



The River's Edge

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Foundation Board Mtg
- November 16
LETA Graduation

Golf Tournament Pulls Full Slate

The 14th Annual Pulaski Bank/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament featured a full contingency of competitors, with a total of 72 teams competing in the October 6 event held at Rolling Hills Country Club. The tournament is the primary source of scholarship funding for the Foundation.

BRTC President Richard Gaines expressed appreciation on behalf of the college to the many entities who made this event possible. "I know the golf tournament does not just happen, but requires many hours of planning and legwork by a great many individuals inside and outside of the college. We owe all of them a debt of gratitude. The event brought together a large number of people from this and surrounding communities for a day of fun, while generating much needed scholarship and Foundation dollars."

Event coordinators Mike Miller of the

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Scenes from the 14th Annual Pulaski Bank/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament held Saturday, October 6 at Rolling Hills Country Club.

REACH to Benefit Staff, Students



Among those attending the REACH training last week were, from left, Dr. Linda Moss, Angie Caldwell, Dr. Martie Shull, Rhonda Stone and Joan Gould. Two sessions were held to accommodate faculty teaching schedules. Participating faculty will incorporate aspects of the training into their classroom activities, teaching students skills while educating about the project.

The preservation and restoration of two historic log structures in Randolph County is a project that brings many educational opportunities to staff and students, according to Historic Preservationist Joan Gould of Fayetteville. She was on campus last week to conduct meetings on Project REACH (Researching Early Arkansas Culture and Heritage) with interested BRTC faculty members. The faculty and staff are working to develop a "Heritage Scholars" program under the REACH umbrella, providing for

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Respiratory Care Students/Faculty Attend Convention



BRTC Respiratory students competing in the "Sputum Bowl" included, from left, Adam Evans, Zach Birmingham, and Whitney Simmons

Students and faculty of the Respiratory Care Program at BRTC attended the Annual Arkansas

Society of Respiratory Care Convention held September 18-21 in Hot Springs. Attending were nine Respiratory III students and four Respiratory I students, accompanied by Director Suezette Hicks, and instructor Janet Mason.

"We attended a variety of sessions during the four-day event," said Hicks, "and viewed an exhibit displaying the many new items and latest equipment now on the market for respiratory care."

Highlighting the convention was the "Sputum Bowl" which, according to Hicks, is a college quiz bowl consisting of respiratory-related questions. "Each state holds a competition with the winning team advancing to the National Sputum Bowl held at the Annual Convention and Exhibition of the Ameri-

can Association for Respiratory Care," Hicks explained. "The competition is a lot of fun and a good way to remember minute details of the profession."

Two teams of Clinical III students represented BRTC in the Sputum Bowl and participated in the preliminary and final rounds of the state competition. Team One included Adam Evans, Zach Birmingham and Whitney Simmons. Cynthia McDaniel, Vanis Smith and Tim Gregory comprised Team Two.

Nicole Bridgewater, a Respiratory Care I student at BRTC, won a \$300 Wal-Mart gift card as a door prize during the student drawing.

BRTC Alum, Staff Member Win National Awards

An alumna and a staff member of BRTC have each received national awards from the National Federation of Press Women. Susan Thielemier, Advertising Manager and Feature and Sports Writer at the Pocahontas Star Herald, received first place in "Sports Photography." Thielemier earned an Associate of Arts degree from BRTC in May, 2007. Dr. Jan Ziegler, VP for Development, received first place in the "Special Achievement" category.

The two traveled to Richmond, Virginia, last weekend to attend the NFPW Annual Conference, which featured sessions on writing, marketing and public relations and communications for both the

private and public sectors.

Thielemier's winning photo featured PHS basketball standout Michael Throesch in tournament action last season. Ziegler's award was for the original script, *No History Happened Here*, researched, written and performed in conjunction with Pocahontas' Sesquicentennial celebration last fall. Memorial picture books containing the script were developed by the college and are available at the BRTC Bookstore and at the Five Rivers Heritage Museum, with all proceeds going to the BRTC Foundation and the Museum.



Susan Thielemier and Jan Ziegler

Golf

BRTC Foundation and Dr. Roger Johnson of BRTC have indicated the generous tournament funding support by Pulaski Bank, coupled with the day's proceeds, will provide a large number of scholarships to deserving students. Both Miller and Johnson expressed their appreciation to the many Pulaski Bank and BRTC employees, as well as Foundation Board members, who volunteered weekend time in support of the golfing event, a two-person scramble. In particular, they recognized the assistance of BRTC Administrative Assistant Vickie French, Marketing and PR Director Ann French, and Financial Aid Director Carolyn Collins, in making the event a success. They also acknowledged the financial support of hole sponsors, of Baltz-Chevy-Olds for the Chevy Silverado as a prize for the designated hole-in-one, and of the golfers themselves in the

continued successful tournament as a fund-raiser.

"Scores were particularly good this year," Miller said. Winners in each flight are as follows:

Championship Flight, first place, Steven Southard and Jonathan Madison; second place, Ron Mangold and Jeff O'Donnell; and third place, Mike and John Matlock.

"A" Flight, first place, Robert and Shirley Sorg; second place, Lowell Parten and Bill Wade; and third place, Bill and Mike Prichard.

"B" Flight, first place, Lloyd King and Danny Johnson; second place, Buster and Janice Hambrick; and third place, Billy Allen and Barry Keck.

"C" Flight, first place, Ricky and Keelen Newsom; second place, Frank and Don Thielemier;

and third place, Buddy Harrison and Marie Cavanaugh.

"D" Flight, Alex Phillips and Terry Holland; Steve Shults and Earl Manning; and third place, Brent Reynolds and Mark Holt.

Winners of the "Closest to the Pin" competition, in order from first to fifth place were as follows:

Hole # 2—Janice Hambrick, Ron Benson, Barry Keck, Danny Johnson and David Prater.

Hole # 7—Paul Carr, Tom Walburgh, Ernie Frenenburg, Bobby Sellers and Bill Bailey.

Hole # 12—Jonathan Madison, Don Liebhaber, Erik Sibrava, Andy Davis and Gene Bloodworth.

Hole # 15—Tom Foster, Mike Prichard, Bonnie Boatner, Garry Palmer and Jeff O'Donnell.

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Bank Representatives Speak to Career Comm. Class



Chad Chester

First National Bank of Walnut Ridge, Hoxie and Pocahontas representatives, Vice President Karen Martin and Sr. Vice President Chad Chester, were special guests recently in a Career Communications class at BRTC. "Each semester I invite guests from area businesses to come in and speak to students about 'real world' topics and events that will affect each of them," said Debbye Jarrett, instructor.



Karen Martin

Martin spoke to the students about checking accounts, applying for loans, buying a home and the mortgage loan process. Chester discussed credit reports, credit scores and talked to the students about ways to build their credit. "Many of the students dream of some day owning their own business," explained Jarrett, "and these topics help them understand all that is involved and what they can do, starting now, to realize that dream."

Caldwell Awarded Music Scholarship

Whitney Caldwell of Doniphan has been awarded the Henry Culver Music Scholarship for the Fall 2007 Semester. She is a full-time Gen Ed student and BRTC Student Ambassador, in addition to being a member of BRTC's Kimbrough Choir. Caldwell participated in Doniphan's school choir for six years where she was also a member of a sextet and double quartet.

The scholarship, which provides tuition for one credit hour of choir each semester, was established last year by Merle and Oleita Young in memory of Oleita Young's father, the late Henry Culver, who taught music to small country congregations throughout Clay County in the 1960s-70s. Mrs. Young's daughter and Culver's granddaughter is Kimbrough Choir Director Joniece Trammel.

For more information about applying for the music scholarship or about participating in the Kimbrough Choir, contact Trammel at 870-248-4000 ext. 4157.



Whitney Caldwell and Joniece Trammel

(Tentative)
Business Technology
Center
Dedication
October 30, 1:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker
Gov. Mike Beebe

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broad-based student and staff involvement.

Restoration of the Rice Dwelling House is the project's current phase, and is being funded by a grant to BRTC awarded by the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resource Council (ANCRC). A subsequent phase, pending ANCRC funding approval, will be the restoration of the Looney Tavern/Inn. Both structures, located on opposite sides of the Eleven Point River in the northern part of the county, have been documented by tree-ring dating to have been constructed during Arkansas' Territorial period. The Rice House is confirmed as the oldest documented existing log structure of its type in the state.

Faculty members attended one of two sessions held in the new Community Conference Center to learn more about the project and to brainstorm possible educational activities in conjunction with the restoration project.

Gould, who has researched extensively in Randolph County as well as elsewhere in the state and region, noted the vision of the structures' owners, Jean Upshaw and family and Jack and Christina French, for their decision to donate the homes to BRTC, making possible the grant funding for restoration.

"The Heritage Scholars program of BRTC can serve as a unifying element for the enormous educational potential created by REACH for scholars and the public across the academic and age spectrum," Gould said. "This program can embrace and encourage discovery and learning by establishing broad-based and multi-disciplined program activities, and then sharing that discovery and learning through an archive in the BRTC Library."

Participating faculty represented several academic disciplines, including Art, Science, Nursing,

Writing, Heritage Studies, Music, Sociology, Criminology, Nutrition, and Accounting.

Assisting in the session was Dr. Jan Ziegler, VP for Development. "We are very excited with the enthusiasm and the caliber of ideas emerging from the meetings," she said. "We will continue to develop these ideas and provide support for actual classroom activities our faculty have conceived as a way to allow students to apply skills from the classroom to Project REACH."

Opportunities for making connections between what 21st Century students are learning and how early 19th Century settlers lived are endless, according to Gould. Faculty members concurred, and began the process of planning student involvement for later this semester and in the spring semester. The next step will be a site visit to the structures for interested faculty on Friday, October 12, at 1:15.

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From the President's Desk



Richard Gaines

Even as we here at BRTC go about the business of encouraging both traditional (age 24 and under) and those so-called "non-traditional" students (25 and over) to consider pursuing higher education, there is a growing sub-group that deserves special attention from community colleges in the next decade. This group, according to publications of the Council for Resource Development, includes those Americans age 55 and older. They are known as the "Boomer Generation."

Census statistics suggest their number will almost double by the year 2030, so that this group will include almost one-third of the total U. S. population. This group is projected to be healthier, better educated, wealthier, and to have longer life expectancy than previous generations of people.

Especially interesting: more than 75% of them expect to keep working past age 65. Less than one-third of today's adults, aged 70 to 74, according to an article in the CRD journal, have some college education. But the percentage will increase to more than one-half of adults that age in less than ten years. A significant number of them will need retooling for the workforce, a task that community colleges such as ours are experienced at and accustomed to doing.

This new life stage is variously described as the "Next Chapter," or "The Third Age," or "The Second Act" and "Second Adulthood." Whatever you call it, BRTC will be work-

ing hard to serve not only the younger students, but also to meet

the education and training needs of our Boomer Generation.

