**Les Misérables’ opens tonight!**

BY REANNE PALMER

**S** pend an evening at Rend Lake College to enjoy the 2015 Spring Musical “Les Misérables.” The show opens at 7 p.m., tonight, Thursday, April 9 in the RLC Theatre and runs through Sunday, April 12. Attendees will get a special glimpse into 19th-century France as the cast and crew bring to life Victor Hugo’s classic 1862 novel “Les Misérables.” With an exceptionally large cast of 39 actors, RLC students and local community members have built the set and learned numerous songs and dances that will be sure to entertain families and children of all ages.

Join them and follow the struggles and successes of several characters living between 1815 and 1832 June Rebellion in Paris, including Jean Valjean, the ex-convict; Javert, the police inspector; and Fantine, a working-class woman in the first act. As the musical continues, characters such as Cosette, the child of Fantine; Marius Pontmercy, a young law student; Monsieur and Madame Thénardier, a criminal husband and wife duo; Eponine, the eldest daughter of the Thénardiers; and Enjolras, the leader of the rebellion, will take the stage before the Rebellion, a symbol of the social injustice of the time.

“Les Misérables” will be on the RLC Theatre stage at 7 p.m. Thursday – Saturday, April 9 – 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12. Tickets are on sale now and cost $12 each. They can be purchased by calling the RLC Box Office at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1467. Some tickets may also be available at the door on show night, if not sold out. For more information, visit www.rlc.edu/springmusical.

Hundreds planning trip to RLC for Health and Wellness Fair

BY REANNE PALMER

**H** undreds attending a wide range of booths, attendees, presenters, and vendors will be making their way to Rend Lake College next week for the Health and Wellness Fair, scheduled for 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Friday, April 17. There will be plenty of options to choose from for adults and children alike, ranging from free advice and information related to health, from vendors, including health screenings, senior wellness, veteran health, smoking cessation, and more to the Healthy Body Walk for students and faculty.

Some of the specific booths include Alzheimer’s disease care, fitness and activities, cancer awareness, healthy lifestyle, programs, nutrition, and delivery services. A full list of the vendors and services is listed on page three.

“There will be literally something for everyone who attends, regardless of age,” said Beth Mandrell, RLC reference librarian. “There’s a great opportunity to get healthy information from local schools, students will have the chance to interact with a giant human body in the Healthy Body Walk. They will start at the mouth of the body and traverse through the different parts and systems of the body. Other activities for children include games stations like Operation, Healthy Hangups, and Eat This Not That. In addition to face painting, there will also be plenty of free of charge these days is a rarity so we encourage everyone to take advantage of your opportunity to get reliable health information as well as the prizes that will be given away at the end of the fair.”

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

**Cruise Nights returning to Rend Lake College Marketplace**

BY REANNE PALMER

**I** t’s time to get those old cars and trucks out of the garage and cleaned up for the Sixth Annual Cruise Nights, hosted by the Kingsmen Auto Club of Mt. Vernon and sponsored by RLC. The Cruise Nights will be held from 6 – 11 p.m. on the first Friday of every month between April and October.

Cruise Nights are a favorite among locals as the parking lot at the RLC Golf Club at the RLC Marketplace is always packed. Classic and show cars are welcome to attend every month, said Jim Hubbard, Kingsmen Auto Club president, but each month will have two types of featured cars. Of the featured cars, one will be an older model car and another an automobile created in the 1930s.

“Attendees can get their first ride of the night on the RLC Golf Club when they attend every month, said Jim Hubbard, Kingsmen Auto Club president, but each month will have two types of featured cars. Of the featured cars, one will be an older model car and another an automobile created in the 1930s.

**Phil Theta Kappa Rho Xi chapter inducts 73 students into 2015 class**

BY REANNE PALMER

**S**eventy-three Rend Lake College students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor (PTK) Society Rho Xi chapter at the RLC Theatre.

“In addition to the inductees, one RLC faculty member, Emily Jones, was named the 2015 Teacher of the Year,” said Jensik.

Kicking off the induction ceremony was Jana Jensik, PTK Sponsor and RLC director of academic advising. Jensik congratulated the students and explained the importance of PTK to family and friends in the audience.

“Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and to provide them with opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership, and service programming. I’m honored to serve these high achieving students,” said Jensik. To the students, she added, “Along with your friends, family and other Rend Lake College employees, everyone in this room wants to see you succeed, and we have your best interests in mind. Congratulations from all of us to you on this achievement.”

RLC President Terry Wilkerson also congratulated the students on a job well done. He then encouraged them to continue striving to do their best.

“I want to say welcome and congratulations to all the students in this room,” said Wilkerson. From the college’s perspective, we see you as both a customer and a product. As a customer, I hope you’ve found the value of this institution and that you’re learning from us. As a product, I want you to know you’re representing us. You’ll always be a Rend Lake College graduate and you’ll always be a member of this organization. Don’t forget where you got your start, and I hope to see bright and beautiful things out of you in the future.”

Before the 2015 class was formally inducted, 2014 Teacher of the Year Larry Williams, Zoology Inductions, continues on page 2

**The Healthy Body Walk**

**Students, faculty, and community members walk through the Healthy Body Walk on the first Friday of every month.**

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**Healthy Body Walk**
Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi from Franklin County are, in alphabetical order, Marissa Battaglia (Royalton), Taylor Blankenship (Mulkeytown), Logan Buckner (Dahlgren), Valeria Colon (Sesser), Emma Cutrell (Thompsonville), 苏 Ryley (Dahlgren), 苏 Anthany Goldsberry (Dahlgren), Daniel Hagerman (Mulkeytown), Sally Heathcoat (Dahlgren), Larrysa Hiller (Mulkeytown), Jacklyn Johnagin (Benton), Kaitlyn Jones (Mulkeytown), Andrew Lampley (Benton), Lauren Lafferty (Benton), Rachel Malin (Sesser), Micah Neal (Benton), Alexis Newcomb (Benton), Kristin Odum (Benton), Emily Oxford (Benton), Joshua Schiff (Royallton), Dallas Williams (Benton), Jordan Willis (Benton), and Courtney Young (Buckner). Not pictured is Alan Fox (Sesser). (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Inductions .........

Phi Theta Kappa Rho Xi from Jefferson and Wayne counties are, in alphabetical order, Olivia Bailey (Mt. Vernon), Ashleigh Beatty (Bonnie), Casey Brandt (Mt. Vernon), Bryan Delaney (Tecos), Kathleen Derkiek (Ina), Shannon Dochearty (Odyke), Julia Herzing (Scheller), Markarian Johnson (Mt. Vernon), Emily Lundy (Bluford), Joseph McCelhanen (Mt. Vernon), Alexis McKay (Mt. Vernon), Jefrey Nocari (Ina), Claire Pytlinski (Waltonville), Courtney Scarragh (Mt. Vernon), Kelsey Shannon (Mt. Vernon), Rachel Spodanski (Waltonville), Mary Stanfield (Mt. Vernon), Gracie Tate (Mt. Vernon), Diana Williams (Mt. Vernon), and Kenna Zeigler (Wayne). Not pictured is Courtney Girvan (Bluford), David Jeter (Mt. Vernon), and James Kallmbah (Mt. Vernon). (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)

Inductions then to the podium to pass on a word of advice to the students who will continue their education in the years to come. Jones is a Biological Sciences Instructor at RLC. "I have only one regret as an undergradate. Its a common mistake to get caught up in just getting through a course and not focusing on the learning," said Jones. "When I got to graduate school, I had to re-teach myself many things. I missed that opportuinity, but you shouldn't. I advise you not to look at your classes like an obsticle, but to always ask 'why.' You have a great tool at your disposal — the faculty. Use Us. You'll want to get something out of these classes, not just pass them. Remember this, and good luck in your future. Congratulations."

"Our Cruise Nights are free to everyone and for the family. We want everyone to bring the kids, bring everyone and enjoy the cars," said Hutchison. "It doesn't cost a dime to see the variety of colorful, muscle and antique cars that will be on display. There's nothing like big car shows do," explained Hutchison. "The inductees then signed their name into the chapter's record book as the PTK Teacher of the Year. Students said Jones helped them both in class and outside of class with scholarship recommendation letters. (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)
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Rend Lake College Sports field bring them together on diverse quartet of former stu-

BY BOB KELLEY

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All-Tourney Swafford leads Warriors to 2nd at Arkansas Golf Classic

BY REGGIE PALMER

FOUR CHARTER MEMBERS BECAME ANNUAL HALL OF FAME HONORARY MEMBERS AT THE RLC SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2015 INDUCTION BANQUET ON APRIL 19-20 FOR THE RLC SPRING CLASSIC.

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Jennifer Wren, 1999

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the Spring Classic,

Rend Lake College Sports Hall of Fame includes induction Ceremonies April 15, 2010. The Class of 2015 expands membership to include 13 individuals (35 student-athletes, three coaches, and three others), nine teams, and four Staff and Field Hall of Fame inductees.

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Byrd takes it hard at the goal in a game against Olney Central College back in December.

Byrd directs traffic against Olney Central College.

Byrd was named to the All-Region XXIV team for men’s basketball.

Byrd averaged the team-high 13.1 points per game for the Warriors, including 61.9 percent from the free-throw line, 42.6 percent of field goals, and 28 percent of three-pointers for a grand total of 328 points this season. He also logged 98 rebounds, 78 assists, and 37 steals throughout the season.

Head Coach Randy House said he’s looking forward to coaching Byrd next year as a sophomore.

“Dedric is a great athlete and a great student,” said House. “He had an outstanding year as a freshman, and we’re counting on him to be a leader next year.”

Byrd is joined on the All-Region team by 2015 Region 24 Player of the Year Jordan Johnson (John Wood Community College), JaQuan Bryant (Parkland College), Corvon Butler (Parkland College), Brody Gronowetz (John Wood Community College), Paxton Harmon (John Wood Community College), Adam Hendrix (Danville Area Community College), Eddie Longmeyer (Lincoln Land Community College), Cayman Meyer (Davenport Area Community College), Charles Swain-Westphal (Parkland College), Justin Taylor (Illinois Central College), and Napiel Young (Lincoln College).

The RLC Warriors ended their season with a loss to No. 5 seed Lincoln College during the DII Region XXIV tournament. They ended their regular season at 14-15 and 5-11 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.
Standing up
Several Rend Lake College AmeriCorps students supported a handful of nonprofit agencies in Mt. Vernon last week with the goal of raising awareness for child abuse prevention. With April being National Child Abuse Awareness Month, more than 100 others joined the AmeriCorps workers in walking around the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in matching signs and wearing blue. The event was from left, Jennifer Sistrunk of Mt. Vernon, Mollee Sager of Mt. Vernon, Elyssa Plency of Mt. Vernon, Maddie Michaud of Mt. Vernon, Wyatt Capps of Mt. Vernon, Kasakala College student Hannah Witzel, Shelby Mitchell of Woodlawn, and LaLa Rollins of Mt. Vernon (back row, right).

Satisfaction
According to a June 2015 poll of 500 randomly selected U.S. adults, the percentage of U.S. adults who said they were satisfied with the U.S. health care system increased from 41 percent in 2013 to 48 percent in 2014, according to global market research and consulting firm GCAP Strategy. More than 8 in 10 adults said their personal health care is “very” or “somewhat” affordable. Furthermore, a greater percentage of adults said their personal health is “very” or “somewhat” good, with 79 percent saying this in 2014 compared with 73 percent in 2013. These results were based on a survey of 500 adults conducted June 3-5, 2015, between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m., using an opt-in panel of eligible adults ages 18 and older.

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