This Week

August 1-7, 2011
An Equal Access/Equal Opportunity Institution

Crawford recognized by Chipola Board of Trustees

Jeff Crawford of Marianna, outgoing chair of the Chipola College District Board of Trustees, was recently recognized for his leadership during the 2010-11 year. Here, incoming chair Jan Page of Chipley, presents a plaque to Crawford. Members are appointed by the governor and meet monthly to set policy for the college. The board also includes Danny Ryals of Blountstown, Mark Plummer of Bristol, Robert Jones of Westville, Dr. Leisa Bailey of Bonifay, John Padgett of Marianna, Gina Stuart of Marianna and Gary Clark of Chipley.

Prepare now for fall classes at Chipola

Application deadline for the Fall Semester is Aug. 4. Financial Aid application deadline for the Fall classes is Aug. 3.

Applications for Admission are available in the Admissions Office located in the Student Service Building or on-line at www.chipola.edu.

Chipola offers the Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Degree and Workforce Development programs. Bachelor’s Degrees in Education include majors in Middle and High School Math or Science, Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education. A Business Administration degree is available with concentrations in Management or Accounting. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree also is offered. The college also offers the Educator Preparation Institute, a Teacher Certification program for those with a B.S. in a non-teaching field.

For information, call 850- 718-2211.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

1 MONDAY
- Book Buyback - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Old Bookstore

2 TUESDAY
- Last Day to Resign from All Classes for Summer II
- Book Buyback - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Old Bookstore
- Executive Council - 9 a.m., A192

3 WEDNESDAY
- Early Fall Terms A&B Registration Payment Due
- Deadline to Have Financial Aid Files Complete for Financial Aid to Pay Fall 2011 Tuition and Fees

4 THURSDAY
- College Application Deadline for Fall Terms A&B

5 FRIDAY
- ACT Registration Deadline for September Test Date

7 SUNDAY
- FCA Service – 8 p.m., Chapel
Smith to run for Chipola

Sharlynn Smith, a standout athlete from Altha School, has signed a scholarship to run Cross Country for Chipola College. Pictured, standing (from left) are: her mother Lea Smith, Chipola Cross Country coach Rance Massengill, and Joc Calloway, Chipola Assistant Athletic Director. Smith also played basketball at Altha and led her teams to regionals in volleyball and cross country. She was a member of the Student Council, Senior Beta Club and vice president of FBLA. She is the daughter of Buster and Lea Smith of Blountstown.

Big Bend AHEC Health Careers Summer Camps

Twenty-three students from high schools in Jackson, Washington, and Holmes Counties recently attended a week-long Health Careers Camp at Chipola College.

The students were selected based on their interest in pursuing a health career, academic record, teacher evaluations, and personal essay. The camp included an eight-hour ACT prep course, dissection exercise, blood-typing activity, medical terminology, financial-planning, goal-setting, positive thinking, simulation lab skills, and information on health careers.

Students toured Jackson Hospital, Marianna Health and Rehab, Chipola College, FSU College of Medicine, and the Molar Express in Tallahassee. According to student Taylor Cintron, “The highlight of the camp was spending a day shadowing a health professional.” The experiences ranged from observing a baby being born to scrubbing in and observing surgery in the Operating Room.

The camp is co-sponsored by Big Bend Area Health Education Center (BBAHEC), a non-profit organization based in Tallahassee and at Chipola College. Jackson Hospital also is a partner serving as a training site for medical students, physician assistant students, nurses and other health professionals. BBAHEC serves a 14-county area and has been conducting similar camps for over 20 years.

Camp director Bridgett Nuccio, says, “The goal of the camp is to help rural students interested in health careers to be admitted to professional schools such as medical, dental and nursing. The students also get to see that there is more to health care than just doctors and nurses. Students witness how various health professions work together as a team to care for the patient. The counselors give the campers a view of college life and the life of a health professions student. Some students may decide after attending camp that a health career is not for them. This is a valuable experience as well. The student can make informed decisions about their career goals. “If you don’t spend some time in health care settings, you have no way to know if a health career is really for you,” says Nuccio.

Big Bend AHEC has numerous success stories from former campers. This year, Martin Clemmons, DO, a camper from 1997 returned to share his experiences. Dr. Clemmons recently graduated from medical school and begins his internal medicine residency in Largo, FL next month. He is the son of Drs. Tracy and Sarah Clemmons of Marianna. Nuccio was also a camper and came back from her training at University of Florida as a physician assistant and now works for Big Bend AHEC.

The next summer Health Careers Camp is scheduled for June, 2012. For more information contact Brigitta Nuccio at (850) 482-6500 or visit the Big Bend AHEC Facebook page.