



James "Jim" Kelly

August 30, 1935 - May 3, 2014

Mr. Kelly pictured at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus expansion project in 2012

RLC mourns passing of longtime supporter Jim Kelly

BY NATHAN WHEELER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Rend Lake College is mourning the loss of one of its biggest supporters, Jim Kelly. The retired Sesser banker of more than 30 years, and former chairman of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors, passed away Saturday night at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale after a brief illness. Kelly was 78.

Kelly went to college when it was rare for a high school graduate to do so. Enrollment was just beginning to bulk up at post-secondary institutions across the nation. Federal scholarships and low-interest loans for college students wouldn't be created by congress for another decade. The G.I. Bill

had been around for a little more than 10 years and Kelly was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He graduated from Sesser's Goode-Barren Township High School in 1953, just before the Illinois Community College Act came along to establish junior colleges in Illinois. Kelly never got the chance to attend a community college. He earned his bachelor's degree in social studies from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, but always wondered what kind of teacher he would make. During an interview in 2012, he said he felt a calling to the profession. But life presented a different path.

"I got a chance to go into banking. So, I thought, well, maybe I better go there," he said. "I always knew the impor-

ance of education. I stress that. I've got two grandsons ... and I told them, 'You are going to have to study and get good grades so you can get a scholarship to go to a good school. Grandpa may not be around.' He laughed, adding, 'College is important. In my time [many] people didn't go to college, but that was when college really began.'

Kelly recognized that graduate degrees aren't for every student and that skills learned right at RLC are, in many cases, enough to earn a great living.

"The thing of it is ... we have welders who make \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year. You really have to go all the way to a doctorate before you can earn more than that. And you have to be pretty smart to be a welder. The impor-

ance of education is getting greater all the time and the vocational even more so, I think. But, it's according to what a man or woman wants to do."

When he joined the RLC Foundation Board of Directors in 1995, the Foundation was in the second year of a two-year capital campaign called "Generations of Excellence," spearheaded by local businessman Sam Mateer. Over the next 10 years, the Foundation continued to put local giving to good use with the construction of the indoor Aquatics Center that's attached to the gym, the RLCF Children's Center on the northwest corner of campus, and the Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville Campus.

In 2012, Kelly said of all the campaigns and construction

projects over the years, the expansion that year to the satellite campus in Pinckneyville came to mind as being a very significant step forward.

"That was one of the best moves we made," he said. "We furnished the money for [the college] so they could go ahead and finish it up."

He said board member Rich Yunkus played a big part in recognizing the need to provide a complete degree program at the MWPC and eliminate the cost students take on from the trip to Ina and back.

"Rich said, 'That's what our Foundation is for, to furnish money for kids and for such endeavors,'" Kelly explained.

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Students with associate degrees are more likely to earn baccalaureates

BY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAILY STAFF, (APRIL 23, 2014)

Community college students who transfer to four-year colleges with an associate degree are more likely to earn a bachelor's degree than similar students who transfer without one, according to a new study from the Community College Research Center (CCRC).

Nearly two thirds of community college students who transfer to four-year colleges do so without first earning an associate degree. And while more than 80 percent of all entering community college students indicate their intention to earn a baccalaureate, only 15 percent end up doing so within six years.

The analysis found that students who transferred with an associate degree had an advantage: they were 49 percent more likely to complete a bachelor's degree within four years, and 22 percent more likely to earn one within six years.

"Our study provides evidence that students should be encouraged to complete an associate degree before transfer, and that concomitantly, states should work on implementing policies that guarantee credit transfer for students enrolling at public four-year colleges with a degree," according to a CCRC press release.

Students who transfer to four-year colleges often drop out before completing a bachelor's degree. And because less than a third of them complete an associate degree before transferring, they often leave college with no degree at all.

This is the second CCRC study that highlights the benefits of earning an associate degree before transferring to a four-year college. Last summer, CCRC released a report on the economic benefits for students and states related to earning a degree before transfer.

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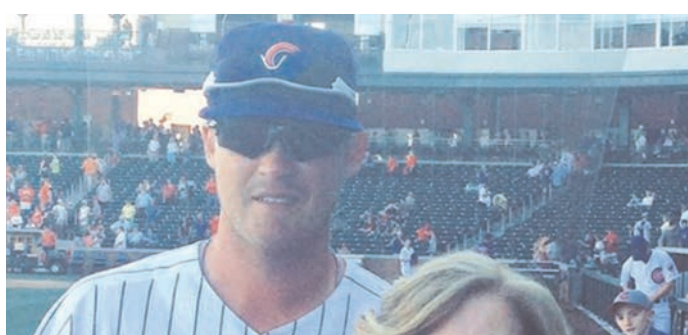


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Twitter: Matt Decker tweeted "Bobbie Jo and her HOF plaque." Bobbie Jo Bivens-Decker is a 2014 RLC Sports Hall of Fame inductee.



Facebook: Former Warriors pitcher Nathan Dorris, of Marion, was pictured with his mom at a Chicago Cubs spring training game against the L.A. Angels in Arizona. Dorris got the thrill of suiting up for the Cubs, but he didn't get the call to the mound. Looking good in that Cubbie blue, Nathan!

Earth Week at RLC

Greening the Campus Co-ordinators Tyson Ellis and Greg Hollmann provided this wrap-up of Earth Week 2014 activities, April 21-25, on the Ina campus:

On Tuesday and Wednesday, reusable water bottles were passed out to students, faculty and staff in the

Notch. We had 200 bottles to give away and had no problem getting rid of them. We are thankful for all those who came by, and apologize to those who were unable to obtain a bottle. One of the reasons we gave the bottles away was to draw attention to

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Lunch 'n Learn workshop



Daphne Mitchell, director of Rend Lake College's Studio RLC cosmetology program, spoke to soon-to-be graduates Wednesday about dressing for success when it comes to interviews and work. Mitchell's was the final presentation in a series of Lunch 'n Learn workshops hosted by RLC's Student Transfer and Retention Support (STARS) program and the South Central Illinois Area Health Education Center (SCI-AHEC). (Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

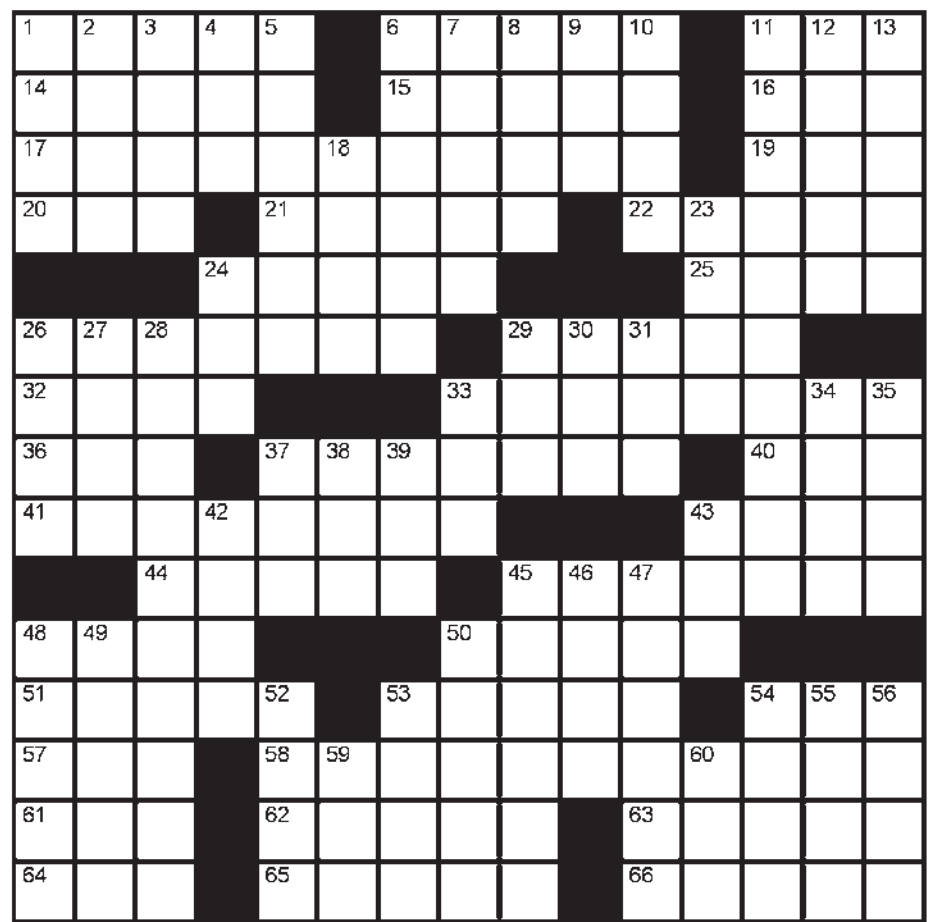
Associate

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of Americans with college credentials, community colleges are increasingly encouraging students to commit to completing an associate degree. Many are even reaching out to former students who have earned enough credits to award them an associate degree. The new CCRC study indicated that policy seems to play a role in successful transfers, noting that statewide articulation agreements lead to better outcomes for transfer students. Students with degrees know they are less likely to lose credits after transferring and less likely to have to retake a course than students who transfer without a degree.

Students in the study attended colleges in a state with an articulation agreement that guarantees full "credit capture" for students who transfer to public four-years with an associate degree. The authors speculated that community college students who transfer to public four-year colleges with credits but no degree may have difficulty receiving credit for all their classes, which can delay, and even completely derail, bachelor's degree completion. CCRC cited a recent City University of New York study that found 42 percent of transfer students lost at least 10 percent — and

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Crossword



Across

- 1 Nickel and ___
- 6 Sends unwanted e-mails to
- 11 Jelly cousin
- 14 Scary bacteria
- 15 Shire of "Rocky" and "The Godfather"
- 16 "___ you kidding me?"
- 17 "Me and Bobby McGee" singer
- 19 Fisherman's item
- 20 Picnic pest
- 21 Shoes with a swoosh on them
- 22 Part of a movie
- 24 Cut
- 25 Slightly open, as a door
- 26 Had fun with
- 29 Antoinette or Osmond
- 32 Tavern on "The Simpsons"
- 33 Skilled
- 36 Large coffee holder
- 37 First Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court
- 40 ___ Paulo, Brazil
- 41 It's red and white and goes on your head
- 43 Party thrower
- 44 Experts in stretching
- 45 Meet by chance
- 48 Good luck
- 50 First performance
- 51 Poker announcement
- 53 Halley's ___
- 54 Have lunch, say
- 57 Woman in a habit
- 58 "Ghost Dog" and "Night on Earth" director
- 61 Ending for Japan or Taiwan
- 62 Kindle purchase
- 63 Come after

- 12 Stadium
- 13 It's a little longer than a yard
- 18 "___ Talkin'" (Bee Gees hit)
- 23 Abel's brother
- 24 "Help!"
- 26 Big birds of Australia
- 27 Ephron or Dunn
- 28 Former talk show host
- 29 Rank above capt.
- 30 Pie ___ mode
- 31 King: Sp.
- 33 Explosive letters
- 34 Not west
- 35 Inflict upon
- 37 Military lawyer, for short
- 38 "___ believe in yesterday"
- 39 Owns
- 42 Screwdriver or hammer
- 43 Big song
- 45 Second try at a movie script
- 46 Better than all the rest, in hipster-speak
- 47 Common spice
- 48 Went for the gold?
- 49 Handy
- 50 Karate studios
- 52 Spun records
- 53 "It'll be fun!"
- 54 Old name for Exxon
- 55 "For the Price of ___ of Tea"
- 56 Not we
- 59 "May ___ excused?"
- 60 Numero ___

Down

- 1 ___ vu
- 2 "___ see that!"
- 3 ___ Blanc (highest of the Alps)
- 4 Quarterback Manning
- 5 Walt before World or Land
- 6 Put coal in the furnace
- 7 Rock, ___, scissors
- 8 "___ Well That Ends Well"
- 9 1002, in Roman numerals
- 10 Without, to the French
- 11 Wife of George, mother of Judy and Elroy

Crossword puzzle solution is printed on page 4.

SUDOKU

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

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HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Sudoku puzzle solution is printed on page 5.

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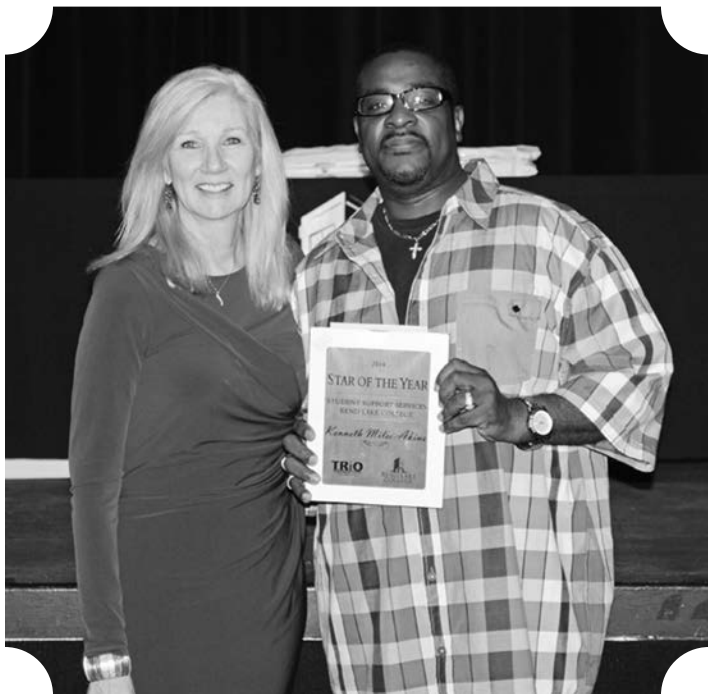
Graduates

Several STARS students either graduated in the fall of 2013 or will graduate after the spring 2014 semester. They are, **FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT**, Monica Burney of Dix, Kaira James of Mt. Vernon, Christine Hood of Mt. Vernon, Paige Matthews of Benton, Kristin Manley of Bluford, and Nicolle Patton of Mt. Vernon; **BACK ROW, FROM LEFT**, Carolyn Doggan of Mt. Vernon, Jacob Dial of Mt. Vernon, Henry Dykstra of McLeansboro, Kaylan Grove of Benton, Makeda Jones of Mt. Vernon, and Kenneth Miles-Akins of Mt. Vernon. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



Perseverance Award honorees

Fourteen RLC STARS students were honored with the Perseverance Award during the ceremony. Pictured is, **FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT**, Jamie Brock of Ewing, Sierra Calloni of Mulkeytown, Kaira James of Mt. Vernon, Makeda Jones of Mt. Vernon, and Kristin Manley of Bluford; **BACK ROW, FROM LEFT**, Carolyn Doggan of Mt. Vernon, Amanda Craig of Mt. Vernon, Sherlinda Harris of Mt. Vernon, Crystal Knisley of Thompsonville, Kenneth Miles-Akins of Mt. Vernon, and Lilian Wilburn of Thompsonville. Not pictured are Mariah Eubanks of Benton and Zachary Francois of Mt. Vernon. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



Best of Luck!!

Cybulski Scholarship recipient

Jamie Brock, LEFT, of Ewing was awarded the Cybulski Scholarship Award during the 17th Annual STARS Recognition Ceremony last week. Brock was also awarded the Perseverance Award during the ceremony. The Cybulski Scholarship is named in honor of the late George Cybulski, an 81-year-old RLC student who had a dream to go back to school and earn a degree. Brock is pictured with Lisa Price, Vice President of Student Services. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

STARS Student of the Year

Kenneth Miles-Akins, RIGHT, of Mt. Vernon was named STARS Student of the Year during the program's recognition ceremony last week at Rend Lake College. Miles-Akins is studying to become a substance abuse counselor at RLC. He was also awarded the Perseverance Award and honored as a 2014 graduate. He will be transferring to Southern Illinois University Carbondale in the fall to continue working on a bachelor's degree. He is pictured with TRiO Director Leah Stallman. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

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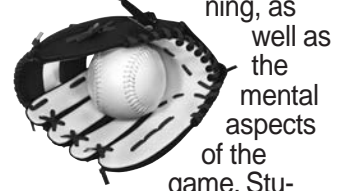
Summer Sports Camps open for youth athletes

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

Recess doesn't have to end because school is out. Kids can stay active this summer with a series of Sports Camps at Rend Lake College covering basketball, softball, volleyball, dance, and cheer.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

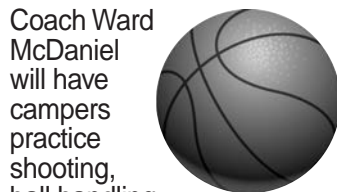
Girls Softball, for those entering or leaving grades 4-8, is scheduled for 1 - 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, June 4-6. RLC Softball Coach Dave Ellingsworth will teach hitting the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, pitching and base running, as well as the mental aspects of the game. Students are asked to bring a glove and wear tennis shoes or rubber cleats; a bat and helmet are optional. The camp costs \$50 and will be held at the RLC Softball Field in Ina.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Next up will be Girls Basketball Camp, scheduled for 1 - 4 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, June 9-11, for students entering or leaving grades 6-8. RLC Women's Basketball

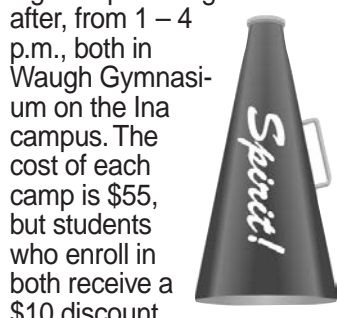


Coach Ward McDaniel will have campers practice shooting, ball handling, passing, one-on-one defense, and rebounding. Youth should wear gym shorts, a T-shirt, socks, and basketball shoes. The cost of the camp is \$60 and will be held in Waugh Gymnasium on the Ina campus.

CHEER & DANCE

The Cheerleading and Dance camps will be held on Monday-Wednesday, June 16-18, by RLC Coach Nikki LaBuw-Carollo for students entering or leaving K-8.

Dance Camp will last from 9 a.m. - noon, and Cheerleading Camp will begin after, from 1 - 4 p.m., both in Waugh Gymnasium on the Ina campus. The cost of each camp is \$55, but students who enroll in both receive a \$10 discount.



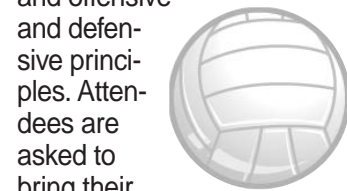
JR. HIGH CHEER SQUADS

Junior High School Cheerleading Squads can also participate in summer camp to get advanced instruction on floor cheers, basic stunt-

ing, dance, and voice projection from LaBuw-Carollo for \$55. The instruction will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, June 19-20 in Waugh Gymnasium.

VOLLEYBALL

Finally, Volleyball Camp will be hosted by RLC Volleyball Coach Sara Crews for students entering or leaving grades 6-8 for \$50 each. Campers will practice passing, setting, hitting, blocking, and offensive and defensive principles. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch, and wear shorts, a T-shirt, socks, tennis shoes, and kneepads. The camp is scheduled for 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, June 26-27 in Waugh Gymnasium on the Ina campus.



All campers will get a Sports Camp T-shirt with registration. 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/kid-scamps. For more information, contact RLC Athletics at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1250 or oxford@rlc.edu.

Men's Golf places third at Region 24 Championship

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

The Rend Lake College Men's Golf team wrapped up their season last weekend with a third place finish at the NJCAA Region 24 Championship at Weibring Golf Club in Bloomington. The Warriors finished 17 strokes back from Region winner Parkland College with an overall score of 933 (312-314-307). Parkland, who scored 916 (307-309-

300), will move on to play in the NJCAA National Championship in Plymouth, Ind. later this month.

Leading the Warriors' five-person team was Blake Swofford (Vandalia) and Travis Waninger (Chrisney, Ind.) who both tied for 11th place with a score of 233. Swofford went 80-76-77 to Waninger's 72-85-76. Sophomore Dayton Jones (Hopkinsville, Ky.) finished three

strokes behind in 15th place at 236 (81-79-76).

Rounding it up for the Warriors was Matt Greenfield (Hassocks, England) and Dalton Korte (Metropolis) who tied in 21st with scores of 241. Korte was 82-81-78 and Greenfield was 79-78-84.

For complete results from the Region 24 Championships, click here. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.

Greenfield, Warriors golf team take second at RLC Invite

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

Rend Lake College's Matt Greenfield (Hassocks, England) took second place individually at the RLC Invite, held April 27 to 28 at Green Hills Country Club in Mt. Vernon. The Warriors also finished second overall at 610 (304-306), two strokes back from winners John A. Logan.

Greenfield ended day one tied for ninth with four

others at 76. He then scored the Invite two-day low of 67, putting his overall score of 143 one stroke behind individual winner Tanner McKinney of Mineral Community College at 142 (71-71).

Rend Lake's Dalton Korte (Metropolis) and Trenton Easley (West Frankfort) also finished in the top ten for the Warriors. Korte finished in seventh place with 149 (73-76) and Easley finished in tenth with 153 (77-76).

Teammates Blake Swofford (Vandalia) and Matt Williams (Mt. Vernon) tied in 11th with three other golfers with 154. Swofford was 73-81 to Williams' 76-78. Sophomore Dayton Jones (Hopkinsville, Ky.) came in 25th with a score of 159 (79-80), followed by Jesse Sanders (Ben-

ton) with 163 (80-83) and Gage Wetzel (Mattoon) with 165 (89-76).

Rounding it off for the Warriors was Travis Waninger at 166 (80-86) and Brett Mammenga (New Baden) at 176 (87-89).

For complete results from the Invite, visit www.golfstat.com/schedule/global_tournament_results.cfm?tid=29518.

The Warriors will travel to Bloomington this weekend to compete in the Regional Championship at Illinois State University Golf Course. If they qualify, the team will move on to the NJCAA National Championship at Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, Ind. on May 20-23.

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RLC MarketPlace Car Show results 2014

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

With perfect weather and not a cloud in sight, over 50 car-enthusiasts flocked to the Second Annual Rend Lake College MarketPlace Car Show yesterday. All proceeds raised by the Car Show went to automotive scholarships for future RLC students. View more photos from the event at www.flickr.com/photos/rendlakecollege/sets/72157644515936092/.



Diane Morgan of Centralia won Best of Show at the Second Annual MarketPlace Car Show with her 1967 Chevy Nova. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

2014 Rend Lake College MarketPlace Car Show Results

Car Show Results

- Best of Show — Diane Morgan, 1967 Chevy Nova
- Best Motor — Bobby Fisher, 1931 Ford Victoria
- Best GM — Mike Johnson, 1967 Chevy Impala
- Best Mopar — Todd Story, 1972 Plymouth Roadrunner
- Best Ford — Don Nichols, 1967 Ford Mustang
- Best Street Rod — Jim Dorris, 1937 Chevy 4-Door Sedan
- Best Paint — Dean Parks, 1956 Chevy Belair
- Best Interior — Vince Brown, 1955 Chevy BelAir
- Top 1995 & Newer (no particular order)**
- James Green, 2004 Chevy Silverado
- Don and Donna Hamilton, 2003 Chevy Corvette
- Jeff Oestreicher, 2002 Chevy Silverado
- Audrey Robinson, 1998 Ford Mustang
- Jay Yunker, 2002 Ford Mustang GT
- Top 1975-1994 (no particular order)**
- John Gray, 1975 Pontiac Trans Am
- Jamie Jones, 1981 Chevy Corvette
- Ken Lomax, 1988 Ford Mustang GT
- Javin Pasley, 1992 Toyota Truck

- James Robinson, 1978 Chevy Camaro
- Clyde Shafer, 1977 Chevy Scottsdale 4x4
- Ray Sperling, 1992 Ford Mustang

Top 1974 & Older (no particular order)

- Jim Alexander, 1935 Chevy 2-Door
- Kendall Ames, 1940 Chevy Coupster
- Toot and Mary Arview, 1951 Chevy 3100 Pickup
- Bret Baum, 1947 Chevy Coupe
- Robert Beach, 1971 Chevy El Camino
- Bret and Jan Bonifacius, 1969 Chevy Camaro
- Travis Branson, 1970 Chevy Chevelle
- Wade Champ, 1973 Ford Bronco
- Ray Cummings, 1964 Chevy Malibu SS
- Bill Deaton, 1967 Chevy Camaro
- Lindel Fisher, 1948 Dodge Pickup
- Rick Hale, 1965 Ford T-Bird
- Terry Hale, 1970 Chevy Nova
- Jim Hutcheson, 1965 Chevy Chevelle

- Alan Johnson, 1965 Ford Galaxie 500XL
- Jerry Jones, 1940 Ford Coupe
- Byford Klebba, 1955 Chevy 2-Door
- Byford Klebba, 1960 Chevy Convertible
- Donnie and Dee Lowe, 1974 VW Rat Bug
- Jimmy Phillips, 1967 Chevy Nova
- Ronnie Podoriski, 1937 Ford Tudor
- James Reid, 1974 Chevy Corvette
- Chris Schempp, 1971 Chevy Nova
- Karen Severs, 1970 Chevy El Camino
- Karen Severs, 1972 Chevy El Camino
- Richard Taylor, 1960 Chevy K-10 Apache
- Rick Taylor, 1968 Chevy Camaro
- Bret Walker, 1952 Ford Victoria
- Shelbey Walker, 1958 Ford Ranchero
- Keith Ward, 1950 Merc 2-Door
- Shannon Wolf, 1971 Chevy Chevelle
- Tick Zumberac, 1957 Chevy 2-Door Coupe

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sometimes all — of their accumulated community college credits. Students who were able to transfer 90 percent or more of their credits were two and half times as likely to complete a bachelor's degree as students who transferred less than half their credits, it added.

The transfer issue figures prominently in the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) blueprint to redesign the two-year college experience. One of the strategies noted in AACC's 21st-Century Commission report calls to promote transfer from community colleges to baccalaureate institutions through state policy stipulating that students who complete an agreed-upon core of transfer courses and earn an associate degree may transfer to junior standing at a public university without losing credits.

AACC's follow-up implementation guide — released this month at the AACC annual convention — includes examples of establishing guarantees for seamless transfers and implementing automatic graduation and reverse transfer programs. Efforts at Seminole State College of Florida and El Paso Community College in Texas are featured, as well as the Tennessee Transfer Pathways program.

The CCRC study also noted that different kinds of associate degrees affect the likelihood that transfer students will attain a bachelor's degree. Associate of arts (AA) and associate of science (AS) degrees, both of which are transfer-oriented degrees, significantly increased students' likelihood of earning a bac-

calaureate, the study said. Students who earned an associate of applied science (AAS) degree — designed for direct entry into the workforce — were less likely than students with more than 50 college credits but no degree to complete a bachelor's degree after transferring.

CCRC added that four-year institutions also see the benefit of working with two-year colleges on transfer students to improve their own completion rates. For students in transfer-oriented programs, encouraging completion at the community college can lead to four-year college outcomes that are nearly 10 percentage points greater than comparable students who do not complete, the study said.

"Colleges should thus consider redoubling efforts to advise and encourage transfer-seeking students to earn the associate degree credential first," the report said.

Community colleges need to better communicate to students and faculty the benefits of completing

an associate degree, said Davis Jenkins, senior research associate at CCRC. Faculty members themselves often undervalue an associate degree and encourage students to transfer without earning a credential, he said.

Another reason students might not be completing a degree before transferring is because the process is confusing, even with the recent surge in articulation agreements between two- and four-year institutions, Jenkins said. Students often don't understand the transfer process, general education requirements or how those general education courses related to majors, he said.

That confusion may also be the reason so many community college students are taking more credits than they need in order to graduate, Jenkins said.

Making the process more transparent and easy falls on both community colleges and their partnering four-year institutions, he said.

"It's a two-way street," he said.

Solution to sudoku puzzle printed on page 2.

1	7	4	5	8	9	3	6	2
2	6	9	3	4	7	1	8	5
5	3	8	2	1	6	7	4	9
4	1	3	6	2	5	9	7	8
9	2	5	7	3	8	6	1	4
7	8	6	1	9	4	5	2	3
3	5	7	4	6	2	8	9	1
6	9	2	8	5	1	4	3	7
8	4	1	9	7	3	2	5	6

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the water refilling stations located across campus. The refilling stations located in Aquatics, South Oasis, Academic, and North Oasis have collectively saved a little over 20,000; 16-ounce plastic bottles from entering the waste stream. We would like to give a special thanks to Casey Rhine for organizing the delivery of the specially designed bottles to campus.

On Wednesday, AmeriCorps students relabeled multiple waste and aluminum recycling bins across campus. Keep an eye out for the new labels with our logo as you stroll through campus. A special thanks to our Ameri-

Corps crew of Margo Wagner, Brenae Hallam, and Sarah Ganieany, as well as our Maintenance Department for making this a successful event.

On Saturday we partnered with the Drug Enforcement Agency to host a Rx Drug Take Back Initiative at the Mt. Vernon MarketPlace. The event was held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and resulted in the collection of 45 pounds of unwanted/unused prescription drugs that will now be disposed of in an environmentally friendly method. A special thanks to Charlie Brown and our Police Department for assisting in this event.

Thanks and enjoy your day,
Greg and Tyson

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When Kelly took over as chairman in 2008, the RLCF was beginning the "Friends of the Theatre" campaign that brought a major renovation to the facility on campus. Board member Mary Ellen Aiken championed that cause, according to Kelly.

"She was instrumental in getting that taken care of," he said. "It's fantastic how the college has been supported by so many people. I think people are motivated by the number of scholarships we offer and are offered by various businesses and individuals in our area. And I think they understand that scholarships aren't the only way to help. They can be a part of helping the college by giving to various campaigns."

After serving five years as chairman, Kelly handed the gavel to Ed Cunningham in 2013. Kelly returned to his seat as a regular member of the RLCF Board.

"Jim serves as one of my earliest memories from RLCF as he always went

out of his way to make everyone smile and feel welcome," said RLCF CEO Shawna Manion. "His dedication to RLC and our students serves as a model for directorship, he will be remembered for his service at RLCF and in his community."

Kelly said it is important that RLCF leaders continue to be transparent on what projects are in the works and how the money is being used. He was asked to join the board by a previous member. At first, he said, it seemed like a challenge he didn't need to take on. But after taking a look around, he decided it was good company — a dedicated group that would get some things done for local education. The RLCF Board has always been made up of high-caliber leaders from local communities. The current board is an excellent example of that.

"A lot of these people on here now weren't here when I first started," said Kelly. "Right now we've got some of the most intelligent people in the area serving on this board. We've got

some top-notch people. "It's growing all the time," said Kelly. "I think the future is great for the college and the Foundation."

Like RLC and its students, Kelly's service touched lives across the region: Sesser United Methodist Church, Sesser City Council, Sesser Masonic Lodge, Sesser-Valier Alumni Recognition Committee, Sesser Homecoming Association, Sesser Area Cultural and Development Corporation, Sesser Jaycees, Lion's, and Kiwanis; Sesser Chamber of Commerce, Franklin County Shrine Club, Ainad Shrine, Franklin County Sheriff's Merit Board, Illinois Bankers Association, Cache River District Lay Leadership Committee, Christopher Rural Health Corporation, and trustee of the Goode-Barren Township Building.

Kelly's visitation was held on Tuesday, May 6, at the United Methodist May 7, at the church.

To read a full obituary, visit Gilbert Funeral Homes online at <http://www.gilbertfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/James-Kelly-7/>



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