Clark elected chair of Chipola Board

The Chipola College District Board of Trustees recently elected Gary Clark of Chipley to serve as chair of the board for the 2013-14 year.

Clark is vice president of West Florida Electric Cooperative. Danny Ryals, a realtor from Calhoun County, was elected vice-chair.

Clark assumed the chair from Jan Page, CEO of Community South Credit Union in Chipley, who served as chair during the previous two years.

Nine trustees—appointed by the Florida Governor—represent Chipola’s five-county district on the board. Other trustees include: Tommy Lassmann of Marianna, a commercial banker with Cadence Bank; Nolan Baker of Ponce de Leon, an engineer with CDG Engineers & Associates; Hannah Causseaux of Bristol, former Director of Appointments in the Executive Office of the Governor; John Padgett of Marianna, a retired Jackson County Commissioner; Gina Stuart of Marianna, a realtor; and Dr. Leisa Bailey, a physician in Holmes County.

Broome is employee of the month

Betty Broome (left) accepts the Chipola College July Career Employee of the Month award from Dr. Jayne Roberts, vice-president of Student Affairs. Broome has worked at Chipola for more than 27 years and now serves as Department Associate in Student Services.
Kids basketball camp set at Chipola

Chipola College men’s basketball coach Patrick Blake will host a camp for player ages 6-14, July 22-25.

The camp will meet Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to noon, in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. Cost is $60. Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-in registration will be available on July 22.

Coach Blake is coming off his second year as head coach of the Indians. Chipola finished second in the league and earned a berth in the state tournament. Coach Blake says, “This is a great chance for our players and coaches to personally get to know the great families and campers that make up Chipola Nation.”

Blake said the goal of the camp is to provide an exciting environment to help players improve their skill sets, but to also teach them the values of teamwork and work ethic. Campers will get first hand access to Chipola players and will learn and perform the drills the college players do every day. Free t-shirts and awards will be presented. Snacks will be available for purchase.

To register by phone or email, contact assistant coach Glen Mayo at (850)260-9583 or email coach Blake at blakep@chipola.edu. Visit the Chipola web site at www.chipola.edu.

Chipola students should apply now for financial aid

New students planning to enroll in Fall semester classes at Chipola registration are encouraged to make application as soon as possible. Application deadline for the Fall semester is Aug. 1.

There are several steps in the application process: (1) complete the college Admission Application; call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request your high school to send a final transcript to Chipola Admissions and Records Office; and (3) take the College Placement Test; call 718-2284 for assistance. Students should report to Room 156 in the Student Services Building and sign in to see an academic advisor.

Financial Aid Deadline for the Fall semester is July 24. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application should be completed online. For information about the FAFSA, call the General Student Aid Information Center 1-800-433-3243 or visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. All required documents must be received in the Chipola Financial Aid Office by July 24 in order to use Federal Financial Aid to cover Fall tuition and fees. Chipola is no longer participating in the Federal Direct Loan Programs which include Federal Direct Subsidized, Federal Direct Unsubsidized and Federal Direct Plus Loans.

Chipola to offer law enforcement and corrections classes

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 for all materials is July 22.

The program will meet weeknights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is 770 clock hours in length.

Chipola also offers an ongoing Basic Corrections academy with open enrollment. Students may start within a week of qualification. Classes are weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

The Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) is offered at the Public Service Building on Chipola Campus every Tuesday at 12:30. Cost of the test is $45.

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