Five trustees appointed to Chipola College Board

On June 24, Governor Rick Scott announced three appointments and two reappointments to the Chipola College District Board of Trustees.

Thomas “Tommy” Lassmann, 41, of Marianna, is a commercial banker with Cadence Bank. He received his bachelor’s degree in finance from Troy University. Lassmann has served on the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Jeff Crawford and is appointed for a term beginning June 24, 2013, and ending May 31, 2015.

Nolan Baker, 48, of Ponce de Leon, is an engineer with CDG Engineers & Associates. Baker is a board member of the Walton County Economic Development Alliance and the Holmes County Development Commission. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering from Auburn University. He succeeds Robert “Bob” Jones and is appointed for a term beginning June 24, 2013, and ending May 31, 2015.

Hannah Causseaux, 28, of Bristol, is the former Director of Appointments in the Executive Office of the Governor. She received her bachelor’s degree in political science from Florida State University. She succeeds Mark Plummer and is appointed for a term beginning June 24, 2013, and ending May 31, 2014.

Gary Clark, 45, of Chipley, is the vice president of West Florida Electric Cooperative. He received his bachelor’s degree in marketing from the University of Phoenix. Clark served on the Washington County school board for 12 years. He is reappointed for a term beginning June 24, 2013, and ending May 31, 2015.

John Padgett, 82, of Marianna, is retired. He was a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Padgett has previously served as a Jackson County Commissioner. He is reappointed for a term beginning June 24, 2013, and ending May 31, 2014.

The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate. Chipola’s nine-member board also includes Gina Stuart of Jackson County, Danny Ryals of Calhoun County, Dr. Leisa Bailey of Holmes County and Jan Page of Washington County.

Big Bend AHEC hosts Health Careers Camp

Twenty-six students recently completed Chipola College health camp. Pictured from left, are: (front) Kaitlin Lynn, Kelsey Gilley, Kiandra Decree, McKenzie Trim, Jaquainna Hughes, Kristin Davis (second row) Carley Mead, Amy Hand, Tyeshia Smith, Alexi Nix, Cailin Thomas, Hana Whitfield, Rachael Spooner (back) director Brigitta Nuccio, counselor Candace Mercer, Lexi Pollocks, Angela Smith, Sarah Guettler, McKaylah See, Jayde Smelcer, Morgan McKenzie, Jordan Smith, Alyssa Mercer, Lindie Dilmore, Miranda Sapp, Calen Masai, Cheyanne Franklin, Ashlee Cates, counselor Ashley Uhrick and counselor Brett Floyd.
Northview runners sign with Cross Country

Northview High (Dothan) runners Veronica Taylor and Victoria Taylor have signed scholarships to run for the Chipola Cross Country team.

Victoria was captain of the Northview team for two years and made it to the state finals three times finishing in the top 30 in 2011. Her personal best in the 5K cross country distance is below 20:30. Twin sister Veronica also was a consistent competitor at Northview with a personal best of 23:40.

The sisters are interested in theatre and art and hope to attend film school after Chipola.

Chipola coach Rance Massengill says, “With the addition of these two fine runners, Chipola will be much more competitive in area meets.”

Chipola returns five runners led by Natalya Miller, a sophomore from Wewahitchka who finished 73rd in National Championship field of 295 runners. She holds the Chipola school record of 20:15 at the 5K distance. Others returnees include Donia Lanier of Wewahitchka, Kimi Wiltse of Altha, Kathryn Huffman of Marianna and Karlee Floyd of Malone. Jodi Phillips of Rutherford High School recently signed.

Chipola offers tuition scholarships for women who compete in the program. For information, call coach Massengill at 718-2440.

Dunaway is top employee

Jim Dunaway is Chipola’s Career Employee for June. Dunaway serves as the Property/Inventory & Records Coordinator in Physical Plant and has worked at the college since 2011. Pictured from left, are: Capital Projects & Facilities Administrator Louy Harris, Jim Dunaway and Executive Vice President Dr. Jason Hurst.

Law Enforcement Academy set for Aug. 1

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class beginning Aug 1. Qualification deadline is July 22.

The program will meet weeknights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is 770 clock hours in length. Candidates must be at least 19 years of age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT). Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

For information regarding the application process, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.