004-05 Women's Golf Team poses with their Region 24 Championship trophies. FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT, Danielle Kaufman (Nashville) and Casey Biddinger (West Lafayette, Ind.); BACK ROW, FROM LEFT, Nicole Adams (O'Fallon), Ashley Hemann (Highland), Meredith Mosel (Carbondale) and Surita Risseeuw (Pretoria, South Africa). Having started the season ranked number five in the nation, the Lady Warriors stepped it up, moving to fourth at NJCAA Nationals in Daytona Beach, Fla. Risseeuw tied for fifth at Nationals, putting her forward as a Second-Team All-American. Hemann finished 18th, followed by Adams in 20th, and Biddinger in 30th.

## Tennis' Burge undefeated in regular season

REANNE PALMER  
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

The Rend Lake College Women's Tennis team moved one step closer to the Region 24 Championship Tournament on April 8 with a 6-3 win over Lewis and Clark A. The Lady Warriors finished at 11-2 for the combined fall and spring regular season.

Against LCCC, RLC had a 2-1 advantage after doubles wins by duos Ally Adcock (Texico) and Alyssa Burge (Mt. Vernon), and Marisa Uhls (Mt. Vernon) and Katie Wall (Mt. Vernon). Singles wins went to Burge, Uhls, Wall, and Evelyn Mendez (West City).

Burge completed her sophomore year undefeated in singles. It's quite an achievement, especially when considering that Burge had surgery to repair a torn ACL in mid-2012.



Coming off surgery to repair a torn ACL, sophomore Alyssa Burge of Mt. Vernon went undefeated in singles this year. She will lead the Lady Warriors into the Region XXIV Championship, April 12, in Godfrey. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Sports Information)

RLC now prepares for the Region XXIV Championship match with the

winner of Lewis and Clark / Kaskaskia. The winner punches its ticket to the national championship tournament in Texas. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at [www.rlc.edu/warriors](http://www.rlc.edu/warriors).

## Where are the Warriors?

Coming up in Warriors and Lady Warriors athletics:

### BASEBALL

Baseball will visit Wabash Valley April 17 (3 p.m.) and host WVC the 19th (Noon, DH), play at Olney Central the 21st (3 p.m.), visit Lindenwood University - Belleville the 23rd (1 p.m.) and host John A. Logan on the 24th (3 p.m.).

### TRACK & FIELD

Men's and women's track and field are at Milliken University on April 20.

### SOFTBALL

Softball will host Southwestern Illinois on the 17th (2 p.m.), play at Southeastern on the 18th (Noon), host Morthland on the 19th (2 p.m.), visit Lindenwood University - Belleville on the 21st (5 p.m.), and play at Southwestern Illinois the 22nd (2:30 p.m.).

## Softball splits with KC April 11

Rend Lake College softball split a doubleheader April 11 at Kaskaskia. RLC lost 11-3 and won 9-6. That put the

team at 11-24 overall and 6-15 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at [www.rlc.edu/warriors](http://www.rlc.edu/warriors).

## Softball loses two at Lake Land

The Rend Lake College softball team lost 4-1 and 15-0, April 10, in a doubleheader against Lake

Land in Mattoon. Losing pitchers are Amanda Holway (Benton, Ill) and Emily Jenkins (Benton, Ky).

## Lady Warriors lose to Lewis and Clark at tennis regional

Rend Lake College tennis took only one match April 12 from Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, and lost 8-1 at the NJCAA DI Region XXIV Championship. The loss caps a successful

11-2 regular season for the Lady Warriors. Katie Wall (Mt. Vernon) landed a spot on the All-Region XXIV team with her singles win. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at [www.rlc.edu/warriors](http://www.rlc.edu/warriors).

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has the ability to be the very best, and they have the will. I wish you luck in the future."

The inductees then signed their name into the chapter's record book before attending a reception in the Theatre Lobby.

Other students inducted, but not available for group photographs, include Sara Buffington (Mt. Vernon), Paige Hutchcraft (Whittington), Blake Kiselewski (Woodlawn), Evelyn Mendez (West City), Xavier Ostolaza (Mt. Vernon), Aaron Ramsey (Mt. Vernon), Marisa Uhls (Mt. Vernon), and George Workman (Benton).



**PTK RX at RLC** — These Rend Lake College students in the PHOTO ABOVE are Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi inductees from Jefferson and St. Clair counties. **FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT** are, Kaitlyn Parcell (Mt. Vernon), Jacque Helverson (Bonnie), Caitlyn Sanders (Mt. Vernon), and Katie Tate (Mt. Vernon); **SECOND ROW, Natalie Meador (Mt. Vernon), Jessica Connaway (Mt. Vernon), Casey Jackson (Mt. Vernon), Lindsey Wielt (Mt. Vernon), Kayla Burk (Mt. Vernon), Amber Crawford (Bluford), Krista Stormt (Dix), Virginia Price (Opdyke), and Tamara Smith (Mt. Vernon); BACK ROW, Billy Fields (Mt. Vernon), Chelsea Kujawa (Ashley), Sydney Crews (Mt. Vernon), Nathaniel Groh (Mt. Vernon), Garrik McConnell (Mt. Vernon), and Matt Koesterer (Freeburg). (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)**



**PTK RX at RLC** — These Rend Lake College students are Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi inductees from Franklin County. **FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT** are, Makennah Miller (Benton), Hannah Forby (Benton), Kayla Haney (Ewing), Paige Matthews (Benton), Vanessa Lawrence (Benton), Mikayla Queen (Sesser); **BACK ROW, William Kimble (Thompsonville), Jessica Murphy (Thompsonville), Esther Wysong (Thompsonville), Tyler Dennison (Coello), Julian Docherty (Christopher), Matthew Crawford (Sesser), Bailey Wynn (Benton), and Mike Dees (West Frankfort). (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)**

**HONORARY INDUCTEE** — RLC Phi Theta Kappa inductee Bailey Wynn (Benton), **LEFT**, introduced the 2014 PTK honorary faculty inductee Larry Williams, RLC Zoology Professor, **RIGHT**, during the induction ceremony. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



**PTK RX at RLC** — These Rend Lake College students are Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi inductees from Coles, Jackson, Monroe, Randolph, and Williamson counties, and Spencer County, Indiana. **FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT** are, Katelyn Garver (Campbell Hill), Madison Burgett (Charleston), and Jessica Alongi (Herrin); **BACK ROW, Clint Reiman (Ava), Sammy Sterns (Carterville), George Ryan Gregson (Waterloo), Travis Waninger (Chrisney, Ind.), and Seth Shelvin (Sparta). (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)**



**PTK RX at RLC** — These Rend Lake College students are Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi inductees from Perry and Randolph counties. **FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT** are, Alison Bulger (Du Quoin), Sue Greer (Coulterville), Ashley Przygoda (Tamaroa), and Shelby Thompson (Pinckneyville); **BACK ROW, Brandon Conway (Pinckneyville), Patrick Kovic (Pinckneyville), and Adam Valentine (Tamaroa). (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)**



**PTK RX at RLC** — These Rend Lake College students are Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi inductees from Hamilton, Washington, and Wayne counties. **FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT** are, Christina Parr (McLeansboro), Brittany Hedden (Wayne City), Kristen Keele (Wayne City), Breanne Beard (McLeansboro), and Abbie Braden (McLeansboro); **BACK ROW, Elijah Liske (Okawville), Austin Hagene (Nashville), Anna Moreton (Dahlgren), Devin Howton (McLeansboro), and Emma Moreton (Dahlgren). (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)**

**Annual Drinking Water Quality Report  
For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013**

**BLUFORD — IL 0810100**

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the BLUFORD water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by BLUFORD is purchased from the Mt. Vernon water system. The Mt. Vernon water system purchases the water from Rend Lake Inter City Water Co. If the public wishes to participate in the decisions that affect their water quality the Board meetings are held at the Bluford Village Hall on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information regarding this report, contact: James Parkhill, phone 618-237-7745 or 618-732-8773.

**Source Drinking Water**

The source of drinking water (both tap water and bottled) includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which may be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic waste water discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain chemicals in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Source Water Assessment**

We want our customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by the Village Hall or call our water operator at 618-732-8773. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of public water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. Hence, the reason for mandatory treatment for all public water supplies in Illinois. Mandatory treatment includes coagulation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection. Primary sources of pollution in Illinois lakes can include agricultural runoff, land disposal (septic systems) and shoreline erosion.

The Bluford water system purchases the water we sell. The water is purchased from the Mt. Vernon water system. The Mt. Vernon water system purchases their water from Rend Lake Inter City Water Co. We have to include the Rend Lake Inter City water system tables with our CCR report.

**BLUFORD WATER SYSTEM TABLES**

Date collected 12-31-2013

Regulated Contaminants	Highest Level	Range of Levels Detected	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Violation?
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By-Products</b>						
Chloramines	2.5	2.2-2.45	ppm	MRDLG=4	mrdl=4	No
Water additive used to control microbes						
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	27	0-27	ppb	no goal for total	60	No
By-product of drinking water chlorination						
TTHM-s (Total Trihalomethanes)	37	36.63-38.32	ppb	no goal for total	80	No
By-product of drinking water chlorination						

**Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2012 (collected in 2012 unless noted)**

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Max. Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive Total Coliform Samples In Any Month	Fecal Coliform Or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples in 2012	Violation
0	0	0	0	0	No

Likely source of contamination is naturally present in the environment

**LEAD AND COPPER DATE SAMPLED: 6/22/2012**

Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level (AL)	Lead 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90th Percentile	#Sites Over Copper AL
0 ppb	15 ppb	2.9 ppb	15	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	.037 ppm	0

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. The likely source of contamination for copper is the erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; corrosion of household plumbing systems. The likely source of lead contamination is the corrosion of household plumbing systems; and erosion of natural deposits.

**REND LAKE WATER SYSTEM TABLES**

Regulated Contaminants	Highest Level	Range of Levels Detected	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Violation?
<b>Collection Date 12-31-13</b>						
<b>Chloramines</b>	2.9	2.7-3	ppm	4	4	No
<b>Chlorite</b>	1.54	0-1.54	ppm	0.8	1	No
<b>HAAS</b>	16	11.6-19.1	ppb	no goal	60	No
<b>TTHM</b>	33	23.8-42.3	ppb	no goal	80	No
<b>Arsenic</b>	1	0.939-1.02	ppm	0	10	No
<b>Barium</b>	0.0191	0.0144-0.0191	ppb	2	2	No
<b>Fluoride</b>	0.8	0.798-0.798	ppm	4	4.0	No
<b>Sodium</b>	21	17.8-23.6	ppm			No
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>						
<b>Collection Date 2-4-08</b>						
<b>Combined Radium</b>	1.36	1.36-1.36	pCi/l	0	5	No
<b>Gross Alpha excluding Radon &amp; Uranium</b>						
	1.3	1.3-1.3	pCi/l	0	15	No
<b>Synthetic Organic Contaminants Including Pesticides and Herbicides</b>						
<b>Atrazine 2013</b>	0.48	0-0.48	ppb	3	3	No
<b>Simazine 2013</b>	0.55	0-0.55	ppb	4	4	No
<b>Turbidity highest single measurement</b>	1 ntu level detected 0.28 ntu					No
<b>Lowest monthly % meeting limit</b>	0.3 ntu level detected 100%					No

Note: The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentration of these contaminants does not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. AL (Action Level): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Ppm: parts per million ppb: parts per billion ppt: parts per trillion pCi/l: picoCuries per liter

**2013 Violation Summary**

No violations for 2013.