



Campus flurries

The snow is back! Winter flurries are in the mix this week, but will they stay long? (Taylor Blankenship / Clocktower Chronicle Staff Photographer)

Congratulations Fall '14 Honors students!

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Rend Lake College is pleased to announce 421 students have made the President's and Vice Presidents' lists of academic honors for the Fall 2014 semester.

The lists include 168 individuals named to the President's List. Those students earned a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) during the semester. Another 253 students were named to the Vice Presidents' List. Students on the Vice Presidents' List earned a 3.50 - 3.99 GPA during the semester.

"We're excited to see that more hardworking students have been named to the President's and Vice Presidents' lists last fall than in recent semesters, and those stu-

dents should be proud of the work they put in to reach this honor," said RLC President Terry Wilkerson. "I speak for our faculty and staff when I commend them for their success and encourage them to continue working hard to reach their educational goals."

RLC students receiving academic honors for Fall 2014, listed by communities, are:

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Attend the informational meeting at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 3 and discover how you can explore Costa Rica in 2016 or the Pacific Northwest this summer.

Viaje a Costa Rica!

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Students interested in learning more about traveling to Costa Rica in 2016 with Collette Vacations have the chance to ask questions at an informational meeting, set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3 in the Historic Schoolhouse on the Rend Lake College Ina campus.

This meeting will discuss all aspects of the Tropical Costa Rica trip, as well as answer questions and provide details on an early booking discount. The nine-day trip is scheduled

for Feb. 1-9, 2016 starting in the capital city of San Jose.

This trip highlights San Jose, a coffee plantation, the northern city of Guanacaste, the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve in the Cordillera de Tilarán mountain range, the Arenal Hanging Bridges, the Arenal Volcano, a cruise of Lake Arenal, a local cooking demonstration, the Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge, the city of Zarcero, and the National Theatre in San Jose. The lush forests, stunning waterfalls,

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RLC Thespians to host Improv Comedy tonight

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

One of the largest Thespian Troupes in Rend Lake College history will take the stage Thursday, January 29, 2015 to host their annual Improv Comedy night, scheduled for 7 p.m. in the RLC Theatre.

All 31 club members will take to the stage for an hour and a half to entertain community members and attendees with an interactive event similar to

the television show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" including games and questions for the audience. Not only does the free event provide a night of laughs, but it also serves as a workshop for RLC theatre students.

"We rehearse at least one hour each week to hone the comedic improvisation skills required of most stage actors," said Tracey Webb, RLC Thespi-

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Play music

Capture music's cognitive rewards while making melodies with your child. RLC's weekly Musikgarten series starts February 2.

Families find rhythm with RLC's Musikgarten

BY NATHAN WHEELER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Rend Lake College Instructor April Tennyson will lead a developmental music series for parents and children. Musikgarten provides parents a weekly session where they will learn how to play musically with their little ones.

According to RLC's Community and Corporate Education Department, music's melodic, rhythmic patterns awaken and stimulate neur-

al pathways in the brain that help develop memory, math skills, and powers of abstract and creative thinking. Music touches all spheres of development, like language, self-esteem, fine motor skills, voice expression, and family interaction.

The series runs on Mondays from Feb. 2 to March 30 at the RLC MarketPlace in Mount Vernon. It is bro-

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Gas up with Ag fundraiser

Students in the Rend Lake College Agriculture Program will be selling raffle tickets for two gas cards. First prize is a \$100 gas card and the second is a \$50 gas card. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Contact Kathy

Craig or a student in the program for tickets. The drawing will be held Feb. 26. Proceeds will go toward field trips this year. Don't need gas? Buy a tee or hooded sweatshirt from the Ag department. The tees are \$12 and the hoodies are \$25.

Strange BUT TRUE

BY SAMANTHA WEAVER KING FEATURES

- It was German author and statesman Johann Wolfgang von Goethe who made the following sage observation: "When ideas fail, words come in very handy."
- Unless you're a local, you've probably never heard of the town of Rugby, North Dakota, but if you ever set out to find the geographical center of the continent of North America, that's where you'll end up.
- In 1936, in the final match of the men's table tennis world championship, the two competitors volleyed for two hours and 12 minutes on the opening serve alone.
- Before modern English there was Middle English, used during a time when men of the church were supposed to remain humble. This is why these men were called "ministers" — it means "lowly person" in Middle English.
- Those who study such things say that if you spend an hour listening to the radio, you'll hear approximately

11,000 words.

- Dr. L. Forbes Winslow, perhaps best known for his relentless (and fruitless) attempts to identify the person behind London's Jack the Ripper murders, also was a well-known psychiatrist. Among his many notes on his practice was the report of a heartbroken man who requested that, after his death, his body should be boiled down to extract the fat. That fat would be used to make a candle which, along with a letter from the deceased, would be delivered to the woman who jilted him. He even specified that the items should be delivered at night, so the woman would read the letter by the light of the "corpse candle."
- If you were living in the newly christened United States in 1776 and earned \$4,000 per year, you would be considered wealthy.

Thought for the Day: "I am not young enough to know everything." — Oscar Wilde

RLC Foundation scholarship application deadline February 27

BY REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Less than a month remains for prospective Rend Lake College students to submit an application for numerous RLC Foundation scholarships. The application is due by Friday, February 27 for the Fall 2015 semester.

Interested students can find the application at www.rlc.edu/rlcf. It takes

only minutes to complete the form, and students must submit their most recent transcript and one letter of recommendation to complete the application process. Students are also required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To complete the FAFSA, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov or contact the RLC Financial Aid Office at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1385.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on the criteria set forth by each scholarship. High school students will be informed of their awards at their high school honors nights, with letters being sent out after May 1, 2015. Applications will be accepted after Feb. 27; however, preference will be given to students who meet the due date.

Last year, more than 500 scholarships and tuition

waivers worth approximately \$350,000 were awarded to RLC students through the Foundation. More information on how to apply can be found at www.rlc.edu/foundation or by contacting the Foundation at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1214. For additional scholarship opportunities visit the Other Scholarship Opportunities website at www.rlc.edu/otherscholarships.

MSHA instructor training coming to RLC

BY REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and Rend Lake College are offering a chance for miners to get above ground and into a classroom with a new Train the Trainer course on Feb. 24 – 26.

For the Part 48 Instructor Underground Qualification,

Train the Trainer course attendees must have five years underground experience. For the Instructor Surface Qualification, participants must have three years surface experience. To complete the three-day training, attendees must also give a 15-minute presentation on a subject selected by the instructor. The MSHA instructor

training is one aspect of RLC's Mine Emergency, Prevention and Preparedness Project and is funded in part by a Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grant of \$92,247 RLC received in 2014. The project is designed to restructure and expand on current mine training curriculum including lecture in a classroom as well as realistic,

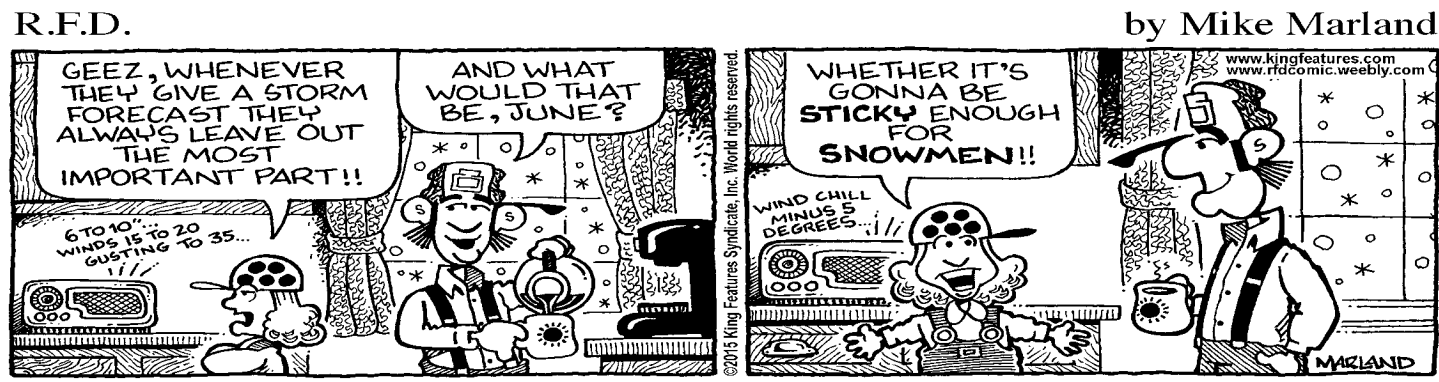
hands-on practice. The class lasts from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day in the RLC Coal Mine Training Center and costs \$200. Those interested must complete pre-screening and an application before registering. Applications are available by contacting Kacie Hunter at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 2373, or hunterk@rlc.edu.

Costa Rica

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exotic wildlife, and endless coastlines make Costa Rica a slice of paradise. The Tropical Costa Rica trip costs \$3,249 per person or \$2,699 per person for double occupancy, which includes an eight-night stay and 14 meals. Attendees can also discuss the Pacific Northwest and California trip, scheduled for Aug. 9-16, 2015. Featuring three states — Washington, Oregon, and California — participants on this trip will

start their tour from Seattle, travel through the Cascade Mountains in Portland, and into the Columbia River Gorge and the Bonneville Dam. The Pacific Northwest and California trip costs \$3,399 per person or \$2,749 for double occupancy, which includes seven nights' stay and 10 meals. To RSVP to the informational meeting, contact the Community and Corporate Education Department at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1714 or smithst@rlc.edu.

by Mike Marland



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Eastwood on target with 'American Sniper'

BY BILLY MCPHERSON
RLC CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFFWRITER

SPOILER ALERT: This review contains plot from *American Sniper*. So, if you are planning to see the movie, go ahead. Then, come back and read Billy's review!

"I need you to be human again..." sobs the long-suffering wife (Sienna Miller) of America's deadliest sniper Chris Kyle (Bradley Cooper) in this gripping film directed by Clint Eastwood. However, after more than 160 confirmed kills (with over 250 probable kills) that may be asking too much for any man.

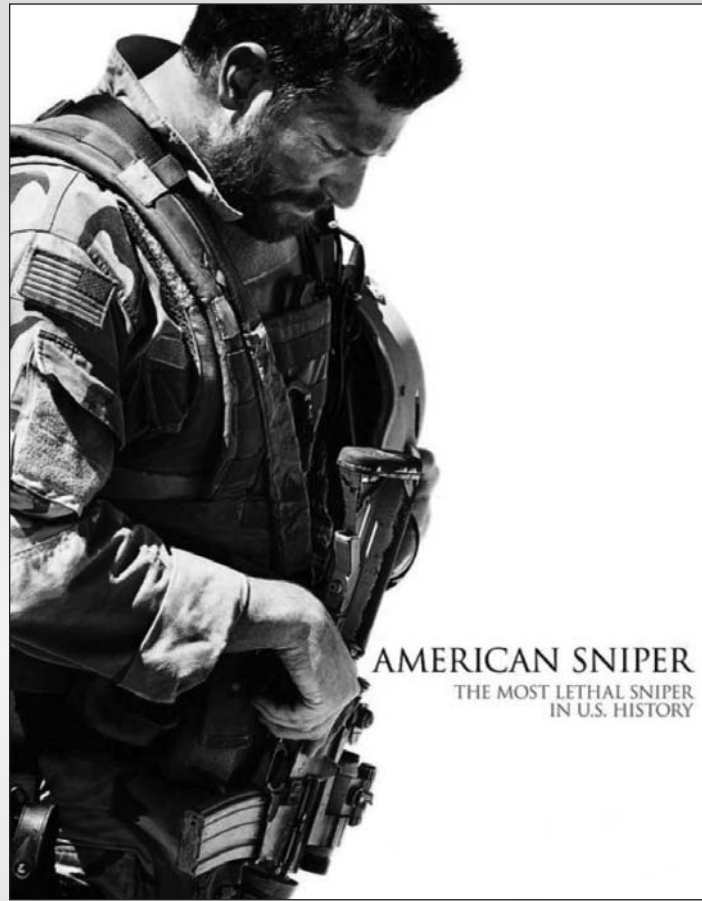
Chris Kyle experienced something no other American and few other humans have ever had to in the course of his life and military service. Over a combat-filled period of about 10 years he went on four different tours of duty, racked up the aforementioned service record, all the while trying to balance a family life as a husband and a father. On the battlefield his fellow soldiers simply referred to him as "The Legend". He was perhaps our generation's answer to Audie Murphy. Unlike Murphy though, he does not get to play himself in the movie for reasons we'll get to later.

Clint Eastwood is a very astute director. He did not

set out to make an anti-war film, although there is one to be found for those who are looking. He also did not set out to make a promotional video for the U.S. Armed Forces, although those looking for that will find it as well. A veteran of the long-forgotten Korean War, Eastwood is especially suited to the task of telling a soldier's story, which he does in a straightforward and earnest manner.

There are many powerful scenes in "American Sniper". My pick for the best one is the scene where Kyle is talking to his then nine months pregnant wife on a cell phone when their call is interrupted by an enemy ambush. We see here 21st-century warfare in both the civilian and military side perfectly, and horrifically, depicted. His wife screams helplessly into the great unknown, represented by the shaking telephone in her hands, hearing only the scattered gunshots, explosions, and occasional screams of agony coming back over the line. On the other end her husband and his team of Navy Seals and Marines engage in an all-out firefight with a team of Iraqi insurgents lead by a man known simply as "The Butcher" and an Iraqi sniper who is every bit the legend to his side that Kyle is to his.

"American Sniper" is a fine "war movie" for those interested in such a thing,



but it is a character study above all else, about how a regular human being handles the extraordinary stress of so much combat experience while still attempting to keep his own psyche intact. The sights and sounds of everyday civilian life provide the soundtrack to Kyle's tortured hyper-awareness brought on by so many years of continuous combat. In one scene, Kyle finally acquiesces to visit a psychiatrist, after a PTSD-

like incident ruins a family barbecue. It is here that the audience hopes that we will perhaps get a glimpse behind the curtain of the real Chris Kyle, but he is as evasive as ever to pin down. "I'm willing to answer to my creator for every shot that I took" says Kyle, and with that the subject is left alone.

That's the frustrating part of this movie, but unless Eastwood wanted to fictionalize this account, it was the only approach to take.

Instead we get glimpses into the tortured psyche of Kyle in other ways, such as during a car ride home from the funeral of a fallen comrade. Two weeks before being killed in action, said friend had written a letter questioning the merit and purpose of the war he was currently engaged in. It was "that letter" that killed him, says Kyle to his wife.

Bradley Cooper impresses me a little more in every movie I see him in, and this is beyond question his best work. He gained nearly 50 pounds of muscle, and resembles every part of the rough and tumble Texan that Kyle was in real life. His performance carries this movie to great heights, turning this into one of the best of the post 9/11 generation of war movies including some very good recent films such as "The Hurt Locker", "Zero Dark Thirty", and "Lone Survivor". Sienna Miller is also very good in the often thankless role of distanced, nagging wife, who gets to weep and cry a lot to move the plot forward.

On the other side of things, Kyle, and other soldiers refer to Iraqis as "savages" and there is ominous music that plays whenever an Iraqi sniper is shown. I found this to be the most disappointing part of an otherwise strong film, although I understand to have done this differently would be to sacrifice reality. However,

with "Letters from Iwo Jima" and "Flags of our Fathers" Eastwood demonstrated an ability to make a gripping war drama that treated the enemy with dignity and reverence instead of turning them into faceless targets like the "Injuns" in the old westerns that the grizzled director cut his teeth on.

In this respect, there is a sense where I felt while watching this movie that I was performing a similar ritual to that of the Germans trapped in that doomed theatre at the end of "Inglorious Basterds" who were also watching an acclaimed film about one of their famed snipers. Moments and feelings like those are far outweighed by the overall quality of the storytelling here though.

Chris Kyle saved many lives as a result of the lives he had to take. This was what he latched onto, and what many who revere him as a hero will take away as well, and there is definitely legitimacy to that viewpoint. When he finally returned home for good, the only thing that made him feel human again was being able to help his fellow soldiers by counseling and mentoring them, often times in the same art of shooting that brought him so much acclaim. Tragically, this is what he died doing. A sad irony that closed the book on America's deadliest sniper.

4 OUT OF 5 STARS.

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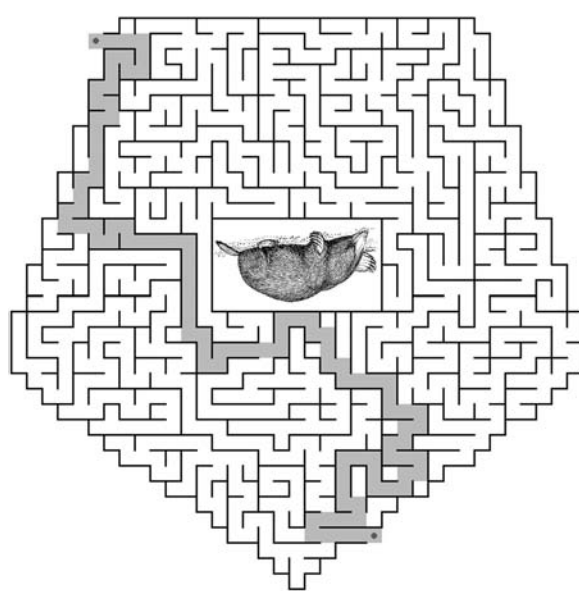
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Spring, Summer 2015 Concealed Carry dates set

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Seven weekends have been set aside this year to train community members interested in obtaining their Illinois Concealed Carry licenses through Rend Lake College.

The two-day Concealed Carry training

courses are set for 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays and Sundays this spring and summer: Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Feb. 28-March 1, March 28-29, April 25-26, May 23-24, June 20-21, and July 18-19. All of the classes will be held in the Coal Mine Training Center, Room 107A, on the Ina campus and the

RLC Shooting Range.

On day one, attendees will learn about topics in firearm safety, principles of marksmanship, loading and unloading, and safety and cleaning from instructors Ron Meek, RLC Criminal Justice Associate Professor; and Jeff Bullard, Detective Captain of the Mt. Vernon Police Department.

Firearms are not allowed during day one of the training course.

The second day will focus on weapon handling and state and federal laws relating to firearms. Participants should bring their firearm to Sunday's class with two boxes of unopened factory ammunition to be inspected by course

instructors.

To qualify for licensure, attendees will participate in a live fire qualification of 30 rounds at five, seven, and 10 yards and must achieve 70 percent accuracy. A qualifying shot consists of a shot placed inside the seven ring of a B-27 target. Attendees must be at least 21 years old.

Also required for licensure is a valid FOID card and driver's license. The cost of the two-day course is \$150 for Illinois residents and \$250 for out-of-state attendees. For more information, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1714, or smithst@rlc.edu.



RLC Thespians
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The RLC Thespians will hone their craft at the Comedy Improv at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 29 night in the RLC Theatre. Admission is free. So are the laughs. Pictured are, **FIRST ROW, FROM LEFT**, John Hunsell (Woodlawn), Shelby Patterson (Waltonville), Krystal Schuch (Mt. Vernon), Bethaney Brown (Mt. Vernon), Lauren Schaubert (Salem), Alison Blair (Benton), Yuting Zhang (Dahlgren), and Andrew Lampley (Benton); **SECOND ROW**, Dalton Miller (Mt. Vernon), Molly Wilson (Mt. Vernon), Jaymi Galloway (Thompsonville), James Wiegel (Mt. Vernon), Brooke Bell (Picnkeyville), Falyn VanDyke (Mt. Vernon), Barretta Chullen (Thompsonville), Matt Loucks (Sesser), Cheyenne Needham (Benton), Shawna Cardwell (Benton), and Deborah Loucks (Sesser); **BACK ROW**, Brendan Clark (Thompsonville), Jacob Ward (McLeansboro), Vincent Bailey (Woodlawn), Brady Suedmeyer (Nashville), Antwyon Moore (Mt. Vernon), Jonathan Dauby (Springerton), Tyler Bourland (Ina), Chris Milburn (Mt. Vernon), Ashley Zinzilieta (Benton), Jackson Adams (Mt. Vernon), and Quentin Overturf (McLeansboro). Not pictured is Lauryn Strom (Sesser). (RLC Public Information) (Submitted photo)

an Troupe sponsor and theatre director. "These improvisational acting games have been used for decades to enhance actors' skills. I have noticed it really helps with their comic timing, their ability to listen to the other actors, and basic technical skills, such as vocal projection and remembering to face the audience as much as possible."

The Thespians began in 2002 as a club for students to practice their comedic skills. They work on these skills throughout the semester at meetings, as well as at local events, schools, nursing homes, and hospitals.

"For actors who have only worked with scripts, they have to learn to trust their instincts and to really play off the other actors," said Webb. "It's also important not to overthink the situation, or given circumstances, but to just go with the flow. This can be pretty challenging."

Webb said the improvisational skills will provide a family-friendly atmosphere where audience members will be asked to join the Thespians on stage, answer questions, or give suggestions.

"This form of theatre broadens an actor's range," said Webb. "It teaches actors to learn to adopt any role suggested to them by the audience. That sort of versatility will help just about any performer's career. Many employers not even involved in theatre look for students who have been trained in this type of theatre because it teaches a person a lot of mental flexibility."

For more information, contact Tracey Webb at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1295 or webbtt@rlc.edu.

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ATHLETICS

W S E C T I O N

King leads John Craft Invite in high jump, three Warriors qualify for NJCAA Nationals

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

NA, Ill. (Jan. 27, 2015) — Three Rend Lake College Warriors qualified this week to compete in the NJCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championship during the John Craft Invitational at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill. The invitational was the first meet of the year for the young team.

Leading the way for RLC was freshman Alex King (Metropolis) who placed first in high jump at 2.13 meters (6' 11 3/4"), just over the 2.00m required to advance to nationals. King competed in the high jump during his four years at Massac County High School, reaching 2.01m in 2013 to become the IHSA (Illinois High School Association) Class 2A champion.

Also making the leap to victory was freshman Joseph McDaniel (Mt. Vernon) who pole vaulted 4.42m (14' 6") to beat the 4.35m qualification. McDaniel also competed in high school for Mt. Vernon Township High School, bringing home several medals throughout his four-year run.

Sophomore Karson Hahn (Mt. Vernon) will be returning to the NJCAA Nationals this

year for RLC after qualifying in the 800m run. His time of 1:59.43 beat the qualifying standard by .23. Last year at Nationals, Hahn competed in the distance medley relay and the 1000m run.

Several other Warriors competed at the John Craft Invitational, including Robert Grider (Dix) in the 200m dash with a time of 23.3, Prestunn Bolton (Flossmoor) in the 200m dash with a time of 23.4, Crayton Turner (Mt. Vernon) in the 200m dash with a time of 25.52, Steve Boss (Mt. Vernon) in the 400m dash with a time of 55.59, Devonte Ware (Charleston, MO) in the 400m dash with a time of 58.86, Tony Lyerla (Murphysboro) in the 800m run with a time of 2:13.93, Jordan Wilemon in the one mile run with a time of 4:44, Nicholas Ryker in the one mile run with a time of 4:45.27, Jaden Stockdale (Shelbyville) in the 3000m run with a time of 10:25.33, Jeremy Garrett (Dixon, KY) in the 3000m run with a time of 10:26.36, Austin Reed (Murphysboro) in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.92, and Nick Meyer (Mt. Vernon) in the weight throw at 9.59m and the shot put at 10.39m. Reed, Turner, Ryker, and Grider also competed in the 400m relay with a time of

3:44.68. Two Lady Warriors also competed in the John Craft Invitational. Freshman Erina Moore (Belle Rive) placed 22nd in the 200m dash with a time of 29.43. Returning runner Mallory Bergbower (Bluford) competed in the 3000m run with a time of 12:19.78.

Athletes on the team will have several more meets to qualify for nationals, including the upcoming Prin Relays, set for Friday at Principia College in Elsah, Ill. The NJCAA National Indoor Track and Field Championship will be in Albuquerque, NM on March 6 - 7. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.



New golfer

Effingham High School senior Morgan Wilson signed a national letter of intent to play for the 2015-16 Rend Lake College Women's Golf team. She is pictured with, FRONT, FROM LEFT, mother Ann Wilson, Morgan, father Mike Wilson; BACK, RLC Women's Golf Coach Cindy Corn, and Effingham High School Head Coach Jerry Trigg. (Submitted photo)

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