



The Illinois Smoke Free Campus Act bans smoking on campus starting July 1. Read about the new law and what campus officials have to say. (Photo by Taylor Blankenship / Clocktower Chronicle Staff Photographer)

State: Campus will go smoke free by summer

BY BILLY MCPHERSON
CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFFWRITER

Rend Lake College will go smoke free on July 1. Last year, former Gov. Pat Quinn signed the Smoke-Free Campus act, making it both a new law and a new reality that smoking will be

banned, both indoor and outdoor, at public colleges and universities, starting July 1, 2015. RLC President Terry Wilkerson said the college's board will consider a new policy at a future meeting. Wilkerson said the policy basically reads that the college will "adhere to and

enforce" all state mandated regulations contained in the Smoke Free Campus Act. The act prohibits all students, staff, or visitors from being able to carry, smoke, burn, inhale, or exhale any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, e-cigarette or any kind of lighted smoking

equipment on campus. The ban applies to every part of campus, including parking lots. However, those who wish to can smoke inside their personal vehicles. RLC is taking the initiative to help smokers quit. Morgan Gravat is a representative of the

RLC Worksite Wellness Committee and a member of a task force for implementing the Smoke Free Campus Act at RLC. She encourages students and staff to make July 1 more
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Get active this spring with these HamCo workshops

Middle and high school students are invited to get active this spring with several workshops at Rend Lake College. Whether it's softball, volleyball, or soccer, there's something for everyone. Get active outside with the Softball Fundamentals class.

The instructor is Jessica Varner. Girls in 3rd - 6th grades should come dressed and ready to learn the basics of softball, including hitting and fielding. The class costs \$15 and is set for 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 6-20 at the baseball fields at Hamilton County Junior and Senior High School.

Girls in 4th - 6th grades can also take part in Volleyball this spring with instructor April McCormick. Learn the fundamentals of volleyball, such as how to bump, set, spike, and serve, as well as about scoring, positioning, and the rules for volleyball. The class costs \$24 and will meet from 5:30 - 7:30

p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 24 - April 2 at the old McLeansboro High School gymnasium. Last but not least, boys and girls from 4th - 6th grades can participate in Let's Play Soccer to learn all about stretching, passing, and shooting. Instructor Enrique Guzman will meet with

students from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, May 4 - 18 at the baseball fields at Hamilton County Junior and Senior High School. The class costs \$10. For more information about these classes, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Department at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1714 or 1380.



Michelle Doscher, LEFT, speaks to students in RLC Criminal Justice Associate Professor Ron Meek's class, SITTING RIGHT. Doscher's interactive speech provided helpful insight into many different areas of criminal justice and allowed students to make comments and ask questions. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Forensic Analyst Michelle Doscher visits RLC Criminal Justice class

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Students in Rend Lake College's Criminal Justice program got an up close and personal look at life in the field with Forensic and Criminal Investigative Analyst Michelle Doscher during a presentation earlier this

week. Doscher is a native of McKenzie, Tenn., who is currently working on her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Forensic Psychology through Walden University while living in Mt. Vernon. With years of
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WYSE regional winners ready for sectional competition

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

More than 150 students from 10 area high schools competed last month at the 2015 Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Academic Challenge Regional at Rend Lake College. Those who advanced will compete at the sectional level this month for the chance to make the state finals April 13-16 in Campaign. Schools with similar enrollment compete against one another in divisions. Christopher High School, Wayne City High School, Zeigler-Royalton High School, Sesser-Valier High School, Waltonville High School, and Webber Township High School make up Division 300. Division 700 consists of Benton Consolidated

High School, Pinckneyville Community High School, and Hamilton County Senior High School. The lone Division 1500 school in the RLC regional is Mt. Vernon Township High School. "The Math and Sciences Division at Rend Lake College is pleased to continue to host the Regional WYSE event in cooperation with the University of Illinois," said Andrea Banach, RLC Dean of Math and Sciences. "Every year, the WYSE Academic Challenge brings district high school students together and gives them the opportunity to compete against one another as peers. This year, RLC Biology Instructor Emily Jones also coordinated a mini-design contest for students to complete dur-
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Mining in Society Merit Badge workshop returning to RLC

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Boy Scouts will once again team up with the Rend Lake College Mining and Industrial Department to give local scouts a chance at the new Mining in Society merit badge. The classroom aspect of the workshop will meet at the RLC Coal Mine Training Center from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, March 21. Local scouts will get some hands-on experience with coal mining, an effort aimed to teach the boys about different career opportunities. There will be several guest speakers and activities focusing on mining enterprises in the state or region, understanding the hazards a miner may encounter while in an

active mine, reviewing dangers someone might encounter in an abandoned mine, and many other topics. "I don't know which, the adults or the Boy Scouts, were more excited about the workshop last year," said Dr. Joseph Hirschi, member of the Boy Scouts Content Development team and creator of the merit badge. "I was personally gratified because I've been doing a lot with the Boy Scouts for many years. At the end, they were all saying it was the most fun merit badge they'd ever worked on." Boy Scouts will then travel to a Knight Hawk Coal mine for a tour of the facility.
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work in criminology through the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Scientific Investigation Division, Doscher became an expert witness for the LAPD in crime scene investigations, toxicology, narcotics, and blood alcohol. She also helped lead the crime laboratory to accreditation by the American Society of Crime Lab Directors.

During the presentation, Doscher shared tips of the trade with RLC students interested in a career in law enforcement. She also talked through several cases she worked with the LAPD, letting students ask questions and make educated guesses based on the information she gathered as a forensic analyst.

One high-profile case she spoke about was the O. J. Simpson murder case, of which she caught the tail-end at the beginning of her criminology career with the LAPD. She said the changes she saw first-hand were huge in all areas of law enforcement.

"Everything changed after that case, from the way we presented ourselves to the training we received," said Doscher. "We had more money to purchase new and updated equipment, and for our departments to send us out for training. One of the biggest things we learned was how to write documents of a crime scene, while you're on the scene, with the idea they're going straight to court right afterward."

Doscher also spoke about her doctorate degree and the idea behind creating a new standardized deception detection technique to help law enforcement during interrogations and witness interviews. If successful, Doscher says the technique will aid in investigations, and possibly reduce false confession rates, help detect credible eye witnesses, and close more cases.

"My research is the first of its kind to be used to support law enforcement in reducing re-victimization," said Doscher. "It's a method that I'm hoping will be used by police officers to interview suspects

and eyewitnesses for deception. I'm trying to prove a theory as to why this method will work and for it to become a screening tool for officers to use during investigations."

She didn't delve into details as many of the RLC Criminal Justice students will have the chance to participate in the research as test subjects. Not only will they help Doscher with her technique and research, but they will in turn be introduced to theories and methodologies in investigative psychology, as well as see first-hand the entwining of law enforcement's multiple disciplines.

At the end of the presentation, Doscher was available for students to ask questions about the criminal justice industry. In a final moment of advice, she added, "If you're looking to get rich or if you're looking to get famous, you're in the wrong profession, but if you're here to protect and serve, you'll do just fine."

To learn more about RLC's Criminal Justice programs, contact the Applied Science and Technology Department at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1261.

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than just the day campus goes smoke free. She wants them to set it as the date they go smoke free.

"The FDA says that smoking kills 1,200 people every day in the United States and if you don't quit you have a one-in-two chance of dying from a smoke-related disease," said Gravatt.

News of the law is getting mixed response on campus.

"Secondhand smoke is a public health problem, so I am pleased by this new policy," said Associate Professor of Sociology Sarah Draper.

Student athletes Javon Brown-Stribling (baseball) and criminal justice major Valencia Chandler (basketball) both said cigarette smoke gives them

headaches and that they were pleased to learn of the new law.

Devin Williams, a sophomore majoring in automotive technology, sees this as an infringement of his rights.

"I don't like that very much," Williams said. "When smokers go without nicotine for a while they get irritable and they can be more mouthy ... to teachers, so their jobs would be harder."

Wilkerson said the college wrote for a grant to help defray costs of educating the campus about the new law and promoting smoking cessation. Kathy Evans works with Title III Health Studies Support at RLC. She said the college was awarded a Legacy Grant from the state of Illinois. Evans says the money will help fund awareness initiatives

and install "No Smoking" signs on campus that are required by the law.

Wilkerson said the primary concern right now is increasing awareness of the new law. He said enforcement and punishment for offenders will most likely be phased in.

"Right now, we're going to start with letting everybody know, and reminding them," he said, adding that campus security will be the ones involved with that process for the most part.

"We'd like everybody to help us enforce that a little bit," said Wilkerson.

There are a variety of online resources for students wishing to quit smoking. Methods, products and benefits are readily available with a quick Google search. Top results include Smoke-free.gov and Cancer.org.

Sudoku

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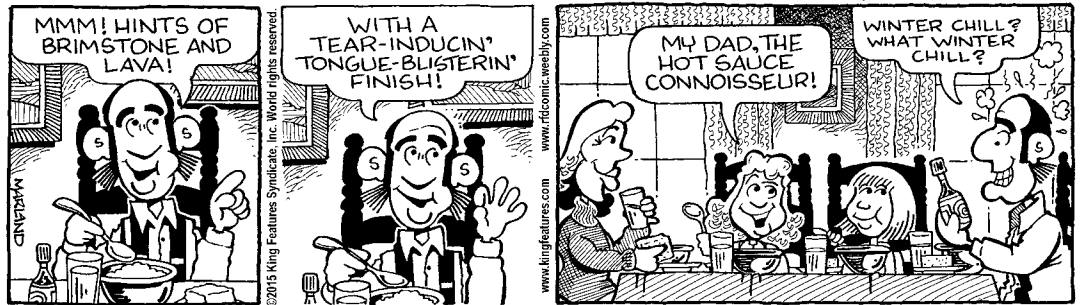
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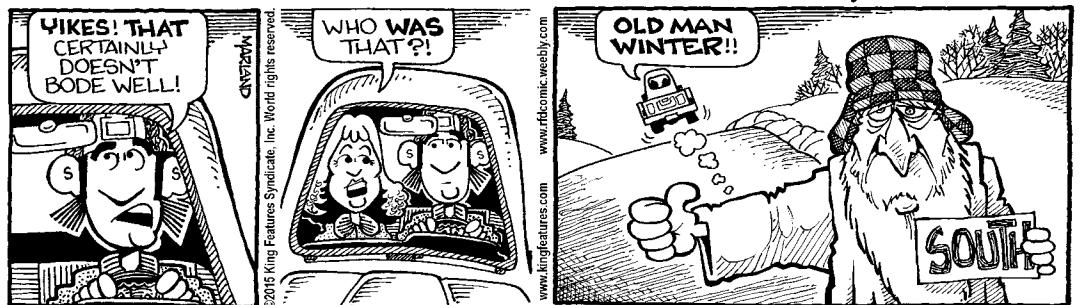
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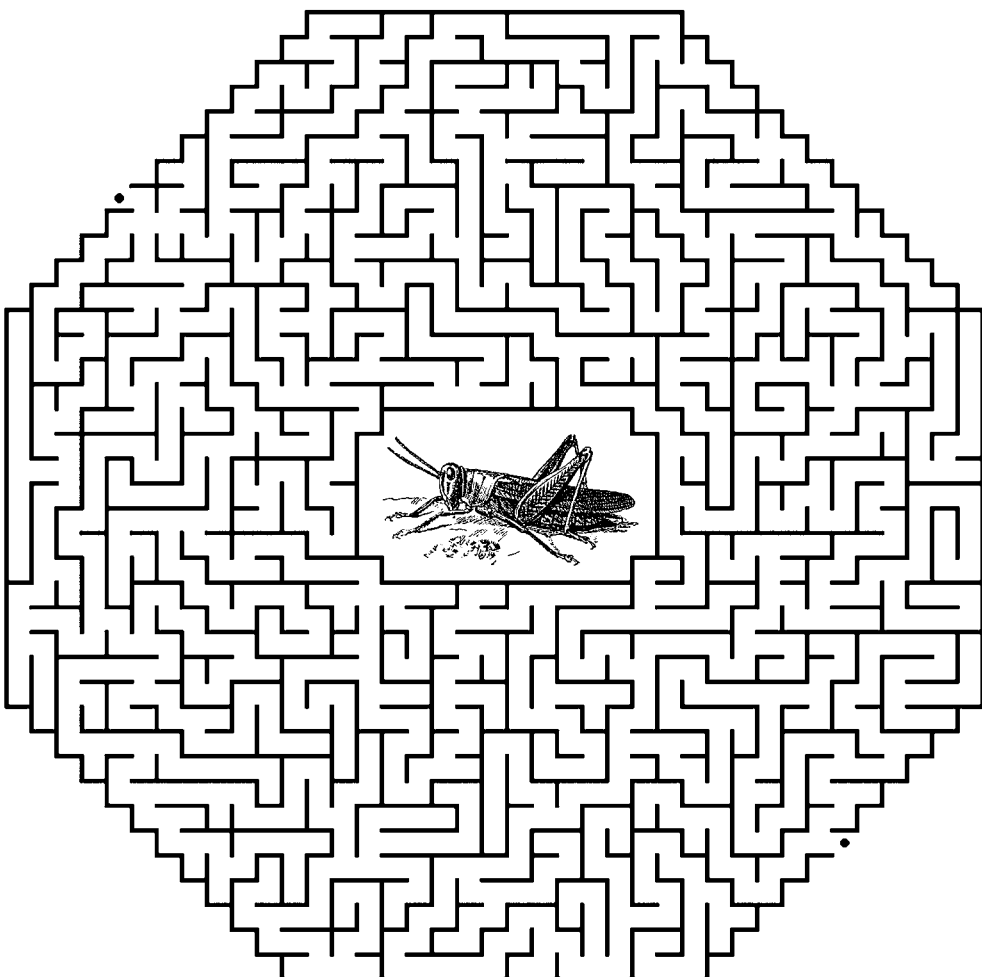
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- Across**
- 1 Shark movie
 - 5 Busters' grp.
 - 8 Hardly tepid
 - 14 Orchestra wind
 - 15 J.F.K. abbr.
 - 16 Native of Muskogee
 - 17 Alaska town
 - 18 "Crystal Silence" jazzman
 - 20 One of Sinatra's exes
 - 21 Actress Lisa
 - 22 Music symbol
 - 23 Lineman?
 - 27 Moves fast
 - 28 Miniskirt style
 - 29 Instruction to an equestrian
 - 31 Hawkeye State native
 - 34 Squawk, e.g.
 - 37 Suitors pitch it
 - 38 "All Summer Long" singer, 2008
 - 40 Complexion
 - 41 Remaining
 - 42 Constrictor
 - 43 "What do you ___?"
 - 44 Won ___
 - 45 Rorschach image
 - 47 Pioneering multi-sport star
 - 53 Witch's curse
 - 54 Anticipate, as an arrival
 - 55 Slightly twisted
 - 56 Renowned chef
 - 59 Perfume holder
 - 60 Declare without proof
 - 61 Progress too slowly
 - 62 Herr Bismarck
 - 63 Clam's cousin
 - 64 Be positioned
 - 65 "Stop pouring"

- Down**
- 1 Bible book with a fish story
 - 2 ___ suspicion
 - 3 Femininity
 - 4 Equal a bet
 - 5 Sting elements
 - 6 Start for -centric
 - 7 Final word
 - 8 Say "What?"
 - 9 Legendary bird
 - 10 Whatchamacallit
 - 11 Energy giant that went bankrupt in 2001
 - 12 Hair removal product
 - 13 Refrain part
 - 19 Egg box: Abbr.
 - 21 First-round pass
 - 24 Tiny parasite
 - 25 Auto-financing co.
 - 26 One in an order
 - 29 Noah's number
 - 30 Spared item
 - 31 Wedding day phrase
 - 32 IV sites
 - 33 Job lot?
 - 34 Exchanges words?
 - 35 Pantyhose problem
 - 36 As of now
 - 38 Volume control
 - 39 Skye of TV
 - 43 Lo mein vessel
 - 44 Prepares for takeoff
 - 45 Four-hand amusement
 - 46 Totally drunk
 - 47 Chimes
 - 48 "Camptown Races" syllable
 - 49 Volunteer's cry
 - 50 Part of a holy name
 - 51 Give a grand speech
 - 52 Snaggable fabric
 - 53 Sitcom-streaming service
 - 56 Flashy two-point basket
 - 57 Get wrinkled?
 - 58 Cartoon fan's keepsake
 - 59 Oath

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Megamaze



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Strange BUT TRUE

BY SAMANTHA WEAVER
KING FEATURES

- It was Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw who made the following sage observation: "There is no sincerer love than the love of food."
- You might be surprised to learn that the fastest flying insect is the dragonfly; it's been clocked at speeds up to 35 mph.
- In Japan, a black cat crossing your path is considered to be good luck, not bad.
- If you have trouble getting along with your in-laws, you might dream of getting payback someday.

A man named Charles Webb did just that — on a grand scale. While in high school, Webb dated a girl named Eve; Eve's mother, however, didn't think Webb was good enough for her daughter and did everything she could to keep them apart. The two eventually got married, and Webb wrote the novel "The Graduate" ... yes, the one that was turned into a movie starring Dustin Hoffman. The character of the drunken, promiscuous mother-in-law was based on the woman who'd tried to sabotage his relationship for years.

- When archaeologists discovered the tomb of King Tut, one of the objects they found inside was a bronze razor — and it was still sharp enough to use.
 - Washington, D.C., has a lower marriage rate than any other major U.S. city.
 - The breed of dog known as the Great Dane didn't come from Denmark; it's German in origin.
 - President George Washington reportedly was terrified at the thought of being buried alive. He insisted that his burial not take place until at least three days after his death, just to make sure he was really deceased.
 - The starling is the world's most common bird.
- Thought for the Day:**
"Few things are harder to put up with than a good example." — Mark Twain



WYSE WHIZZLES — More than 150 local students, from 10 area high schools, tested at the WYSE Academic Challenge Regional hosted by Rend Lake College. This year's overall winners, in each discipline, are, FROM LEFT, Jackson Stubblefield (English, Sesser-Valier), Blake Dorris (Math, Sesser-Valier), Michael Wright (Chemistry, Mt. Vernon), Connor Pigg (Engineering Graphics, Mt. Vernon), Wyatt Marks (Computer Science, Mt. Vernon), Shubhika Jain (Biology, Mt. Vernon), and Taylor Yucus (Physics, Benton). They will compete in the sectional this month at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. According to the WYSE website, the window for sectionals is March 1-16 with state finals April 13-16 in Champaign. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

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ing their lunch break. In groups of three, the high schoolers designed a rocket, egg vehicle, air-fueled vehicle, or marshmallow structure."

Each student who competes in the WYSE Academic Challenge completes two exams in pre-selected subjects. They can choose from biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, math, or physics.

Below are the regional results, including those who advanced to the

WYSE Sectional this month at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. According to the WYSE website, the sectional window is March 1-16. The Illinois State Finals will be held April 13-16 at the Illini Union, University of Illinois Urbana campus in Champaign.

This year's overall winners were Biology: Shubhika Jain (MVTHS), **Chemistry:** Michael Wright (MVTHS), **Computer Science:** Wyatt Marks (MVTHS), **Engineering Graphics:** Connor Pigg (MVTHS), **English:** Jackson Stubblefield

(SVHS), **Math:** Blake Dorris (SVHS), and **Physics:** Taylor Yucus (BCHS).

TOP 3 TEAMS (in order): **Division 300** - Christopher, Sesser-Valier, Waltonville; **Division 700** - Benton, Hamilton County, Pinckneyville; **Division 1500** - Mt. Vernon.

INDIVIDUALS ADVANCING TO SECTIONAL:

(Division 300) Biology: Thorn Hall (CHS), Sean McDicken (ZRHS), Jackson Stubblefield (SVHS); **Chemistry:** Holly Valette (CHS), Thorn Hall (CHS),

Jacob Lewis (WHS); **Computer Science:** Zach Mabry (SVHS), Brendan Witges (WHS), **Engineering Graphics:** Hayden Fasig (CHS), Danny Brown (WCHS), Connor Jackson (WTHS), Seth Traiteur (CHS); **English:** Jackson Stubblefield (SVHS), Camryn Maloney (CHS); **Math:** Blake Dorris (SVHS), Kalynd Hubbard (CHS), Zach Mabry (SVHS), Michael Stanfield (WHS); **Physics:** Kalynd Hubbard (CHS), Adam Kozuszek (WHS), Nick Marlo (SVHS), Rachel Miller (CHS).

(Division 700) Biology:

James Edison Davidson (PHS), Emma J. Webster (BCHS); **Chemistry:** Bethany R. Garrett (BCHS), Daniel Rapp (HCSHS), Landon Vaughan (HCSHS), Taylor A. Yucus (BCHS); **Computer Science:** Jesse Dickey (HCSHS), Andrew D. Lingle (BCHS), Chris Coronado (HCSHS), Noah D. Thompson (BCHS); **Engineering Graphics:** Andrew D. Lingle (BCHS), Kurtis D. Sanders (BCHS), Kelsey Rose Smith (PHS); **English:** Sarah Mead (HCSHS), Theresa J. Heinz (BCHS); **Math:** James Edison Davidson

(PHS), Bethany R. Garrett (BCHS), Tucker Braden (HCSHS), Missy Davis (HCSHS), Brooklyn Dawn Morrow (PHS); **Physics:** Taylor A. Yucus (BCHS), Sydney Alexis Stanton (PHS).

(Division 1500 - All MVTHS) Biology: Shubhika Jain, Jaxson Lewis; **Chemistry:** Michael Wright, Rachel Bolerjack; **Computer Science:** Wyatt Marks; **Engineering Graphics:** Connor Pigg, Aaron Steele; **English:** Riley Cornett, Emily Glowicki; **Math:** Shubhika Jain, Trey Riley; **Physics:** Rachel Bolerjack, Trey Riley.

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PUTTING ON A CLINIC — CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT; Four girls practice the timed relay drill, throwing across the Rec and back, and trying to beat the Lady Warriors' time of 11 seconds; the athletes gather around Coach Ellingsworth to learn techniques for the underhand toss; high school and RLC athletes teamed up to work on the underhand toss. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Sports Information)

Softball Pre-Season Prospect Clinic draws high school hopefuls

High School athletes from across Rend Lake College's district came to the Rec Center for the RLC Softball Pre-

Season Prospect Clinic. Attendees were coached by RLC Softball Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth, Rec Center Director Tyler O'Daniel, and several

Lady Warrior athletes. The topics discussed and drills practiced gave the students a first-hand look at softball at the collegiate level. The Rec

Center also offers softball and baseball lessons to anyone over the age of 6. For more information about details and dates of the lessons, contact O'Daniel at (270) 703-6790; (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1279; or odaniel@rlc.edu.

The RLC Rec Center provides the community, athletes, and staff with a great place to train and improve their lifestyles. Information about the Rec Center can be found online at www.rlc.edu/rec or on the Rec Center Facebook page.

Warriors outdo Statesmen, open Region 24 with Lincoln Friday in Springfield

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (March 2, 2015) — The Rend Lake College Men's Basketball team will tip off postseason play at 2 p.m. Friday against No. 5 seed Lincoln College. The Warriors earned the four seed for the NJCAA Region XXIV Tournament, being played at Lincoln Land's Cass Gymnasium in Springfield this year. The winner will play top seed John Wood at 1 p.m. Saturday, and the championship game will follow at 2 p.m. Sunday.

RLC won 79-71 Saturday night over Lincoln Trail College in Robinson, Ill. The Warriors finished the regular season 13-15 and 5-11 in the Great

Rivers Athletic Conference.

Top scorers in that game for RLC were Ryan Otis (Houston, Texas) with 20 points and Greg McClain (Chicago) with 18. Other players scoring double digits were Dedric Byrd (Champaign), Richard Clemons (Louisville, Ky.), and Robert Sawyer (Louisville, Ky.) with 10 each. Freshman Armani Towns (Columbus, Ohio) added seven while Eric Williams (Memphis, Tenn.) and Clint Johannes (Ashley) scored two each. Lincoln Trail's Tyler Truesdel scored a team-high 15.

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



Bright future

Middle infielder Sammie Bright, CENTER, of Zeigler signed a national letter of intent to play softball at Rend Lake College. She is pictured with, FROM LEFT, her mother and father Lisa and John Bright. Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth said Bright will be a great addition to the Lady Warriors team because she has the option to play several different positions. Her biggest assets include a good arm, excellent defense, line drive hitting, and speed. (Submitted Photo)

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