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# Arnold recaps RLC history for presidential Library project

BY NATHAN WHEELER

nyone who knows Wayne Arnold knows how much he loves to talk about Rend Lake College. And who better? Next year, the 82-year-old mainstay on campus will have worked for the district as many years parttime as he did full-time. He retired in 1989.

"Anytime I can talk about Rend Lake, I am ready to do it." That's what Arnold told Phil Pogue, a former Greenville School District superintendent, who spent a year gathering

interviews for his project, "Education is Key — Community Colleges.

Arnold is one of 62 interviews collected and organized by Pogue on the topic and published on the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's website. Use tinyurl.com/CollegeOralHistory to access the project.

Pogue's study is the most recent addition to the Lincoln Library's oral history program, which now has collected nearly 500 interviews on topics ranging from immigrants and veterans to families and Springfield's African American history,

according to the Springfield State Journal-Register. The newspaper reports Pogue interviewed teachers, administrators, trustees and others involved with the state's 39 community college districts. The collection covers the period from 1901, when Joliet Junior College was founded as the country's first public community college, to the present, according to the Journal-Register. The current statewide system will celebrate

its 50th anniversary next year. "Community colleges, when I did research, seemed to be underrepresented in what I

could find," Pogue told Journal-Register staff writer Dan Petrel-

Arnold said to be included in a project for an organization such as the Lincoln Presidential Library is quite an honor.

'[Pogue] sent me the video a while back. We talked about all the changes that have occured - from the beginning when I came to [Mt. Vernon Community College] in '63 and there were a little more than 300 students, to now. There have been so many changes."

Arnold was born in Mount Vernon in 1932. He graduated from

high school in Sesser and later earned an Associates degree from Centralia Junior College and a BS and MS degree from Southern Illinois University through Rend Lake College. He started his teaching career at Dahlgren High School, teaching there for three years. He joined the faculty of Mount Vernon High School where he operated the school's Community College program. When the campus was relocated and named Rend Lake College shortly after the

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### **RLC awarded \$102k Illinois School Security Grant to upgrade** safety features

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION end Lake College will soon be enhancing security features across campus with the help of \$102,738 from the Illinois School Security Grant Program and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA).

Announcements were made Tuesday of grants totaling \$25 million in funds to public K-12 and community colleges across the state. Jo Ann Dick, Coordinator of Special Projects at RLC, said the college will use the money to install locks on the inside of doors and to place more security cameras across campus.

"The main things we wanted were door locks for inside doors on all buildings, in classrooms, offices, and restrooms." said Dick. "We're also upgrading our security system with new cameras inside some buildings and some exterior ones too."

Damon Sims, Assistant Chief of Security, said there will be 127 new locks

installed on campus, in addition to 29 new cameras. The security server also will be replaced with grant money to improve picture quality and reviewing abilities, and key card entry will be added to some buildings for faculty and staff. Another safety upgrade RLC officials are considering completing without grant funds are security blinds in more classrooms to block the view from an outside hall-

"Once we get the agreement from IEMA, we can start on these projects," said Sims. "We're expecting everything to come through May 16, so we'll get started on it soon."

The grant funds will be spent updating several buildings on campus, including the Academic Building, Administration Building, Advanced Technology Building, Applied Science Center, Science Building, Coal Mine Training Center, Learning Resource Center, Theatre.

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# **Summer Kids Camps** offer range of activities, hobbies on Ina campus

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION o matter the interest, no matter the age, Rend Lake College has a camp for every child this summer, from culinary arts to agriculture to martial arts, and everything in between. Join our staff in exploring new worlds on the RLC Ina campus.

RLC's Community and Corporate Education Division is bringing back some old favorites and launching some new activities with this year's line-up. These Summer Kids Camps are great for parents looking for something fun for the kids to do this summer, and the college will have more information coming soon. Brochures with registration forms and camp calendars are available for download at www.rlc.edu/kidscamps.

Ag Camp will cover five areas of agriculture: farming, fiber, flowers, food, and forestry.

Campers will discover animals, plants and soil science with a horticulturist and participate in outdoor activities. Grades K-3, at \$30 per camper, 9 a.m. - noon, Monday-Thursday, July 21-24 in the Applied Science Center, Room

**Awesome Animal Art** is where campers will practice with different mediums and learn basic art skills with animal art. Grades 1-3, at \$60 per camper is from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, June 23-26 or 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 28-31 in the Vocational Building, Room 118. Grades 4-6, at \$60 per camper, is from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, June 23-26 or 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, July 28-31 in the Vocational Building, Room 118.

Blastoff! is where campers develop a strong sense of self and

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### **Community First Bank becomes Silver level Major Donor to RLC Foundation**

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION merging as one of the fastest-growing community leaders In Jefferson County, Community First Bank of the Heartland is the newest Rend Lake College Foundation Major Donor to become a Silver level donor with \$5,000 in scholarships being awarded this year alone. The bank began donating to RLC in 2010 and has since exceeded the \$25,000 mark with 2014 pledges.

Foundation CEO Shawna Manion said Community First Bank established its the first \$500 scholarship with RLC in 2010, intended to help a Jefferson County senior who was involved in National Honor Society, Youth and Government, or Future Business Leaders of America continue his or her education. As of the 2012-2013 school year, they have supported students with more than \$5,000 in scholarships

"However, in 2013-2014, Community First Bank went above and beyond in supporting

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# **Kids summer** camps offered across RLC district

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION or the outdoorsy child or the one with the wild imagination, Rend Lake College is offering four Kids Camps throughout the district this summer.

With offerings in Benton, Mt. Vernon, and Pinckneyville, campers will have the option to enjoy fun in the sun, paint a canvas, and learn about fashion, among other activities.

"Outdoor Adventure" will be hosted at Benton's Camp Manitowa for students entering or leaving grades 2-9. There are four week-long camps, scheduled from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays June 16-19, June 23-26, July 21-24, and July 28-31. Attendees can choose to attend one, two, three, or all four camp weeks.

At "Outdoor Adventure," campers will take part in arts and crafts, challenge courses, zip lining, teambuilding exercises, kayaking, fishing, and hiking. Kids are asked to bring a sack lunch and drinks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and swimming attire. The cost of the camp is \$155 for the first week, and \$100 for each additional week. Siblings may attend for a discounted rate of \$100.

In Mt. Vernon, camp 'Strike A Pose" will be held at Studio RLC at the MarketPlace for students entering or leaving grades 1-7. The one-day camp is scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, July 17.

During the camp, students will learn the latest fashions and trends in skin care, make-up, nail care, hair, poise, and etiquette. There will be a

runway walk at the end of the day, so campers are asked to bring their favorite outfit. The camp costs \$35, which includes

Two camps will be held at the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus, Room 101. First up will be "Picture It!" for students entering or leaving grades 2-4. The campers will create hand-painted canvases with a sport or flower theme. The deadline for enrollment is May 30 and the cost is \$25. Campers are asked to wear an old shirt or paint smock. The camp is scheduled for 9-11 a.m., Saturday, June

Finally, "Castles, Catapults, and Coat of Arms," is designed for students entering or leaving grades 1-6. They will become characters in medieval times, learning to work together to creatively problem-solve, enhance understanding of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), and build towers, boats, drawbridges, catapults, and more.

The cost of the camp is \$100. It is scheduled for 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 21-24.

Payments may be made by check, money order, credit or debit cards, or cash, and must be received at the time of registration. Parents and guardians are responsible for all transportation arrangements to and from camp.

Get the registration form online at www.rlc.edu/kidscamps. For more information, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Department at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1714 or 1267.

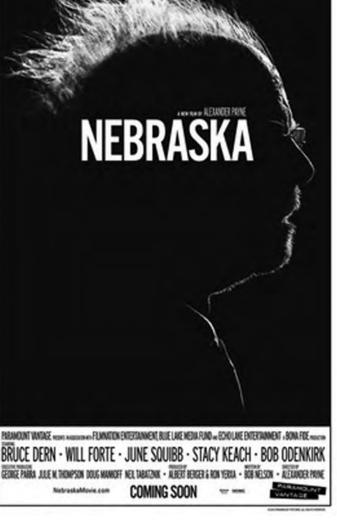
# 'Dern' good acting in 'Nebraska'

CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFFWRITER y dad, along with many others, have harbored a deep and unfair grudge against Bruce Dern ever since his role in "The Cowboys" back in the 1970s where he became forever known as the man who shot John Wayne in the back. Other men had done the same deed over the years, but thanks in part to Dern's memorable lanky facial features and his signature drawl, he was the one who would be immortalized for it. Now finally, at age 77, it appears Dern has finally found redemption from his past cinematic sin with what is assuredly the best performance of his career in Alexander Payne's latest film; "Nebraska".

This is a movie I watched in black and white but remember in color. It is great evidence in the debate for why black and white movies are still an essential tool in any movie maker's repertoire. I found that the black and white atmosphere here added to the reality and credibility of the movie. It took "Nebraska" from being a comic road trip movie, and transformed it into a stark drama (with comedic elements) where the focus was kept squarely where it belongs, instead of simply becoming a travelogue of sight gags.

Nebraska is a similar movie in theme to another Alexander Payne road movie, "About Schmidt" which starred the aging Jack Nicholson in one of his better latter-day roles and featured Kathy Bates in one of the best surly antagonistic roles of her career. "Nebraska", while not as dark a movie as "About Schmidt" is just as good and features performances as good or better from Bruce Dern and June

"Nebraska" follows the story of the old, likable loser Woody Grant, (Bruce Dern) who receives one of those junk mail sweepstake notices telling him he's got a million dollars waiting for him, along with the price of several magazine subscriptions, all of which he can have as soon as he sends the letter back to the company's home office in Lincoln Nebraska. Woody, a somewhat senile and overly trusting fellow, sincerely believes he has won, which drives the rest of the movie's events. According to Grant's son, David Grant (Will Forte) Woody does not have Alzheimer's, he just has the bad habit of believing the things that people tell him. So after Woody



attempts to walk from Montana to Nebraska twice on his own, his son decides, for a change of scenery anyway, to humor the old man's delusions and take him on a drive to collect his imagined winnings. Along the way they get sidetracked in Hawthorne, Nebraska, the town where Woody grew up, and it is there that the heart of the movie takes place.

In Hawthorne they spend some time with Woody's family including his brother and two nefarious nephews. All the men in the Grant family are people of very few words. They remind me of my own father and of his generation in general. They're the kind of people who would never answer a question with a full blown sentence when a simple grunt would do the trick just as well.

Payne does a remarkable directing job on this movie, but he must be given credit for an even better job in the casting department. It could not have been an easy fight getting Bruce Dern for this role, as the studios reportedly wanted a big time name like Gene Hackman, Robert Duvall, or Jack Nicholson. All tremendous actors, but aside from Duvall, I don't believe they would have been right for the part of Woody Grant. In a 2012 interview, Payne outlined what exactly he was looking for in this leading role.

The lead is a cranky Midwestern guy. He goes in and out of dementia and cajoles his son to drive him from his home in Billings to Lincoln, Nebraska, because he thinks he's won a sweepstakes there. I need a Henry Fonda when he was a crotchety old [son of a gun]. But he's not available, so I'm looking elsewhere. I always liked the austerity of Fonda's acting, so that's what I'm going for."

Bruce Dern hits that description right on the button. Fonda was always one of the most likable actors of his generation, which helped him to perform an about face and portray one of the best villains of all time in "Once Upon a Time in the West", a movie which opens with him murdering an entire prairie family in cold blood. Bruce Dern does a similar turnaround here, as he has made a career of playing great smarmy villains, but here puts in a stunning performance as a sympathetic, although still very much crotchety and cantankerous character that pulls on your heartstrings the entire movie. Dern is not the only great bit of casting in this

If you would have told me before seeing this that someone chose Saturday Night Live's Will Forte (no disrespect intended) over Bryan Cranston I would have said they were out of their minds. However, for the role of Dern's youngest son, Forte is nearly perfect. Dern's older son is played by "Breaking Bad" alumni,

"Better Call Saul" Bob Odenkirk. Forte and Odenkirk both share a background of being comedic actors, and Saturday Night Live vets, and while they both play completely straight characters here, I had no trouble believing this was the kind of offspring that would be produced from a union with the surly Bruce Dern and the feisty June Squibb.

Squibb plays Dern's long suffering wife and she provides the film with most of its big laughs. She plays one of those older people that just says whatever is on their mind with no thought of filtering herself for the benefit of others' sensitivity. At a trip to the local cemetery she regales her son with tales of all the, now dead men, that tried to "get in her pants" back in the day. Her character goes back and forth, making you despise her one second for her non-stop verbal abuse of her husband, and then having you champion her later when she rallies to his defense when the family buzzards start circling. She is just as much a wonder in this role as Dern.

Forte perfectly embodies the everyman kind of vibe that you would expect from a mild-mannered workingclass guy from Montana, at least the sort of working class that works in a stereo store instead of a lumber yard that is. He never misses a beat in this movie either as he takes abuse from his elderly parents as well as assorted other relatives. It is his decision early on in the movie to humor his dad's request to take him to Lincoln to cash in his million dollar "prize" that sets up everything that follows, so it is very important that we both like and trust his character for this story to not come off as cruel and exploitative instead of sincere and heartwarming.

This is Bruce Dern's movie though. He is in command every second he is on screen.

Woody is a character who is ornery and thorny on the outside, but on the inside he is an overly trusting and deeply kind person who has been taken advantage of his entire life. This, along with some bad experiences in Korea, led him to a heavy drinking problem. Dern navigates the complexities of Woody Grant flawlessly. This is not just the best role of Dern's career, it's one of the best performances in any movie in quite some time. This is landmark acting.

4 out of 5 Stars

### **Reel Illinois YouTube** channel up and running

he Illinois Community College Trustee Associations's Reel Illinois YouTube channel is up and running. To view the 17 student film entries in the 'community college' category, got to www.youtube.com/chan-

nel/UCzLhiYemNkd0Y8GB0J80dg/feed. June 1 is the deadline for video entries in the "small business/community-based organization" category. Want to learn more? Go to The Reel Illinois website at reelillinois.org.

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local students in their educational endeavors with over \$13,000 in donations," said Manion. "This means that, in a span of one year, Community First Bank has not only reached the RLC Foundation's Major Donor Bronze level of \$10,000 to \$24,999; they have practically skipped over it to our Silver level of \$25,000 to \$49,999. They have also pledged \$7,500 for the upcoming year in support of RLC and our students."

Manion also said donors

in one year, but she isn't surprised bank president Jo Cummins and his wife Rae are among those who have made the generous contribution.

"Jo and Rae Cummins are two of the most positive and generous people I've had the pleasure of working with," she said. "When they established the Community First Bank Scholarship in 2010, we were excited to have them investing in the young people of Jefferson County. Every time I sit down with Jo and Rae, they are eager to help our youth and get involved however they

truly understand that the students at RLC are the people of Jefferson County, the current and future workforce, leaders, and citizens. They provide the generous gift of education to so many and that is an incredible testament to their commitment to

invest in Jefferson County." Community First Bank has two locations in Mt. Vernon, and others in Dix, Ina and Woodlawn. It has grown out of a 100-year-long service to the county under the name First National Bank, originally chartered in Woodlawn in 1906. Though the 2008 name change was important in many ways, one of the most significant was the focus on putting the community first.

"We're very blessed at Community First Bank and we want to be helpful in any way we can," said President Jo Cummins. "It's all about the community and we want to be a lively and engaged part of it."

Cummins added the scholarships they fund now 10 annually for \$500 each — are easy ways to give back to the community. The bank also supports RLC and its students in other ways, such as donations to the "Pathway to Success"

campaign which will redesign the entryway to and façade of the Administration Building on campus.

"Rend Lake College is a very important piece when it comes to educating the work staff that needs to be developed for all businesses, including ours, to be successful in Jefferson County," said Jo Cummins. "We want to be part of that continued effort to build our community. We can help and we're proud to do so."

The bank is also a community leader when it comes to local events and fundraisers, including support in the annual Relay for Life campaign, the American Heart Walk, the Special Olympics at Mt. Vernon Township High School, the United Way Color Run, Lifeboat Alliance, YMCA, CASA Healthy Woman, Cedarhurst, Girl Scouts and much more.

To learn more about becoming a donor to the RLC Foundation, call (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1214, or email manions@rlc.edu. For information about the Foundation, visit

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### Illinois Mining Institute scholarships



RLC student Justin Hale received a scholarship through the Illinois Mining Institute. Hale, CENTER, of Tamaroa is pictured with RLC Dean of Applied Science Chris Nielsen, LEFT, and Mining Technology Instructor Charles Wingo. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



RLC student Drake Curry received a scholarship through the Illinois Mining Institute. Curry, CENTER, of Benton is pictured with RLC Dean of Applied Science Chris Nielsen, LEFT, and Mining Technology Instructor Don McBride. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



RLC student Cory Breeze received a scholarship through the Illinois Mining Institute. Breeze, CENTER, of Bonnie is pictured with RLC Dean of Applied Science Chris Nielsen, LEFT, and Mining Technology Instructor Don McBride. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



RLC student Zac Cairns received a scholarship through the Illinois Mining Institute. Cairns, CENTER, of Thompsonville is pictured with RLC Dean of Applied Science Chris Nielsen, LEFT, and Mining Technology Instructor Don McBride. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

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connection with their environment, and build and launch their own rocket. Grades 4-8, at \$75 per camper, is from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 21-24 at the Historic Schoolhouse on Ina campus.

Castles, Catapults, and Coat of Arms is where campers become characters in medieval times, and learn to work together to creatively problem-solve, enhance understanding of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) concepts, and build towers, boats, drawbridges, catapults and more. Grades 1-6, at \$100 per camper, is from 9 a.m.noon, Monday-Thursday, June 16-19 in the Applied

Science Center, Room 103. Chefs of Tomorrow is where campers learn the basics to cook safely with a different theme every meeting. Samples will be taken home at the end of each session. Grades 4-6, at \$35 per camper, per session, is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Fridays, in the Culinary Lab in the Student Center. Campers can choose one, two, three, or all four sessions: June 20, Breakfast; June 27, Lunch; July 25, Dinner; and August 1, Dessert.

Comic Book Art is where campers learn about comic book illustration by developing cartooning skills. By the end of the camp, attendees will have designed their own comic book. Grades 1-3, at \$60 per camper, is from 9 a.m.noon, Monday-Thursday, June 16-19 or 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 21-24 in the Vocational Building, Room 118. Grades 4-8, at \$60 per camper, is from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, June 16-19 or 9 a.m.noon, Monday-Thursday, July 21-24 in the Vocational Building, Room 118

Creative Writing is where campers study the basics of good writing from a published author through exercises and projects to help develop individual creativity. The camp will focus on prose (both fiction and nonfiction), but will also touch on poetry. Grades 4-6, at \$60 per camper, is

from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, July 28-31 in the Science Building, Room 106. Grades 7-12, at \$60 per camper, is from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, June 23-26 in the Science Building. Room 106.

**Dream World** is where campers use BanBao Brick kits to learn the fundamentals of architecture and design for both commercial buildings and houses. They will take home three complete projects of more than 1,000 pieces to continue designing at home. BanBao kits are compatible with Lego and Mega Bloks. Grades 1-4, at \$130 per camper, is from 9 a.m.noon, Monday-Thursday, June 23-26 in Applied Science Center, Room 103.

Farmland Fun is where campers learn about new and old farm machines and technologies by discussing construction, buildings, storage, tools, and animals. They will use BanBao Brick kits and will take home three projects of more than 900 pieces to continue designing at home. BanBao kits are compatible with Lego and Mega Bloks. Grades 1-4, at \$130 per camper, is from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, June 23-26 in Applied Science Center, Room 103.

Garbage Pail Science is where campers do handson science experiments. Grades 1-6, at \$60 per camper, is from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, June 16-19 or July 28-31 at the Historic Schoolhouse on the Ina campus.

**Gardening Safari** is where campers work at the RLC Greenhouse and Community Garden, learning how to plant seeds, about foliage and plant leafs, and how to use cuttings from plants. At the end of the camp, attendees will take home fresh produce. Campers are encouraged to dress for the weather as it will be outside, with closed-toed shoes, insect repellent, and sunscreen. Grades 4-7, at \$60 per camper, is from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, July 28-31 in Applied Science Center, Room 103.

Martial Arts is where campers discover martial

arts training and improve their health and coordination by practicing basic calisthenics and stretches, and learning fundamental blocks such as punches and kicks. Campers are asked to wear loose-fitting clothing and tennis shoes. Grades 1-8, at \$60 per camper, is from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, June 23-26 or July 28-31 in the Sports Center.

Me & My Buddy Cake Creation is where parents or caregivers and campers create cupcakes with a summer theme using icing and candies. Aprons and large T-shirts are encouraged. Pre-K and Kindergarten, at \$15 per camper, is from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 25 in the Learning Resource Center, Children's Library.

Pullback Car Frenzy is where campers build cars and participate in experiments to demonstrate science and engineering concepts designed to stimulate problem-solving and creativity with BanBao building blocks. They will take home 10 projects. BanBao kits are compatible with Lego and Mega Bloks. Grades 1-3, at \$130 per camper, is from 9 a.m.noon, Monday-Thursday, June 16-19 in Applied Science Center, Room 101. Grades 4-8, at \$130 per camper, is from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, June 16-19 in Applied Science Center, Room 101.

**Sign Language** is where campers learn the basics of sign language, such as the alphabet, colors, numbers, words and phrases. Grades 1-3, at \$60 per

camper, is from 9 a.m.noon, Monday-Thursday, July 28-31 in the Applied Science Center, Room 101. Grades 4-8, at \$60 per camper, is from 9 a.m.noon, Monday-Thursday, July 21-24 in the Applied Science Center, Room 101.

Starts and Turns Swim Camp is where campers work on competitive swimming starts and turns to get an edge over other swimmers. They will also practice strokes. The camp is designed for those with swim experience. Grades 1-8, at \$30 per camper, is from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, June 23-24 or July 21-22 in the Aquatics Center.

Survivor Camp is where campers participate in the RLC version of "Survivor," learning basic survival skills. They should wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Insect repellent and sunscreen is encouraged as the camp will be outdoors, rain or shine. Grades 4-8, at \$60 per camper, is from 9 a.m.noon, Monday-Thursday, June 23-26 at the Historic Schoolhouse on Ina campus. Payments may be made by check, money order, credit or debit cards, or cash, and must be received at the time of registration. Parents and guardians are responsible for all transportation arrangements to and from camp.

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and Vocational Building.
Chief of Police Gary
McGill added, "These
security features will help
keep our students safer
locked inside a classroom
from the outside in case
something were to happen. The program is about
keeping students a little bit
safer, and that's our goal
too."

The project at RLC is just one of 1,312 projects at 448 schools and college campuses in Illinois. The purpose of the grant program was to establish a starting point security system at every school in the state.

"Nothing is more important in Illinois than keeping our schools safe," Governor Pat Quinn said during the grant announcements Tuesday. "These projects will strengthen security at main entry points, providing school personnel with critical moments to alert law enforcement, activate

plans to protect students and save lives."

IEMA received applications totaling more than \$54 million from 623 school districts and campuses, or about 2,200 projects.

"Our top priority for funding was to help schools establish a baseline security capability through such measures as reinforced doors, shatter-resistant glass and physical locks at primary public entrances," said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. "These are the types of security enhancements experts say can buy valuable time for schools to implement emergency plans."

To see the complete list of schools receiving funds from the Illinois School Security Grant Program, visit

www.illinois.gov/ready/Pre ss/Documents/All-GrantAwardeesByCounty.pdf. To learn more about the grant at RLC, contact JoAnn Dick at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1337.

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# Sports Hall of Fame welcomes eight women's golfers during ceremony

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

ight former Lady Warrior golfers took their places among Rend Lake College's best athletes as they were inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame.

Inducted at the 15th annual event were Bobbie Jo (Bivens) Decker from the 1999-2001 seasons, and the 2004-05 Region 24 Championship team of Nicole Adams, Casey (Biddinger) Spencer, Courtney (Doughty) Poole, Ashley (Hemann) DeSelm, Danielle Kaufman, Meredith Mosel, and Surita (Risseeuw) Du Plessis.

First to be inducted was Decker of Murphysboro, the only two-time Region 24 Medalist at RLC and for Head Coach Cindy Corn. The seasons were the first two years for Corn as head coach, and she said it was a learning curve for everyone involved.

"When we would play in tournaments, you would see this competitive person come out and she wouldn't smile unless she was playing well," said Corn. "She played on my first team, and back then, I didn't know any better, so I just played them against fouryear schools all the time. I didn't think it was a big deal when we got second or third against all four-year schools. I'm starting to realize how difficult that is. If you look at her stats and some of her scores, you can see she was just tremendous."

As a golfer at Petersburg (III.) Porta High School, Decker was a standout, being named the Most Valuable Player four times and placing fifth in the Illinois High School Association State Finals. Corn said she was determined to sign Decker as a Lady Warrior for her first year.

"I wanted Bobbie Jo signed on the dotted line. She called me the day I was headed to sign her and she said, 'Coach, it's going to snow.' I knew I was getting to Springfield before somebody else found out about this girl. Signing her was one of the highlights of that year," said Corn. "We had some really good players and we beat a lot of four-year schools. Bobbie Jo was a big part of that. The team was always under the gun and they pushed each other. I think that's why we were so successful."

During her two years, Decker won Regionals backto-back, something that hadn't been done before or since. She is only the second Lady Warrior golfer to be inducted as an individual to the Hall of Fame. Decker said she was humbled by the hon-

"When I look at my time at Rend Lake College, I remember all the memories we made. It was one of the best decisions I've ever made," she said. "Being on coach's first team was just as much a learning experience for her as it was for all of us, being away from home for the first time. I want to thank all my teammates for those two years, because without them, I wouldn't have been able to do what I've accomplished. They pushed me every step of the way. I also have to thank my biggest fan, my mother, who died three years ago. She was always there, right behind me, and I know she's so proud right now."

Corn also spoke about season highlights for the 2004-05 team, including individual stories for each player. Courtney Poole, Ashley DeSelm, Danielle Kaufman, and Meredith Mosel were present at the induction ceremony.

"Courtney graduated early and moved on to Southern Illinois University Carbondale to be a teacher. I remember she just let everything roll off and she was a good sport. Meredith came in as a freshman and had a great year. She beat me at the Benton Gold Cup, so I've had that picture on my wall to tell me to work harder ever since," said Corn. "Ashley, you're one of the nicest kids I've ever coached. I remember you were a cheerleader and very competitive with a great golf swing. I'm sure you're a big part of why we had such success for two years. Danielle, you were the ornery one. She was always playing practical jokes on people. It was such an exciting year with this group of girls."

Nicole Adams was unable to attend the induction as she is currently serving in the National Guard. Casey Spencer and Surita Du Plessis were unable to make travel arrangements.

"Surita was a tremendous girl to coach. She's from South Africa and couldn't



Sports Hall of Fame inductee Bobbie Jo (Bivens) Decker, TOP ROW, CENTER, stands with her family and Head Coach Cindy Corn, TOP ROW, LEFT, after revealing her plaque in the Waugh Gymnasium-Aquatic Center lobby. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC **Public Information)** 



Half of the 2004-2005 Women's Golf team stands before their Sports Hall of Fame plaque after the event banquet. Pictured is, FROM LEFT, Courtney (Doughty) Poole, Ashley (Hemann) DeSelm, Danielle Kaufman, and Meredith Mosel. Not pictured, but also inducted, is Nicole Adams, Casey (Biddinger) Spencer, and Surita (Risseeuw) Du Plessis. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

make the trip on such short notice, but she was a key part of this team," said Corn. "I remember Nicole was as smart as a tack, and there were a few times we butted heads. I hate that she couldn't be here today, because she was a big part of us finishing fourth in the nation that year. I also remember Casey hitting a hole-in-one with the two other girls in her group. I don't know if that's ever happened in the history of golf that all three girls made a hole-inone at the same tournament."

Kaufman spoke at the ceremony, saying she owed her success to Corn and her

Lady Warriors teammates. She is currently a golf professional at TPC River's Bend golf club in Maineville, Ohio.

"Coach Corn, I wouldn't be where I am today without you. She was always there for us, through everything. To the 2004-2005 team, you're my best friends. We have so many memories together and I will never forget them. Thank you for inducting us; it's an honor," said Kaufman.

**RLC President Terry Wilk**erson was also on hand at the ceremony to thank the inductees, and their family and friends, for making the dinner to acknowledge their accomplishments as Lady Warriors.

"On behalf of the college and as president, it's my duty, privilege and pleasure to welcome you to campus and let you know we're proud of all of our students, especially our athletes who represent us out in the public," said Wilkerson. "When we get the chance to honor and induct them into the Hall of Fame, we do that."

For more information on Decker, the 2004-05 Women's Golf team, and all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.

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(Anderson, Ind.) placed ninth, fifth, and seventh respectively at the Region 24 Tournament in Carterville.

### Burgett, Garver, Sexton to compete at Women's Golf NJCAA Nationals

BY REANNE PALMER RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

rree Rend Lake College Lady Warriors golfers will make their way to the LPGA International Golf Course in Daytona Beach, Fla. next month to compete in the NJCAA National Tournament. Madison Burgett (Charleston), Katie Garver (Campbell Hill), and Ashley Sexton (Anderson, Ind.) placed in the top ten at last weekend's Region 24 Championship, earning them spots in Nationals.

The Region tournament was held at Crab Orchard Golf Course in Carterville Sunday. As a team, RLC placed second of three teams with a score of 365 behind John A. Logan's 338 and before Kaskaskia's 393.

Garver placed highest for the Lady Warriors in fifth overall with a score of 87. Sexton tied with Abigail Miller of John A. Logan with 90 and in seventh place. Burgett followed in ninth with 91.

Rounding up the team was Kaylyn Fuhrhop of Okawville in 13th place with a score of 97. Mt. Carmel native Kylee Henager finished in 14th with a score of

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Will Fisher



**Cierra Hutchinson** 

### RLC's Fisher, Hutchinson named All-GRAC

BY REANNE PALMER RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

wo student athletes at Rend Lake College received postseason recognition in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference (GRAC): Cierra Hutchinson (Johnston City) for softball and Will Fisher (Havana, III.) for baseball.

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ended the season with a batting average of .326. She played at first and third, and docked 43 RBIs, 13 doubles, three triples, and nine home runs overall, leading the team in both RBIs and home runs. The Lady Warriors went 11-19 in the GRAC this year, and 23-30 overall.

Fellow sophomore infielder Fisher finished with a batting average of .325, including 20 RBI, seven doubles, and two triples, competing for RLC in 40 of 43 games for the Warriors. Rend Lake went 8-16 in the GRAC this year, and 14-29 overall.

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### Tractor on loan

Two sophomore engine classes at Rend Lake College are taking advantage of a new piece of equipment, a John Deere 7215r, on loan from Riechmann Bros, LLC, located in Okawville, Breese, and Centralia. The tractor is used in a number of ways, including Tier 4 and new technology demonstrations, studies in farm maintenance systems and on land labs, and many others. The students pictured take part in the Agricultural Mechanics, Diesel Technology, and Heavy Equipment Technology programs through RLC's Applied Science and Technology Division. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



The City of Du Quoin donated an old fire truck to Rend Lake College to be used for fire training. Pictured are, FROM LEFT, Mining Department Administrative Assistant Kacie Hunter, RLC Dean of Applied Science Chris Nielsen, Du Quoin Fire Chief Bob Shaw, Du Quoin firefighter Ron Rains, and RLC Mining Technology Instructor Charles Wingo. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

### City of Du Quoin donates 1976 fire truck to RLC

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION ■he City of Du Quoin donated a 1976 fire truck to Rend Lake College this morning to help RLC continue to provide quality firefighter training for local emergency responders.

Du Quoin Fire Chief Bob Shaw said, "We think Rend Lake College has a good program, and we send our firefighters here for training every year. We purchased a new truck

this year, so the city coun- entire Du Quoin Fire cil agreed to the donation. Department, Mayor Dun-We're happy to be able to give back to a program that has helped us train."

The truck had belonged to the Du Quoin Fire Department since it was bought new nearly 40 years ago. Dean of Applied Science Chris Nielsen expressed his gratitude to everyone involved for the donation.

"The College wants to thank Chief Shaw and the can, the city council, and the town of Du Quoin for this generous donation," he said. "We look forward to utilizing it to help teach local firefighters from all over Southern Illinois when they come here to

receive training." Fire fighter training is held once a week at RLC. The same trainees often return to RLC to help teach coal mine fire

brigade teams.

**RLC Foundation CEO** Shawna Manion added, "This truck is going to be a great tool for our students to continue to learn, making it a vital resource to Rend Lake College and the communities these firefighters serve."

To learn more about fire training at RLC, contact the Applied Science and Technology Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1261.

# **New Linear Algebra** summer class offered in hybrid format

BY REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

special class is now available for Rend Lake College students interested in mathematics and engineering fields. Linear Algebra with Applications (MATH 2108) is a hybrid summer class with only four mandatory meeting dates this summer, giving students time to work and enjoy the summer.

Mathematics Professor Cindy Caldwell said the course will be perfect for the students who want to work throughout the summer and also move three credit hours closer to their degree. The mandatory meeting dates are from noon – 3 p.m. on June 18, July 2, 16, and 30. An optional class will be held at the same time on June 9 to introduce students to the online format. All

meetings will be in the Academic Building, Room 205.

The class is also Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) approved, which means it will be accepted at all Illinois universities as a transfer course. RLC is one of only two community colleges that offer the special course. The RLC catalog states

the course is a "study of basic concepts and techniques of linear algebra, including systems of linear equations, matrices, determinants, vector spaces, linear transformation, eigenvectors and applications, with emphasis on business and engineering problems."

To enroll in the summer Linear Algebra course, contact Academic Advisement at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1266 or advising@rlc.edu.

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passage of the Illinois Junior College Act of 1965, he joined the staff as a teacher in the Department of Health and Physical Education. In honor of his many years of service, the fitness center at Rend Lake College is now named after him.

Arnold thinks the most significant changes at RLC over the years have been to the versatility in programming and the variety of students.

"There is a much larger curriculum now. In the early days, when the college needed a new course, we just met and decided as a group that we needed a new course. Bob Darnes at the Illinois Community College Board was the king. He made

the final decision. What it takes now to get a course approved ... it's better. And so many students from different areas go there now, compared to what it was like before. At Mt. Vernon Community College, the majority of the students were from Bluford, Mt. Vernon, Waltonville and Sesser places like that. Now they are from all over the area."

Karen Anderson, executive director of the ICCB, told the Journal-Register that interviews show the important role community colleges have played and continue to play throughout the state.

"We are vital parts of our communities, and we are vital parts of the economic engine of Illinois, and our history certainly reflects that," Anderson reportedly said.

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### **Summer 2014 Concealed Carry dates scheduled**

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION oncealed Carry licensure remains in demand in the region, and Rend Lake College has scheduled four training opportu-

nities for this summer.

Concealed Carry courses on the books this summer are scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays on June 21-22, July 19-20, Aug. 16-17, and Sept. 27-28. The courses last from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. both days at RLC. The room locations of each course

will be announced before-

On day one, attendees will learn about topics in firearm safety, principles of marksmanship, loading and unloading, and safety and cleaning. Firearms are not allowed during day one of the training course, and instructions will be provided for transporting firearms on day two. The second day will also 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

sure is a valid FOID card and driver's license. The cost of the two-day course is \$200 for Illinois residents and \$300 for out-ofstate attendees. Fingerprinting will be available the Saturday of each course meeting. It costs an additional \$50 in cash or \$52 with a credit or debit

For more information, contact the RLC Community and Corporate Education Division at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1714, or morrise@rlc.edu.



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