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Several RLC participants in the Illinois SkillsUSA competition posed for a photo after the awards ceremony earlier this month in Springfield. Pictured are, **FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT:** Emily Hufford (Dix), Kayla Burk (West Frankfort), Sue Greer (Coulterville), Sarah Draege (Woodlawn), Michael Whitworth (Mt. Vernon), and Donna Krahn (Woodlawn); **BACK ROW, FROM LEFT:** Chris Miles (Mt. Vernon), Branden Hammonds (Benton), Dallas Lefler (Mulkeytown), Tyler Lampley (Benton), Sidney Page (Benton), Valerie Potmas (Zeigler), and Rachel Bennett (Xenia). (Submitted Photo)



## Three RLC students headed to SkillsUSA Nationals

### 12 more medal at state competition

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RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

**R**end Lake College students brought home three first-place medals and several other wins from the 50th annual Illinois SkillsUSA competition held in early April in Springfield.

SkillsUSA Advisor Kevin Weston said the competitions are open to any student who wants to compete; all they need to do is join the club on campus and qualify during a written exam. The state competition is a hands-on application of the same skills. This year, RLC stu-

dents took part in the Architectural CAD Drafting, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Technical CAD Drafting, and Welding contests. Governor Pat Quinn welcomed the competitors during an opening ceremony before the students got to work in their own categories.

"In every contest we participated, we have a medal winner, which is really good. We've never done that before," said Weston. "This year we have three Rend Lake students who will go on to Nationals. We go to Nationals almost every year, but we've never had a student go

on to World Skills. This year, Architectural Drafting CAD will be at World Skills, so that will be really good for our students."

Winning first place for RLC was Jacob Petty (Mt. Vernon) in Architectural CAD Drafting, Donna Krahn (Woodlawn) in Early Childhood Education, and Chris Miles (Mt. Vernon) in Technical CAD Drafting. They will attend SkillsUSA Nationals June 23-27 in Kansas City, Mo. If they place first again, they will move on to World Skills 2015 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

**Other RLC winners included:**

- Kayla Burk (West Frankfort), second in Architectural CAD Drafting;
- Emily Hufford (Dix), third in Architectural CAD Drafting;
- Tyler Lampley (Benton), fifth in Architectural CAD Drafting;

Michael Whitworth (Mt. Vernon), third in Culinary Arts; Rachel Bennett (Xenia), second in Early Childhood Education;

Valerie Potmas (Zeigler), third in Early Childhood Education; Sue Greer (Coulterville), fourth in Early Childhood Education;

Sarah Draege (Woodlawn), fifth in Early Childhood Education;

Kaylan Grove (Benton), third in Welding;

Sidney Page (Benton), sixth in Welding;

Branden Hammonds (Benton), seventh in Welding;

And Dallas Lefler (Mulkeytown), eighth in Welding.

For more information about SkillsUSA at RLC, contact Weston at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1816 or westonk@rlc.edu.

## STARS students tell all about program features

**F**or four Rend Lake College students, the Student Transfer and Retention Support (STARS) program is more than just a hallway of counselors in the South Oasis. It's where they got a jump-start on their education. The program offers a number of support services to every student involved in the program, such as transfer and academic counseling, tutoring, financial aid options, and many more.



**Kaira James of Mt. Vernon**

One student, Kaira James of Mt. Vernon, is finishing up her business degree at RLC with big hopes to transfer to McKendree University in the fall. The mother of two said the STARS program has worked with her in a number of different areas, from college campus visits to personalized tutoring, and everywhere in between.

"I use everything, and I try to tell everyone about it," said James. "They're great people here who can help you get your stuff done. I don't know how I would've done it without them."

James added she likes to take advantage of an online tutoring service called Smarthinking. By using the service, she is able to chat online with instructors and get help where she needs it. She said it is one of the most vital services she uses.

"When I need help with anything, I can just get on my computer right then and talk to someone, or they get back to me within an hour," she said. "It's really great."

After graduating, James said she wants to take her business degree to Georgia, to be closer to family and build a career. She said the services provided by the STARS program, including priority registration and financial aid in the form of grants and scholarships, have given her a leg up on her dreams. Fellow student Austin

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## Cyber Forensics program enrolling for Fall 2014

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**A**n innovative new certificate for Information Technology and Criminal Justice students at Rend Lake College will begin enrolling this fall. Cyber Forensics is a 24-credit hour occupational certificate through the Applied Science and Technology Division that prepares students to work in the criminal justice field dealing with cybercrime.

The new curriculum blends the areas of computer technician with criminal investigator. Students will be taught the legal and technical limits of a forensic search of a digital system. State-of-the-art software enables students to retrieve information from personal computers, cell phones, tablets, and many other kinds of electronic devices.

Prerequisites for the certificate will be offered this summer for those looking to enroll in the fall. The two courses, Introduction to Computers (CSCI 1101) and

Hardware and Operating Systems (CNS 1212), will help get Criminal Justice students and Information Technology students on the same page.

"Intro to Computers is a class that's already in existence, and nearly everyone on campus has to take it," said Chris Nielsen, Dean of Applied Science. "Hardware and Operating Systems is really important for anybody who is going to be dealing with computers, because you'll have to deal with the operating systems to retrieve information."

Ron Meek, Criminal Justice Associate Professor, added the CNS 1212 class will be one for Criminal Justice students to take, as it is not a requirement for the current program. Computer Networking Professor Ricky Robinson said both courses are covered in the Information Technology program. The certificate will also train students on Encase, a top-of-the-line software used by the federal and

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## STARS, AHEC inviting students to 'Lunch 'n Learn' workshops April 28-30

**REANNE PALMER**

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

**T**he Rend Lake College Student Transfer and Retention Support (STARS) program is teaming up with South Central Illinois Area Health Education Center (SCI-AHEC) to bring "Lunch 'n Learn" workshops to the Ina campus. The workshops are designed to help students preparing to graduate and enter the workforce.

"We are welcoming and encouraging students who are preparing to graduate and enter the workforce to attend or any student who is interested," said Amy Cook, student support services advisor.

The three-day series will begin at noon April 28 with "Polishing Up Your Résumé," hosted by RLC Employment Specialist

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### Dees' tees

Dave Severin at All Stars-N-Stitches recently opened his custom printing business to Graphic Design Professor Jennifer Tarantino Linsin and her production methods class. Freshmen students designed shirts for the GRD Program and both freshmen and sophomores voted for their favorites. The winning design was by Mike Dees of West Frankfort. Thanks to All Stars-N-Stitches, the class was able to print Dees' tees on-site using both typical 2-color silkscreen methods with reflective ink and a discharge screening process.

TOP LEFT: Sophomore Sabra Draper and freshman Chris Parsons show off one of the tees. (Submitted Photos)



### Proud display



Rend Lake College's new First Year Experience program for freshmen orientation was put in the spotlight by the Higher Learning Commission at its recent conference in Chicago. Pictured at the conference are, FROM LEFT, RLC Dean of Student Services Lisa Price, First Year Experience Coordinator Hillary Halsey and RLC Vice President of Academic Instruction Chris Kuberski. (Submitted Photo)

### RLC celebrates Earth Week



L to R: Yuting Zhang (Dahlgren), Bethaney Brown (Mt. Vernon), Sierra Calloni (Mulkeytown), and instructor Greg Hollmann at Earth Week 2014

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 Paula Myers. Topics in this workshop will include resumé writing techniques and tips.

On April 29, the workshop will focus on "Interview Preparation and Local Job Availability," presented by Brenda Malone of Manpower. The session will last from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Finally, on April 30, students will learn how to "Dress for Success" from RLC Cosmetology Director Daphne Mitchell. The ses-

sion will be one hour long, starting at noon.

All workshops will be held in the Pat Kern Private Dining Area in the Student Center. A light lunch will be provided during every session for those in attendance. There will also be drawings for \$25 gift cards daily.

For more information about the Lunch 'n Learn workshops, contact Cook at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1720, or [cooka@rlc.edu](mailto:cooka@rlc.edu); or Kelli Stover at Ext. 1280 or [stoverk@rlc.edu](mailto:stoverk@rlc.edu).

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# ATHLETICS

## WOMEN'S SECTION

### Deceptive 2004-05 Lady Warrior Golf Team boasts big-time successes

BY BOB KELLEY

RETIRED RLC SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Good things come in small packages. Most would seem to agree with that. The Rend Lake College Sports Hall of Fame will add its endorsement of that age-old saying when it welcomes the 2004-05 Lady Warriors Golf Team during its 15th Induction Ceremony Saturday, April 26, on the Ina campus.

A veteran team that ran away with the program's fourth Region XXIV crown in six years in record-setting fashion and then finished a best-to-date fourth in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Championships will share the stage with a Charter Member of the RLC Women's Golf Team, the only two-time Region Medalist in at least 15 years, Bobbie Jo Bivens (1999-2001).

The RLC Sports Hall of Fame Banquet transforms into Ladies Day at 5:30 p.m. in the Pat Kern Private Dining Room of the Student Center. The public is invited (reservations required).

Bivens and a strong supporting class finished sixth in the NJCAA Finals their first spring in 2000, seventh the next. They qualified both seasons after winning Region XXIV titles.

A new family of Lady Warriors, also coached by Cindy Corn, dreamed big again in 2004-05 after Rend Lake College claimed a third Region XXIV title and fin-

ished a best-yet fifth-in-the-nation the previous spring. Four returning players were all key contributors then and hoped to improve on their freshman achievements.

Not too tall of an order, apparently, for 5-foot-2 1/2 Third-Team All-American Danielle Kaufman, 5-3 Casey Biddinger, 5-4 Nicole Adams, 5-4 newcomer Surita Risseeuw and, certainly not, for 5-9 Ashley Hemann and 5-6 Meredith Mosel.

Corn & Family, including its traveling troupe of parents and other family members at almost every event for two years, took care of business Fall 2004 by setting a Region record by 17 strokes and routing runner-up John A. Logan by 46 with 324-321-645 credentials.

South African Freshman Risseeuw (Pretoria) and Kaufman (Nashville) were 1-2 at 77-80-157 and 80-79-159, respectively, followed by All-Region honorees Biddinger (Lafayette, IN / McCutcheon High School) in fourth at 82-84-166 and Mosel (DeSoto / Carbondale Community H.S.) in fifth at 85-82-167, with Hemann (Highland) sixth at 88-80-168.

That spring, the determined Midwestern contenders moved up a notch to No. 4 in the nation thanks in part to a 315-shot second round which equaled the day's best by frontrunner, host and eventual champion Daytona Beach (FL) Community College. Risseeuw



Region XXIV winners, RLC 2004-05

was tied for fifth but was relegated to Second-Team All-America status due to a scorecard playoff with her 77-74-80-81-312.

Hemann improved one spot in a year's time, from 19th to 18th, and was named to the All-Tournament Team with a 91-81-81-80-333 (the same total as in Spring 2004). Kaufman, 12th overall as her team's top finisher as a freshman at 328 but undermined as a sophomore by a serious leg injury, and Adams, who earned a top-five position with her play during the spring, tied for 20th individually with rounds of 81-84-87-83-335 and 87-76-86-86-335. Biddinger's 95-86-86-82-349 put her 30th and counted toward the team score two days.

Two-time defending champ Daytona Beach won with its 1,249, ahead of traditional powers McLennan Community College (TX) at 1,282 and Redlands C.C. (OK) at 1,289, with the Rend Lakers

checking in at 336-315-333-326-1,310.

RLC Lady Warrior squads placed fifth in the NJCAA Finals five of the next six seasons and have settled for seventh once and ninth once since Spring 2005 but have never duplicated the No. 4 showing against an all-encompassing competitive field which favors programs in warmer, year-round climates offering more full-ride athletic grants-in-aid and recruiting multiple foreign competitors.

RLC Women's Golf team 2004-05

The 2004-05 contingent lost one and gained one during the split season. Sophomore Courtney Doughty (Benton) returned in the fall before graduating early thanks to high school dual credits. She was "replaced" in the spring by former RLC All-American Elizabeth Kasey, who served as an Assistant Coach to Corn prior to her induction into the RLC Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

The 2004-05 gang had plenty of experience winning.

In addition to duplicating the back-to-back Region XXIV titles by Bivens & Co., the Lady Warriors in Fall '04 defended their championship in the seven-team McKendree Invitational, setting 18- and 36-hole team records at 319-313-632, and won the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Invite with a 342-340-682, headed by playoff-winning medalists Hemann (156 at McKendree) and Risseeuw (167 at SIUE).

Risseeuw also won the 14-team Southern Indiana Screaming Eagle Classic with a one-under tournament record 74-71-145 and was third in a 20-team field of four-year programs at Illinois Wesleyan. The superstitious Risseeuw could not have done so, she would be the

first to admit, without the golf glove she always wore.

"That first team was pretty close-knit," Corn recalled, "but this team may have been even more so. Almost all of their families came to every tournament, which is rare. I think we knew we had something special going. We won some tournaments and then won the Region big. They were fun to coach, too, because we had so much talent on that team."

There was no jealousy when Risseeuw — who was one of the most talented Lady Warriors of all time — joined the veterans. She came highly recommended to Corn by Mia van Rooyen, a fellow South African competitor who was Third-Team All-America for RLC the year before, one stroke and two spots behind Kaufman, as well as Region XXIV runner-up behind Kaufman.

"I think everyone knew how much better the team was going to be with her in the lineup. Plus, everybody loves competition; they took turns stepping up. Everyone was very close. Any time you are competitive and you are winning, it's fun. They really supported each other," said Corn.

Region XXIV winners, RLC 2004-05

Kaufman and Biddinger both carded holes-in-one as freshmen. Both were under the most unique of circumstances.

Kaufman became only the second player to record an ace in the NJCAA Finals. She fired her first hole-in-one on the par-3, 131-yard 13th hole at Halifax Plantation Golf Club during the Second Round in Ormond Beach, FL and powered Rend Lake Col-

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### From 1999-2001, Golfer Bivens set RLC Sports Hall of Fame standards

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Rend Lake College Women's Golf Coach Cindy Corn has learned a lot in her 14 years at the helm, even though her Lady Warriors captured Region XXIV Championships each of the program's first two seasons and finished sixth and seventh at the national level. She would be the first to admit it.

One of her early lessons was to appreciate a two-time Region XXIV Medalist more; more than she did at the time, that is. When Bobbie Jo Bivens enters the Rend Lake College Sports Hall of Fame Saturday, April 26, she will have no bigger supporter than Corn.

"I'm not sure I appreciated her feat of winning back-to-back Region championships as much as I should have at the time," admitted Corn. "But to think, 15 years later, no one else has ever repeated. It makes you realize how special her accomplishment was."

The defending medalist who repeated, leading her team to victory on both occasions, will be joined by players who followed in her giant footsteps — the 2004-05 Women's Golf Team, which improved the program's National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) profile by placing an all-time best fourth in the Spring 2005 Finals.

The Induction Ceremony for the two Women's Golf entries comprising the 15th RLC Sports Hall of Fame Class is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on-campus in the Pat Kern Private Dining Room of the Student Center. The public is invited, with reservations.

Bivens was a standout from 1999-2001. Coach Cindy Corn remembers one of the program's first-year recruits as "fiery," someone "who always had a look of determination on her face," "definitely a competitor." The record book would define this Hall-of-Famer as a "winner." "She wanted to win, that's for sure," agreed Corn, and she did.

The Petersburg Porta High School product — the daughter of a Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Club Pro — remains the only two-time Region XXIV Medalist in the 15 years since Rend Lake College began competing. She was her team's top player in four of five tournaments leading up to the come-from-behind Region crown as a freshman and three of five that spring.

As a sophomore, she captured the 21-team Illinois Wesleyan Classic against four-year rivals with her 76-72-148 and then repeated Region XXIV honors by lowering her scorecard at The Rail Golf Course in Springfield by six strokes with a steady 80-84-164 as the defending champion Lady Warriors prevailed by one stroke in a contentious finals rerun over John A. Logan.

Bivens and a strong supporting class finished sixth in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championships their first spring in 2000, seventh the next. Among her teammates both seasons was 2008 RLC Sports Hall Inductee Elizabeth Kasey.

These days, it is Bobbie Jo Decker, née Bivens. Now living in Murphysboro, the former Lady Warrior dubbed "Piglet" within her RLC golfing clan is married to Matt Decker, a coach and country

club manager, and the mother of three young children.

The four-time Most Valuable Player capped her prep career by placing fifth in the Illinois High School Association State Finals, then made her Rend Lake College debut with an impressive fifth-place effort at the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagle Classic, where the lone Juco guests among 12 entries were runners-up in the program's first-ever tournament. No other team could match RLC's showing with three individuals in the Top 10.

In the four-team RLC Mary M. O'Neal Classic, Bivens claimed medalist honors at Rend Lake Golf Course with her 81-77-158, 15 strokes ahead of second-place Candice "Roo" Vogt, with "Tigger" Kasey another shot back. Despite her dominance out front and the 1-2-3 sweep by teammates, the Lady Warriors needed it all to eke out a 702-703 victory over rival Logan.

Freshman classmates Bivens and Vogt then combined forces for second in the just-for-fun, five-team John A. Logan Match Cup.

On Day Two, in wind, rain and cold, Bivens and her upstart team rallied from six down to capture a first Region XXIV championship by eight strokes and a berth in the NJCAA Championships the following May. The medalist flirted with disaster before pulling out a 91-79-170 triumph.

Leading up to the grand finale that freshman season, Bivens tied for second individually at the 15-team Bel-larmine (KY) Spring Classic when the team was third against four-year foes and was second as RLC blew away four opponents by 35



Bobbie Jo Bivens-Decker

shots in the McKendree Invitational.

Corn recalled one tournament Bivens was leading. A rival coach, following his No. 1 golfer in the same pairing, would begin eating a bag of chips each time the frontrunner was putting.

"You don't think a lot about it, but the coach was making a lot of noise. And he was doing it on purpose hoping it would bother her," said Corn. "Will you tell him to stop it!" she demanded of her coach. Bobbie Jo was fired up. She thought he was trying to get in her head. He was, but it didn't work. It just made her play that much better."

Unfortunately for Bivens, her game and the National Tournament course in Shawnee, OK, were not a good fit. The player was long off the tee but hit it high as well; the windy Oklahoma layout was better suited for the lower-the-better driver.

Kasey gained Second-Team All-America laurels with her 88-81-89-80-338,

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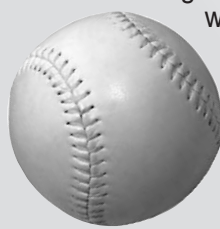
# RLC Softball on 6-game winning streak

The Rend Lake College Softball team is on a 6-game winning streak after seven games last weekend. The Lady Warriors started with a 0-2 loss against Southwestern on April 17, but turned it around to split the double-header with a 7-1 win in game two.

The team traveled to Harrisburg April 18, bringing in two wins against Southeastern 4-1 and 7-2. On

April 19, the Lady Warriors made up one game against Olney Central that was cancelled due to rain on April 1. They won 6-3 at home. The team then jumped into a double-header against Shawnee afterward, coming out with two more wins, 1-0 and 9-2 respectively.

RLC Softball is now 18-28 for the season and 11-19 in the GRAC. The Region 24 Tournament is set to start April 25 and will continue through May 3 at Kaskaskia College in Centralia. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit [www.rlc.edu/warriors](http://www.rlc.edu/warriors).



# Women's Golf takes top six at Mary M. O'Neal Invite

The Rend Lake College Women's Golf team swept the Mary M. O'Neal Invitational last weekend at the Rend Lake Golf Course in Whittington, filling the top 6 places and defeating Kaskaskia and Indiana University East by more than 100 strokes. RLC finished the two-day invite at 675 (341-334).

The Lady Warriors were led by freshman Ashley Sexton (Anderson, IN) with a score of 164 (85-79). Fellow freshman Madison Burgett (Charleston) came in second at 171 (86-85). Kylee Henager (Mt. Carmel) and Kaylyn Fuhrhop (Okawville) tied for third overall with identical scores of 173 (85-88). Rounding up the team was Katie Garver (Campbell

Hill) in fifth with a score of 175 (93-82). Freshman Emily Thomas (Moline) played as an individual, tying with Garver in fifth at 175 (88-87).

Kaskaskia came in second at the invite at 784 (386-398). Their top scorer was Brooke Moser in seventh with a score of 189 (94-95). Indiana University East came in third overall at 892 (457-435), led by Lyndsey Netherly in eighth at 193 (100-93). For complete results, click here.

RLC will compete next in the Region 24 Tournament on April 27-28 at the Crab Orchard Golf Course in Cartersville. They will then travel to the NJCAA National Tournament on May 12-15 at LPGA International in Daytona Beach, Fla. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit [www.rlc.edu/warriors](http://www.rlc.edu/warriors).

# Meredith, Miller, Sigman join forces for Lady Warriors at Track and Field Invite

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The Rend Lake College Women's Outdoor Track and Field team notched 38 points at the annual Cougar Invitational last Thursday, hosted by Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, Ill.

Three Lady Warriors docked points for the team: Malesha Meredith of Mt. Vernon, Sara Miller of Benton, and Ellie Sigman of

Chaffee, Mo.

Miller was the lead scorer, coming out of the Invite with 16 points. She won the javelin throw at 30.9 meters, earning her 10 points and a personal best as a Lady Warrior. Not settling for just one event, Miller followed by placing third in the pole vault at 2.7m. She was followed in points by Meredith, who came away with 13. She took second place in the shot put at 9.73m and fifth

in the discus throw at 29.5. Second place awarded her eight points and fifth place gave five.

Sigman competed in three events, the 200-meter dash, long jump and javelin throw. She placed second in the long jump at 4.67m, earning eight points. She also placed eighth in the javelin throw behind teammate Miller with a distance of 20.9m, earning one more point. Sigman finished 10th in the 200m dash with a

time of 28.4.

RLC's Toria Plottner (Fairmount) and Mallory Bergbower (Bluford) also competed at the Invite. Plottner placed 15th in the 800m run with a time of 2:35.41. Bergbower ran in the 3000m race, finishing 10th at 11:58.96.

RLC will compete in Regionals this Saturday at Illinois College in Jacksonville. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit [www.rlc.edu/warriors](http://www.rlc.edu/warriors).

# Echols leads Men's Track and Field at Cougar Invite

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RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

The Rend Lake College Men's Outdoor Track and Field team competed last Thursday at the annual Cougar Invitational, hosted by Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, Ill.

Receiving 16 points for the Warriors' overall score of 30 was Venice-native Tyrone Echols, who competed in the 100-meter dash and the 200m dash. He placed first overall in the 100m, earning him 10

points, with a time of 11.21. The other six points came from a third place finish in the 200m at 22.90.

Four more Warriors docked points for RLC, including Brandon Cottier (Sugar Grove), Karson Hahn (Mt. Vernon), Trace Turner (Mt. Vernon), and Jake Wilson (Mt. Vernon).

RLC's Wilson took fourth place in the javelin throw, hitting the 45.2m mark and earning five points for the team. He also competed in the 3000m run, finishing 19th with a time of 10:15.77.

Hahn also earned five points after competing in two events. He placed sixth in the 1500m run with a time of 4:08.99 and seventh in the 800m run at 2:01.66. He earned three and two points respectively.

Cottier placed eighth in the 200m dash, less than a second behind teammate Echols with a time of 23.76. The finish awarded him two points. Cottier placed 13th in the 400m dash with a time of 53.85 during the Invite. Turner competed in the pole vault and javelin

throw for the Warriors. He earned two points from his seventh place finish in pole vaulting at 3.75m. He also placed 11th in the javelin throw at 35.5m.

Long-distance runner Brenton Rains (Chester) also competed at the Invite in the 3000m run. He placed 13th with a time of 9:47.76.

RLC will compete in Regionals this Saturday at Illinois College in Jacksonville. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit [www.rlc.edu/warriors](http://www.rlc.edu/warriors).

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good for ninth overall, but Bivens and Vogt tied for 30th at 92-94-88-91-365 and 95-92-86-92-365, respectively.

## Cheerleading tryouts April 29, 30

Rend Lake College cheerleading will hold a clinic and tryouts from 6 to 8 p.m., April 29 and 30, in Waugh Gym. Register and get additional information by calling Coach Nikki LaBuwi-Carollo at (618) 513-1978.

It was more of the same in Year Two for the newest Hall-of-Famer, who lowered her score by four at 90-92-88-91-361 but slipped to 35th, behind Lady Warriors Roberta Sentel (22nd at 348), Kasey (30th at 356) and Stephanie Eller (tied for 32nd at 360).

Bivens, Kasey and Megan Mosel remained teammates for two more seasons after RLC, contributing to another first-year program at Arkansas Tech University.

Election to the RLC Sports Hall of Fame requires a minimum 75 percent (seven) of the votes from a nine-member Selection Committee who consider those former student-athletes and others nominated.

The purpose is to recognize those individuals and/or teams who, through leadership and character, have made exceptional contributions to the honor and prestige of Rend Lake College in the field of athletics and who have continued to

demonstrate the values learned through participation in intercollegiate athletics in their daily lives.

The RLC Sports Hall of Fame is located in the lobby area of the Aquatics Center, which also serves as the entrance to James (Hummer) Waugh Gymnasium.

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lege to the day's second-best round and into Top Five contention.

The accomplishment was magnified by the fact if she had not gotten special permission to ride in a cart due to health issues (Compartment syndrome) from the governing NJCAA and approval from her doctor and parents, Kaufman would not have been able to participate.

Biddinger was first to show Kaufman and mates how to pull off the ace-in-the-hole trick earlier that spring. Biddinger was part of history in March, when all three playing partners in the St. Croix Collegiate Classic registered holes-in-one, also during the Second Round. She was the last in the group to do so and helped garner national attention for the Lady Warriors.

Playing partners Chelsea Bach of Illinois State University and Tucker McCarthy of Longwood College (VA) both

aced the 14th hole in the Virgin Islands on March 13. If the RLC entry in the threesome felt left out, it did not stay that way for long. Biddinger aced No. 17.

Kaufman likewise left her mark on the Lady Warriors home course. She set a Rend Lake Golf Course women's record with a four-under 68 from the Gold tees (5,922 yards) during the 2003-04 campaign.

Corn liked the makeup of her team from the get-go, because most were multi-sport standouts. Hemann was a member of a State Championship Cheerleading squad at Highland. Kaufman earned 12 varsity letters and was a two-time All-Stater and All-Tournament for a State Championship Softball team as a sophomore. Mosel lettered all four years in softball and golf and was a two-time MVP and batting champ on the diamond.

SIU-Edwardsville pulled off a recruiting coup in Spring 2005 by signing Kaufman,

Hemann and Biddinger, although Kaufman would finish her career at SIU-Carbondale as a senior.

Risseeuw transferred to Daytona Beach C.C. for her sophomore year and was runner-up in the medalist chase as host Daytona Beach successfully defended its National Championship in 2006.

Mosel, whose sister Megan was a teammate of Bivens, was 24th at Nationals the following season and played her last two years for Henderson State University (AR), while Risseeuw finished her career at Rollins College (FL).

Several team members have remained close to the game.

Kaufman, who like Kasey returned for a couple of seasons to assist Corn, is now the Golf-Teaching Professional at Indian Ridge Golf Club in Oxford, OH, and recently was named Women's Golf Coach at University of Indiana East.

Kasey is a member of the LPGA and has served as Assistant Pro at Holiday Golf Club in her hometown Panama City Beach. Casey Spencer, née Biddinger, whose father played for Purdue University, has worked previously for golf courses in her hometown. Mosel works for a sporting goods store in Louisville, KY.

Surita Du Plessis, née Risseeuw, is a married professional now living back in South Africa. Ashley DeSelm, née Hemann, is a mother of two living in Imperial, MO. Adams, of Glen Carbon, is not expected to attend Induction ceremonies because she is in the military awaiting deployment.

The RLC Sports Hall of Fame is located in the lobby area of the Aquatics Center, which also serves as the entrance to James (Hummer) Waugh Gymnasium. The induction is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the Pat Kern Private Dining Room of the Student Center.

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### STARS ..... continued from page 1

Endicott of Macedonia agreed, saying the scholarship options were the biggest help for him to continue down the path to a medicine degree.

“A friend of mine said the counselors are very good at helping students who are new to college, so I decided to give it a shot,” said Endicott. “The counselors are good at being thorough with anything you need, and they’re very personal. They’ve helped me find a number of scholarships to help me go to school.”

Endicott will be transferring to pre-med at Southern Illinois University (SIU) Carbondale to focus on pediatrics next year. As a future transfer student, he relies on the STARS counselors to help him get all the classes he needs before transferring.

“It’s a lot cheaper to take the classes I need at RLC, so I’m getting a lot of my education out of the way,” he said.

Endicott added the campus visits were extremely beneficial to him when it came to deciding where to continue his education post-RLC. Mt. Vernon native Tyree Trimble, another STARS student, said the sponsored visits are often the best way to see a school, because of the personalized tours and meetings with faculty and staff.

Trimble is a criminal justice major who wants to work in juvenile probation after graduating college. His plans are to transfer to SIU Edwardsville or McKendree after graduating in May of 2015. He said it was his STARS-sponsored trip to the two schools that have helped him narrow down his options.

“It was on my top list to go to McKendree, so I definitely wanted to visit, and I really liked it. I want to visit SIUE again too,” he said. “There are some really awesome people working in STARS who are very helpful and they take all of my stress away when we go on the campus visits. They always know what’s going on.”

Trimble is currently involved in Youth Court in Mt. Vernon, where he mentors at-risk youth. He said he always advocates education and participation in the STARS program.

When it comes to mentoring, another Mt. Vernon resident wants to take his successes at RLC and

within the STARS program to the next level. Kenneth Miles-Akins, originally from Nashville, Tenn., said his past is pushing him to finish his education and guide others in the same situations.

Nearly 30 years ago, Miles-Akins left school and only returned in his late teens to obtain a GED. When he moved to Southern Illinois five years ago, it was a chance to start fresh. He came to RLC with high hopes and, with the help of the STARS program, he’s well on his way to becoming a substance abuse counselor.

“I think I’ll be really good for those who have problems with drugs and alcohol, because I believe what I have to say is important. I’ve been there and done that,” said Miles-Akins. “I’ve had to do a lot of tutoring because it’s been a long time since I was in school. The counselors here have really helped me adjust to college life. I never thought I’d come back after I got my GED.”

With only one month before graduation, Miles-Akins is planning to transfer to SIU Carbondale this fall. He says a bachelor’s degree will help him help others as a certified counselor.

“I’m always going out and recruiting for STARS,” he said. “I tell everybody I know that it’s a good place with good people where they can find tutoring. I find the first-year students and the first-generation students and bring them here, just to let them know this program is available. I also look for any student who is having that I’m here anytime they need me.”

The STARS program is a federally funded program designed to provide participants with the support services they need to successfully complete an associate degree and transfer to a four-year college or university. Eligibility requirements include meeting low-income guidelines, being a first-generation college student (meaning neither parent graduated from a four-year university) or having a documented disability. The program serves 160 students each year.

The STARS application is available online at [www.rlc.edu/student-support-services](http://www.rlc.edu/student-support-services). You can also add them on Facebook to get updates on events and services: [www.facebook.com/rlc-stars](http://www.facebook.com/rlc-stars).

For more information about the STARS program, visit Leah Stallman in the South Oasis, Room 108, email [stallmanl@rlc.edu](mailto:stallmanl@rlc.edu), or call (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1366.



Austin Endicott of Macedonia



Kenneth Miles-Akins of Mt. Vernon



Tyree Trimble of Mt. Vernon

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state governments, the Secret Service, and many local law enforcement agencies.

“This software is what the students will actually see when they get out to the workplace,” said Robinson, who is getting trained on the program this summer. “The certification itself can open up opportunities for IT Systems Specialist students who want to expand their job skills to

make them more marketable. They will be able to advance more quickly in the forensics field since they have advanced computer and networking skills.”

Meek added, “Students who have this certification will certainly stand out on the resume and application process for hiring. This will be a big benefit to an agency which can hire someone who has this knowledge base so they won’t need on-the-job

training. This certificate will also benefit those who want to be in private industry as well as public agencies. It will allow students to stand out over their counterparts who do not have this specialty training. Cyber Forensics is going to only increase. Technology such as cell phones, smart phones, tablets and laptops aren’t going away.”

The certificate classes include Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRJS

1201), Criminology (CRJS 1202), Computer Forensics I (CRJS 1207), Criminal Procedures (CRJS 2206), Cyber Crime and Investigation (CRJS 2216), Cyber Crime and Law (CRJS 1205), Computer Forensics II (CRJS 2217), and Criminal Law (CRJS 2209).

For more information about the Cyber Forensics certificate, contact the Applied Science and Technology Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1261.

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

NORTHEAST MOUNT VERNON WATER COMPANY  
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#### Introduction

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by NORTHEAST MOUNT VERNON WATER COMPANY is Purchased Surface Water from REND LAKE INTERCITY SUPPLY via THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.

For more information regarding this report, contact: THAD STALEY, OPERATOR IN CHARGE AT 618-242-8807.

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

#### Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and 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 pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

#### 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 can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater 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.

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.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants 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).

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, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking 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>.

#### Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report	Status	Location
CC01-NE MT. VERNON WC	MASTER METER	FF IL0810300	CC01	SW 0.4 EAST OF CHESTNUT LANE ON LIBERTY ROAD

We want our valued 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 held on the fourth Monday AT 7:00 PM monthly at our office at 1018 JORDAN MT. VERNON IL.

#### Source Water Assessment

Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of public water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. Hence the reason for mandatory treatment of 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 SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT FOR OUR SUPPLY HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE ILLINOIS EPA. IN SUMMARY, ILLINOIS EPA HAS DETERMINED THAT OUR “SOURCE OF WATER” IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO POTENTIAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS. HENCE, THE REASON FOR MANDATORY TREATMENT OF ALL PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES IN ILLINOIS. MANDATORY TREATMENT INCLUDES COAGULATION, SEDIMENTATION, FILTRATION AND AGRICULTURAL RUNOFF, LAND DISPOSAL (SEPTIC TANKS) AND SHORELINE EROSION. A COPY OF THE ASSESSMENT MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THAD STALEY AT 618-242-8807 OR CONTACTING OUR OFFICE AT 1018 JORDAN MT. VERNON, IL 62864. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THIS ASSESSMENT WILL INDICATE ANY CONTAMINANT SOURCES OF CONCERN IN THE VICINITY OF REND LAKE. 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>.

#### 2013 Regulated Contaminants Detected

NORTHEAST MOUNT VERNON WATER COMPANY

#### Water Quality Test Results

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG’s do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Definitions:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

**ppb:** micrograms per liter or parts per billion — or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

**na:** not applicable.

**Avq:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

**ppm:** milligrams per liter or parts per million — or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

#### Regulated Contaminants

##### Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products

Collection Date 12/31/2013

##### Chlorine

##### Likely Source of Contaminants:

Water additive used to control microbes

Collection Date 2013

##### Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)\*

##### Likely Source of Contaminants:

By-product of drinking water chlorination

Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

Collection Date 2013

##### (Total Trihalomethanes) (TTHm)\*

##### Likely Source of Contaminants:

By-product of drinking water chlorination

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#### DEFINITIONS:

**ACTION LEVEL (AL):** THE CONCENTRATION OF A CONTAMINANT WHICH, IF EXCEEDED TRIGGERS TREATMENT OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHICH A WATER SYSTEM MUST FOLLOW

**ACTION LEVEL GOAL (ALG):** THE LEVEL OF A CONTAMINANT IN DRINKING WATER BELOW WHICH THERE IS NO KNOWN OR EXPECTED RISK TO HEALTH. ALG’S ALLOW FOR A MARGIN OF SAFETY.

Likely Source of Contamination:	Lead MCLG	Lead Level (AL)	Lead 90th Percentile	# Of Sites Over Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Copper AL
Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	0	15 PPB	0	0	1.3 PPM	1.3 PPM	0	0

Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

#### 2013 Regulated Contaminants

REND LAKE INTER-CITY WATER SUPPLY

##### Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products

	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chloramines	2013	2.9	2.7-3	ppm	MRDLG=4	MCL=4	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorite	2013	1.54	0-1.54	ppb		0.81	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) *	2013	16	11.6-19.1	ppb	No goal for the total	60	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

##### Total Trihalomethanes (TTHm)\*

2013 33 23.8-42.3 ppb No goal for the total 80 N By-product of drinking water chlorination

Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

#### Inorganic Contaminants

##### ARSENIC

2013 1 0.939-1.02 ppb 0 10 No Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from electronics production wastes

##### BARIUM

2013 0.0191 0.0144-0.0191 ppm 2 2 No Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

##### FLUORIDE

2013 0.8 0.798-0.798 ppm 4 4.0 No Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

##### SODIUM

2013 21 17.8-23.6 ppm No Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration

##### NITRATE

2013 .115 .115-.115 ppm 10 10 No Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of naturally occurring deposits

#### Radioactive Contaminants

	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium	02/04/2008	1.36	1.36-1.36	pCi/L	0	5	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	02/04/2008	1.3	1.3-1.3	pCi/L	0	15	No	Erosion of natural deposits excluding radon and uranium

#### Synthetic Organic Contaminants (including pesticides and herbicides)

ATRAZINE	2013	.48	0-.48	ppb	3	3	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops.
SIMAZINE	2013	.55	0-.55	ppb	4	4 PPB	No	Herbicide runoff

#### TURBIDITY

Highest Single Measurement Limit (Treatment Technique) Level Detected Violation Likely Source 1 NTU 0.28 NTU No Soil runoff  
Lowest Monthly % meeting limit 0.3 NTU 100% No Soil runoff

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#### Total Organic Carbon:

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.

The Northeast Mt. Vernon Water Company has available upon request this year’s Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR includes basic information on the source(s) of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2013 and compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as some educational materials. To obtain a free copy of the report, please call Thad Staley at 618-242-8807 or you may pick one up at 1018 Jordan Street Mt. Vernon Il, 62864

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