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FINAL STAGE — With backlit letters recently installed, the Pathway to Success project on the Ina campus looks to be nearing completion. The project, spearheaded by the Rend Lake College Foundation, not only renovated the walkway and facade of the Allen Y. Baker Administration Building, but is raising a significant amount for scholarships. (Taylor Blankenship / Clocktower Chronicle Staff Photographer)

RLC Open House is October 9

Rend Lake College will open its doors to all from 6-8 p.m., October 9 at the main campus in Ina. Plus, one lucky student will take home a 12-credit-hour tuition waiver. Prospective students and parents are welcome to attend. Faculty and staff will be present to answer questions and give tours of some of the college's facilities, and attendees have a chance to win a tuition

waiver good for 12 credit hours. The tuition waiver will be available for any prospective student for the Spring 2015 or Fall 2015 semesters. Students can take up to 12 credit hours of classes, tuition-free, for a \$1,140 value. "I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to see the programs showcased, and meet with our faculty, staff, and administra-

tion one-on-one," said RLC President Terry Wilkerson. "The tuition waiver giveaway is a huge opportunity for someone wanting to start fresh or continue on with their education at Rend Lake College. I'm looking forward to being there and getting to meet some of our students myself." The Open House is scheduled from 6 – 8 p.m. and is open to anyone wanting to learn what educational and

training opportunities RLC has to offer: anything from transfer degrees to career technical training. To register for the tuition waiver drawing, as well as a number of door prizes and goodie bags, attendees should check in at the Student Center. Refreshments will be served there by the RLC Culinary Arts program. Faculty and staff from across campus will be located in the Student Center as well,

answering questions and offering tours for the various programs, including the recently renovated Anatomy and Physiology labs, and the art expansion. Student Services representatives will also be available to talk about admissions, financial aid, enrollment, and much more. In the past, this event solely **Open House** continues on page 2



FROM LEFT, James Wiegel (Texico) as Pierre Gringoire, Bethaney Brown (Mt. Vernon) as Esmeralda, and Tyler Bourland (Ina) as Captain Phoebus de Chateaupers.

Tickets on sale now for RLC's 'Hunchback of Notre Dame'

Show runs November 6-9.

BY REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION Step back into the 15th century at Rend Lake College's fall play "Hunchback of Notre Dame," set to take the stage Nov. 6-9. This year's production will feature 37 of RLC's theatre students on stage with a handful of

others behind the scenes. The "Hunchback of Notre Dame" production will bring to life the original novel by Victor Hugo, written and published in 1831, that begins when a young priest named Dom Claude Frollo discovers a tiny infant on the steps of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The villainous Frollo will be portrayed by sophomore Chris Milburn of Mt.

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RLC receiving \$92K grant for mine, fire rescue training project

BY REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION For the third time, Rend Lake College's Coal Mine Training Center is receiving a Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grant to increase training options for coal miners and firefighters everywhere. The grant of \$92,247 is the largest of the three RLC has received in recent years, including a \$73,000 grant in 2012 and a \$50,000 grant in 2009. The RLC project, titled "Mine Emergency, Prevention and Preparedness Project," will restructure and expand on current mine training curriculum and create a new

teaching environment using weather-tight sea containers. These two additions will challenge miners and rescue teams with skills including patient extraction, advanced firefighting skills, rope rescue, smoke exploration, and confined space training. Chris Nielsen, RLC dean of Applied Science, said this grant will help relieve some of the financial burden from the participants and companies who participate in the one- and two-day training sessions. "We currently do fire training for the industry,

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RLC instructors serious about safety at 21st Kids-Courts-Schools Conference

BY REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION Safety and protection were the highlights of a breakout session last week, hosted by two Rend Lake College Concealed Carry instructors at the 21st Annual Kids, Courts, and Schools Conference at the Rend Lake Resort in Whittington. The session highlighted the RLC class objectives for interested patrons. Ron Meek, RLC Criminal Justice professor, and Detective Captain Jeff Bullard of the Mt. Vernon Police Department briefly covered everything about the Concealed Carry classes at RLC, including gun safety, state laws, and questions from the audience. Meek explained that, on day one, attendees will learn about a range of topics, including firearm safety, principles of marksmanship, loading and unloading, and safety and cleaning in a classroom setting. Day two, he said, is reserved for the live fire qualification on the RLC Range. "It's a huge responsibility when you undertake the Concealed Carry certificate and decide to carry a gun,"

said Meek. "We require our students to take 16 hours of training, because we want everyone to have the training they need and learn something. We've stuck to that decision and I don't regret it one bit." Participants are asked to leave firearms at home for the first day of the class, as it is comprised of classroom work and lecture only. They will be informed about weapon handling on the range for the second day of class. 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 should bring their firearm to Sunday's class with two boxes of unopened factory ammunition to be inspected by course instructors. You must be at least 21 years old to qualify. Also required for licensure is a valid FOID card and driver's license. Bullard added, "Rend Lake College has the repu-

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focused on the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Lori Ragland, Dean of Community and Corporate Education, said the plans

changed this year to highlight all programs.

"The open house is the perfect opportunity for departments to showcase their areas on campus, especially the newly remodeled labs in the Science Building, the art

addition, and the Health Studies Student Success Center," said Ragland. "We'll have faculty and staff present from all divisions to talk about their programs and answer questions, including Applied Science and Advanced Technology, Allied Health, Community and Corporate Education, Liberal Arts, and Math and Science. It's going to be a full night and we're excited about the expansion of this event."

For more information about the Open House, contact the Community and Corporate Education Department at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1714, or at smithst@rlc.edu.



"I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to see the programs showcased, and meet with our faculty, staff, and administration one-on-one." — RLC President Terry Wilkerson.

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tation of taking Concealed Carry certification too seriously, but that's exactly what we want. We want serious citizens to come to our program and we also want to offer a quality pro-

gram that benefits everyone involved."

RLC will host three more Concealed Carry classes this fall, set for Saturday and Sunday on Oct. 25-26, Nov. 8-9, and Dec. 6-7. The sessions last from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. both days at RLC. Concealed Carry

courses at Rend Lake College cost \$150 for in-state students and \$200 for out-of-state students.

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



Concealed Carry Instructor Ron Meek, STANDING, reviews the happenings of the two-day RLC Concealed Carry training course during the 21st Annual Kids, Courts, and Schools conference. Meek and Detective Captain Jeff Bullard, SITTING RIGHT, of the Mt. Vernon Police Department, are two of several instructors who help locals qualify for the certificate. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



Bullard, STANDING, speaks to the importance of stringent rules and guidelines for Concealed Carry training courses as a member of law enforcement. As a part of the course, Bullard said participants will learn the do's and don't's of interacting with others, include police officers, while in an emergency situation. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

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with several sessions each week, and this grant will benefit the miners starting by paying for instructor costs. Without the grant, the coal companies pay the entire cost of instruction, facilities, and equipment use," said Nielsen.

Additionally, the grant will help RLC expand on the coal firefighting training center by adding a multi-level mine facility north of the current fire tunnel at the Coal Mine Training Center.

"This year's award will also allow us to expand our training center so that we can train fire brigades and pay for the cost of instruction," said Nielsen. "We will produce new firefighting curriculum and host a mine skills rescue contest and a Mine Emergency Response Drill during the year."

The new curriculum will include lecture in a classroom as well as realistic, hands-on practice in three different laboratory environments. In addition to the new environment, participants will use the current mock-mine and mine res-

cue and fire training tunnel.

There are currently 22 active mines in the 14 Illinois counties surrounding RLC. Those mines collectively employ close to 3,800 miners, and in 2013, produced slightly over 52 million tons of coal. RLC also draws miners and firefighters from across the country to train in the state-of-the-art facility. Ron Rains, the lead firefighting instructor at RLC, said the grant will only increase the success of the RLC program.

"This grant will not only benefit our coal mine firefighting training, but it will also be a great asset to our structural firefighting curriculum," said Rains. "Once this is complete, we will have the total package for training coal miners, as well as firefighters."

The Brookwood-Sago grant is being supported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration. For more information about the coal mine and firefighter training, contact the RLC Applied Science Department at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1261.

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2014 Career Days at Rend Lake College



WHO DOESN'T WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE? — It was a game show like no other during Career Days in the RLC Theatre. Upward Bound Advisor Beth Hoffman, CENTER STAGE, played a trivia game with student representatives from five local high schools, covering all aspects of college, from financial aid to programs of study. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)



CAREER DAYS AT RLC — Students from McLeansboro, Mount Vernon, Watonville, Webber of Bluford, and Woodlawn high schools toured the Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center with Director Brooke May, LEFT, and Early Childhood Education Professor Tina Grounds, CENTER, during Career Days at RLC. Hundreds of students came to campus to participate and learn more about their options for post-secondary education. (ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Participants sought for RLC Health and Wellness Fair

BY REANNE PALMER
RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Rend Lake College officials are seeking health information sources and services to participate in the first Health and Wellness Fair, set for 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Friday, April 17 on the Ina campus. The event will be offered thanks to a Community Engagement Award of \$4,500 from the National

Network of Libraries of Medicine Greater Midwest Region.

RLC Reference Librarian Beth Mandrell said there are already a number of activities planned, such as exhibits and presentations by health care professionals, a children's activity, and much more, and she's looking for more local participants who have public health priorities.

"We want those who attend the fair to leave with a confident feeling of knowing how they can evaluate and where to find health information, enabling them to make informed health care choices," said Mandrell. "So far, we have a number of booths already signed up, including Alzheimer's disease care, cancer awareness, health screenings, nutrition, disability aware-

ness, and much more." The Health and Wellness Fair will tie in with a health awareness week on campus, the first of its kind. A number of students on campus, such as those in the Nursing program, and RLC officials will be on hand to participate in the community education.

The children's activity, called the Healthy Body Walk, will also be open for

schools to participate. The walk will be comprised of a literal body walk, starting by going through a giant mouth and stopping at different parts and systems of the body.

More details on the Health and Wellness Fair will be provided as they become available. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, presenter, or host of a health activity, contact

Beth Mandrell at 9618) 437-5321, Ext. 1276 or mandrell@rlc.edu.

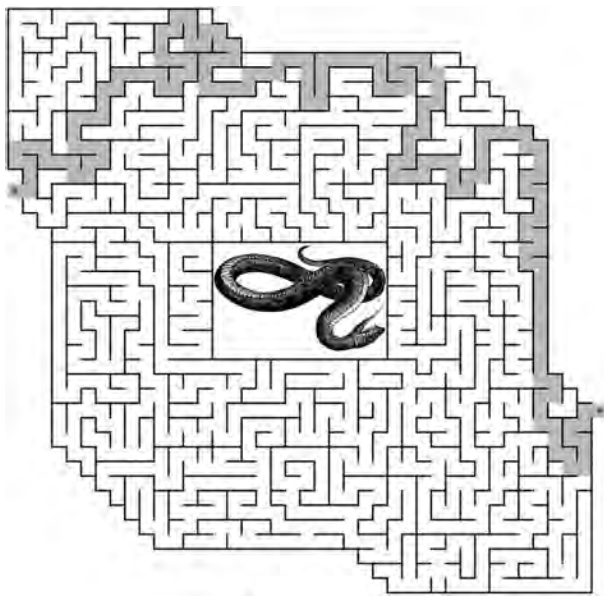
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Jobs open at RLC

On Oct. 6, Rend Lake College was seeking candidates for the following positions: Biology / Botany Instructor (Full-Time, Tenure-Track); Engineering /

Physics Instructor (Full-Time, Tenure-Track); and Applied Science Instructors (Part-Time). Learn more about these positions and how to apply by going online to www.rlc.edu/jobs.

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FROM LEFT, Tyler Bourland (Ina) as Captain Phoebus de Chateaupers, Brendan Clark (Thompsonville) as Soldier 2, Andrew Lampley (Benton) as Soldier 1, Jacob Ward (McLeansboro) as Soldier 4, Quentin Overturf (McLeansboro) as Quasimodo, Leland Ferguson (Mt. Vernon) as Soldier 3, Bethaney Brown (Mt. Vernon) as Esmeralda, James Wiegel (Texico) as Pierre Gringoire, and Lauren Schaubert (Salem) as Venus.

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Vernon. This will be Milburn's second year on the RLC stage, having played Captain Obadiah Smollett in last fall's "Treasure Island" production.

"I am excited for this role because Frolo is a very complex character and I am looking forward to meeting the challenge of representing him," said Milburn. "I am already amazed at the talent I see in my cast mates and I am looking forward to watching them dance around."

Twenty years later, the infant becomes the lovable bell-ringer at the Notre Dame, Quasimodo. During the Festival of Fools, Quasimodo is crowned the "King of Fools." Quasimodo will be portrayed by Quentin Overturf of McLeansboro. Overturf is a business major who is no stranger to acting, having taken part in productions since his freshman year of high school. Last year, he played Blind Pugh in "Treasure Island" and the Tower Witch in "Flummoxed Fairy Tales."

"I honestly didn't expect to get the role of Quasimodo, but I try not to audition for anything with the expectation of a particular role. It was a very pleasant surprise though, as the Hunchback represents one of my favorite character archetypes and I feel that the play portrays him very realistically," said Overturf. "I'm looking forward to the play and I think this will be another great production in a long line of great productions."

As the storyline develops, Frolo becomes infatuated with the gypsy girl Esmeralda, played by Bethaney Brown of Mt. Vernon. Brown has been performing on stage since she was 3 years old and has taken part in the last three shows at RLC, as Nightingale Nell in "Treasure Island," Doo-Wop Girl in "Little Shop of Horrors," and in "Flummoxed Fairy Tales."

"I am very excited to be playing Esmeralda in the show," said Brown.

In an effort to retrieve Esmeralda for Frolo, Quasimodo is imprisoned by the vain Captain Phoebus, played by Tyler Bourland of Ina. Bourland has been on both sides of the stage, acting in "Flummoxed Fairy Tales" and behind the scenes for "Treasure Island" and as one of the operators of the larger-than-life Audrey II plant in last spring's "Little Shop of Horrors."

"I am thrilled to be portraying Captain Phoebus de Chateaupers in this year's 'Hunchback of Notre Dame,'" said Bourland. "Although my major is music business, I plan on remaining involved in theatre and I regularly perform comedy improv with the RLC Thespians."

By the end of the play, audiences will watch as Quasimodo rescues the innocent Esmeralda from the gallows. The family-friendly play will also include a number of dancing scenes.

RLC Theatre Professor Tracey Webb is the director of the fall play. She said the quality of the actors this year is impressive and she knows they will be able to bring the colorful characters to life.

"I have a fresh new pool of talent this year and I'm absolutely thrilled with their acting skills," said Webb. "This particular play will require a lot of finesse on stage so I'm relieved to have so many wonderful people in the cast. The actors have enthusiastically embraced their roles and

Local talent to deliver classic tale on stage

they are already very hard-working, which I greatly appreciate. Whether they are helping behind the scenes or performing up on the stage, I'm enjoying working with all the theatre students. It makes my job very satisfying."

In addition to Bourland, Brown, Milburn, and Overturf, there are 33 actors, all of which are expected to help build the set in addition to learning lines and dances:

Jackson Adams (Mt. Vernon) as Clerk

Alison Blair (Benton) as Yvonne

Shawna Cardwell (Benton) as Citizen 2
Antoinette

Barretta Chullen (Thompsonville) as Elizabeth

Brendan Clark (Thompsonville) as Soldier 2

Joy Edwards (Mt. Vernon) as Parisian Girl 2
Dancer

Leland Ferguson (Mt. Vernon) as Soldier 3

Keryn Fitzpatrick (McLeansboro) as Woman 2
Monique

Madalyn Hintz (Ewing) as Aloise

John Hunsell (Woodlawn) as Fra Michael

Tara Bell Janowick (Johnston City) as Woman 1
Celeste

Andrew Lampley (Benton) as Soldier 1

Deborah Loucks (Sesser) as Isabel

Dalton Miller (Mt. Vernon) as Death

Brooke Mohr (Pinckneyville) as Claire

Antwyon Moore (Mt. Vernon) as Torturer

Cheyenne Needham (Benton) as Beggar Girl
Adrienne

Vonnie Palmer (Johnston City) as Woman 3
Sophie

Lauren Schaubert (Salem) as Venus

Krystal Schuch (Mt. Vernon) as Citizen 1
Genevieve

Tristan Shaw (Mt. Vernon) as Beggar Man
Julien

Sam Smith (Mt. Vernon) as Drunken Beggar

Lauryn Strom (Sesser) as Old Simone

Brady Suedmeyer (Nashville) as Barbedienne

Falyn Vandyke (Mt. Vernon) as Catherine

Payton Vollmer (McLeansboro) as Clopin
Trouillefou

Jacob Ward (McLeansboro) as Soldier 4

James Wiegel (Texico) as Pierre Gringoire

Laci Zeidler (Pinckneyville) as Parisian Girl 1
Dancer

Yuting Zhang (Dahlgren) as Blind Man
Tibault

Ashley Zinzilieta (Benton) as Henriette

There are also several crew members and volunteers helping with the play including Patrick Burke (Dix), Jaymi Galloway (Thompsonville), Anthony Mitchell (Benton), Josh Moyer (Mt. Vernon), Shelby Patterson (Waltonville), Danielle Roberts (Mt. Vernon), and Shannon Twitty (Bluford).

Tickets for the play went on sale Tuesday for \$12 a ticket. Show times are 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6, through Saturday, Nov. 8; and 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9. To purchase tickets, contact the Box Office at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1467, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays or from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays. Tickets can also be purchased on campus during the same times in the North Oasis, Room 134. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted. Tickets will be available at the Theatre on show night if they are not sold out.

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