CONSERVE ENERGY

From April 6 to April 26, RLC is partaking in a national contest called “Compete to Reduce.” Help RLC win by reducing your carbon footprint with simple things like powering down a computer after use, using an automatic door opener only when necessary, and turning out a light after you leave a room. These can all help RLC reach its goal. What will you do to conserve energy? (Photo by Taylor Blankenship / Clocktower Chronicle Staff Photographer)

RLC goes lights out in national competition

Representatives from the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn got in on the action at last year’s Job Search Party by speaking with potential employees. This year’s event is scheduled for April 23. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Job Search Party returning to Mt. Vernon April 23

Vernon Holiday Inn, thanks to a partnership between Rend Lake College, the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and Illinois Valley Workforce.

Applications may be picked up at the RLC Public Information Office, 1222 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Applications will be accepted starting April 1st and accepted until April 18th. Interviews will be held April 23rd at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn.

Job seekers can visit with more than 50 potential employers for free from 3 – 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23.

By REANNE PALMER / RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

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Detective Corporal Jeremy Reichert of the Mt Vernon Police Department shows students in Rend Lake College’s criminal justice program techniques for pulling fingerprints off a plastic bottle in Associate Professor Ron Meek’s class. Reichert shared a number of tips and answered questions for the students about his work in crime scene investigation.

Most people, upon seeing a bunch of deer together, would call it a herd; however, you also could call the group a bunch, a mob, a parcel or a rangle.

Thought for the Day: “All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions.” — Adair Stevenson

Solution to Sudoku puzzle

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Solution to Crossword puzzle

printed on page 3.

Solution to Megamaze puzzle

printed on page 3.

Assistant Chief Trent Page of the Mt. Vernon Police Department (MVPD) stopped by Rend Lake College’s Introduction to Criminal Justice class to speak to students about working as a law enforcement officer for the MVPD and to answer questions the students posed about the criminal justice field.

RLC Criminal Justice Associate Professor Ron Meek said he’s thankful to the MVPD for their continued effort to come to campus and speak with students about starting their career, in addition to countless other efforts throughout the year. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)
Scott Taaka wins RLC Essay Contest

By Scott Taaka

WHY THE MEDICAL FIELD

By Scott Taaka

The satisfaction I get from caring for others has taken me down a road I didn’t know I was on.

Twenty-two years ago my son, Alex, was born. He had problems, but they weren’t too bad. He had them problems, but they were much fewer and much better. The time he became “Mister Mom” to his mother and father in between.

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when continuing on with their education or careers. They included medicate yourself with laughter, communicate, educate and think for yourself, participate no matter where you go, and appreciate, tolerate, devote, and meditate. "I want to say thank you to your institution, students, faculty, and administration. They've invested in your education, and you should say thank you," said Bramm. "We've all got our strengths and weaknesses. Work to accentuate the positives and work on the negatives, and always remember to go 'on beyond zebra.'

Hampton was then presented the Doug Leek Service Award for her dedication to the Ag students in an English class. Hampton said the class was one of the best she's ever taught. "I think I learned more than they did," said Hampton. "It was a privilege to be their teacher, and this class was a great experience for me and the highlight of my day. I will always remember them and the respect they had for me as a professor. It's a distinct honor and privilege to be recognized here today."

To close the Ag Banquet, nine outstanding student awards were given to individuals in each Ag program at RLC. Winning the Overall Outstanding Agricultural student was Olivia Dublo (Mulkeytown), Outstanding Horticulture student award by Horticulture Instructor Alex Digirolamo was awarded to Kacey Jensen (Sims), Outstanding Agricultural Mechanics was Eli Liske (Okawville), Outstanding Heavy Equipment and Diesel Technology was awarded to Austin Hagene (Nashville), Outstanding Agriculture Instructor was Zach Vahlkamp, Outstanding Agriculturist was Harley Devoy (Enfield) and Kathy Craig, Outstanding Agriculturist was Clay Harris (Dongola). Outstanding Horticulture student award was Seth Shevlin (Sparta); Outstanding Agriculturist was Austin Hagene (Nashville); and Outstanding Agriculturist was Tiffany Sponseller (Dix) and Breanne Whitley (Waltonville) also received awards. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

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Thank you for a great year."

The other awards went to Kacey Jensen (Sims), Outstanding Agricultural Business; Austin Hagene (Nashville), Outstanding Agricultural Mechanics; Alex Digirolamo (Warden) and Harley Devoy (Enfield), Outstanding Heavy Equipment and Diesel Technology; Seth Shevlin (Sparta), Outstanding Agricultural Production; Tiffany Sponseller (Dix) and Breanne Whitley (Waltonville), Outstanding Horticulture student; Austin Hagene (Nashville), Outstanding Horticulture student; and Clay Harris (Dongola), Outstanding Diesel Technology. Other students were awarded for class participation and for service in the U.S. Military.

Nine students were honored as Outstanding Agriculture students at the banquet. Pictured are, BACK FROM LEFT, John McKinney, Agriculture Instructor; Zach Vahlkamp, Heavy Equipment and Diesel Technology Associate Professor; Clay Harris (Dongola); Harley Devoy (Enfield); Seth Shevlin (Sparta); Kacey Jensen (Sims); Austin Hagene (Nashville); and Kathy Craig, agriculture associate Professor; FRONT, Eli Liske (Okawville) and Alex Digirolamo (Worden). Tiffany Sponseller (Dix) and Breanne Whitley (Waltonville) also received awards. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

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Lady Warriors fall to Lewis & Clark in Region XXIV tennis final

BY REBECCA PALMER

G rove City, Ill. (April 13, 2015) — The Rend Lake College Women’s Tennis team suffered a 3-6 loss over the weekend to Lewis & Clark Community College in the Region 30A finals. The loss ends RLC’s spring campaign with a 4-2 record.

Sophomore Evelyn Mendez (Benton) and Marina Uths (Mt. Vernon) won All-Region honors in singles. Uths and Katie Wall (Mt. Vernon) also won All-Region honors in doubles.

“The match came down to a tiebreaker and a close loss in doubles,” Coach Dave Junkins posted on social media. “I’m very proud of this group and how they played hard. They represented Rend Lake College with sportsmanship and a respect for the game. Thanks for a great season ladies.”

On Friday, RLC advanced to the region final by defeating Kaskaskia College 9-0 in Centralia. Sophomores Sydney Crews (Mt. Vernon), Paige Hutchcraft (Benton), Mendez, Uths and Wall, and freshman Emily Culbrett (Benton) defeated their opponents in singles and doubles.

“It was by far the most dominant effort of the year,” Junkins said about the win over KC. For all things athletic at the Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

Baseballs sweeps Wabash Valley in weekend doubleheader

BY REBECCA PALMER

T he Rend Lake College Baseball team went 2-0 against Wabash Valley College this weekend, winning the first game 4-0 and the second 4-3.

The weekend doubleheader moves them to 17-8 in the regular season and 9-7 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference. RLC will play Southeastern at 1 p.m. Saturday at home. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.

Lady Warriors finish 12th at Indiana State golf tourney

BY REBECCA PALMER

T he Rend Lake Col-
dege Lady Warriors Golf team finished in 12th of the 15 in the State Spring Invite in Terre Haute, Ind. with a score of 675 (301-304). Tournament host Indiana State (ISU) took first with 609 (301-308).

Sophomore Ali Christian (Lewisville, Texas) tied for 40th place and led for RLC with a two-day score of 163 (80-83). She was followed by teammates Kelsi Fuhrhop (Okawville) at 176 (86-90), and Kaylyn Haute, Ind. with a score of 183 (89-94). Other local schools who competed include Southeastern at 1 p.m. Monday, April 13 at the Indiana State Spring Invite in Terre Haute, Ind. with a score of 675 (301-304). Tournament host Indiana State (ISU) took first with 609 (301-308).

The Lady Warriors are coached by Todd Woodruff, who has led the team since 1978.

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