

# Chipola This Week

A newsletter for Chipola College students, employees, and friends

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## Chipola automotive instructors featured in video series

The Chipola College Automotive Technology program held a press conference on March 16 to showcase the college's involvement in a new video training series being developed in conjunction with BBB Industries, the leading remanufacturer of automotive rotating electrical equipment (alternators and starters).

BBB representatives visited the Chipola Automotive Technology program March 15-16 to shoot three programs in a training video series.

Chipola Automotive instructor John Gardner and assistant instructor Chase Vlieg wrote and scripted, and are the on screen talent for the segments which will be produced by a professional production company. Training films on Electrical Fundamentals, Meters and Test Equipment, and Magnetism will be produced during the Chipola shoot.

BBB also donated 20 alternators and 20 starters valued at \$5,000 to be utilized in our program as educational tools for our students. BBB is a major supplier to Auto Value/Bumper to Bumper, Carquest, O'Reilly's, Parts Plus and NAPA which all have representatives on the Chipola Automotive Technology Advisory Committee. The videos will be available to parts stores, shops, technicians and the do it yourselfers.

Chipola and other NATEF certified institutions also will have free access to these training films.

Tri-States Automotive representatives Walter Spence, Bill Stevens and Ronnie Stevens are assisting with the program. Ricky

Miller of Rahal-Miller Chevrolet, Cadillac, representing General Motors, will provide a new Electric Chevy Volt for the production. Gardner says, "In workforce education these industry partnerships are crucial to a program's success."

For information about the press conference contact Bryan Craven at 850-718-2264.



Pictured from left, are: Dr. Jason Hurst, Chipola Vice President Baccalaureate & Occupational Education; Chase Vlieg, Chipola Assistant Automotive instructor; John Gardner, Chipola Automotive Instructor; Bill Stephens and Ronnie Stephens of Tri-States Automotive Warehouse; Chuck Anderson and Jimmy Parish of Rahal-Miller Chevrolet, Cadillac, Nissan; and Greg Owens, Marketing Manager for BBB, Industries.

## Spring Frolics to be held April 4 at Chipola Pool

Spring Frolics will be held Wednesday, April 4, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Chipola College Pool. Students will be excused from classes to participate in this college-wide social event.

Activities for the event include soft play blow up games, music, and hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone. Students must be present to win the great door prizes given out at lunch.

Several universities will be on hand to display recruiting information and answer questions.

There will be the annual match up between clubs in a relay competition to see which club rules the campus.

The SGA Spring Elections will also be held at Spring Frolics,

as well as voting for The Distinguished Service Award for a Faculty Member and The Distinguished Service Award for a Career Employee or Administrator. If you are interested in running for an SGA position, come by the Student Activities Office, (K-105/Cafeteria) and pick up the information. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 2.

This FREE event is sponsored by the Chipola Student Government Association. In case of rain the event will be held in the Health Center.

For more information, call 718-2308 or come by the Student Activities Office, K-105.

### THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

#### 26-30 MONDAY-FRIDAY

SPRING BREAK HOLIDAYS -- COLLEGE CLOSED

#### APRIL

#### 2 MONDAY

- ♦ Student Government Association – 2 p.m., Z116

#### 3 TUESDAY

- ♦ Last Day to Resign from All Classes - Spring A
- ♦ Executive Council - 9 a.m., A192
- ♦ Student Ambassadors – 1 p.m., A156

#### 4 WEDNESDAY

- ♦ **SPRING FROLICS** - Classes Dismissed from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pool

- ♦ Phi Beta Lambda – 10 a.m., M201
- ♦ Faculty Meeting – 3 p.m., Z116

#### 5 THURSDAY

- ♦ Fellowship of Christian Athletes – 7 p.m., Cafeteria

#### 8 SUNDAY

- ♦ FCA Chapel Service – 7:30 p.m., Chapel

## Decemberadio and Flying Backwards in concert

The Chipola College Huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host a Spring Concert on Saturday, April 21, featuring Christian recording artists Decemberadio and local favorite Flying Backwards.

The Spring Concert is the second event featuring outstanding nationally-known performers following the Remedy

Drive Concert last Spring.

The free concert starts at 7 p.m. and is being promoted by Shane Corbin with One Shot Entertainment, and financed by the Ministry Partners of the Chipola College Huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

For information, contact FCA sponsor Dr. David Hilton at 526-2761, Ext. 3331.



The Chipola College District Board of Trustees gave college president Dr. Gene Prough an excellent rating on his annual performance evaluation which was presented during the board's regular monthly meeting on March 20.

All board members who completed the evaluation rated the president's performance as excellent, the highest rating available. In a summary of the trustees' comments, board attorney Gerald Holley stated, "The Board of Trustees has the utmost admiration for the job President Prough is doing at Chipola and give him a superior evaluation."

## Chipola president receives excellent evaluation

Board members listed several areas of the president's strengths, including: strong executive leadership; good administrative and people skills; and a capable, professional and innovative leader.

One trustee commented, "The college has continued to thrive under his leadership. He has the ability to lead and that he puts students up front." Another stated, "Dr. Prough is an excellent leader who motivates and promotes the advancement of education and places the interests of the students first.

One trustee commended the president for his leadership during lean budget years, saying, "He gives his personal attention to every issue that presents itself, and continues to lead the college in the right direction. I am very satisfied with Dr. Prough's ability to accomplish so much with the significant decrease in funding we have received in recent years." Another trustee also commended Dr. Prough for his work with the legislature, saying, "He spends many hours in Tallahassee to be sure Chipola gets its fair share of the money that is distributed."

Following the meeting, Prough said, "I consider it a privilege to serve as president of Chipola College. I appreciate the work of our board of trustees, faculty and staff as we continue to provide quality educational programs for the people of this area."

Prough, a 1968 graduate of Chipola, became the college's ninth president in October of 2002. He served as executive vice president of the college from 1997 to 2002. He also served as interim president in 2004-05. Prough first came to Chipola as Director of Vocational Education in 1994. During his time as president and executive vice-president, Dr. Prough has provided leadership that enabled the college to obtain more than \$30 million in building projects and more than \$20 million in federal and state grants. A new Student Services building was completed in 2005. A new entrance road to the college opened in 2011 which leads to the college's new \$16 million Center for the Arts which opens in September, 2012.

Under his leadership, the college foundation has grown from \$2 million to more than \$16 million. Endowments and scholarships in the foundation provide as much as \$1 million annually in direct aid to students.

During Prough's tenure as president, the college has changed its name from Chipola Junior College to Chipola College in order to offer bachelor's degrees. Chipola offers the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree, the Associate in Science (AS) Degree and Workforce Education programs, and ten bachelor's degrees in education, business and nursing.

## Small business seminars set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer two small business seminars in April.

"Steps to Starting a Business," is Friday, April 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will learn about organizational requirements and licensing for a small business in Florida. Topics will include personal financial assessments, credit checks, defining customers, location considerations and employee requirements.

An "Ultimate Business Plan" seminar is set for Friday, April 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will learn to create an impressive, professional business plan to ensure success. The seminar also will include review of a business software program and a walk-through of the business plan process.

Cost of each seminar is \$30. Pre-registration is required. The first five Chipola

students to register for either seminar get free admission.

Seminars meet in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building. To register, contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441, visit Building M, Office 208A, or register online at <http://clients.floridasbdc.org/center.aspx?center=41230&subloc=4>

## Chipola baseball begins league play

The Chipola Indians improved to a 3-2 in conference play with a record with a 12-4 win over Northwest on March 21.

Jordan Poole hit two homeruns for Chipola including a grand slam in the bottom of the sixth. LJ Hollins earned the pitching win for Chipola in six innings of work.

Chipola lost a close 10-9 decision to Northwest on March 19.

Chipola won two of three against Gulf Coast in the opening series of conference play. Chipola lost to Gulf Coast, 5-1, on March 17 after beating Gulf Coast, 11-3, on March 16.

The Indians opened the conference season March 14 with an incredible 11-10 comeback win over Gulf Coast. Chipola's Marc Frazier hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth to give

the Indians an 11-10 edge.

The Indians travel to Northwest for a 2 p.m. game on March 23. Chipola hosts Tallahassee Saturday, March 24 at 1 p.m. Chipola plays at Tallahassee on March 26 before hosting Tallahassee again on Wednesday, March 28 at 5 p.m.

In the March 20 FCSAA Poll, Chipola is ranked seventh. For the latest scores, visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu)

## Lady Indians begin league play

The Chipola Lady Indians jumped out to a 3-1 record after four games in league play. Chipola swept Northwest in a doubleheader on March 21 winning 13-6 game one and winning 10-9 in game two. Chipola split a doubleheader with Tallahas-

see on March 15, winning game one, 4-1, and dropping game two, 3-0.

Chipola hosts Gulf Coast, Saturday, March 24, at 1 and 3 p.m. The Lady Indians play at Pensacola, March 27, before returning home to host Tallahassee, March 29,

at 4 and 6 p.m. Chipola hosts Northwest, Thursday, April 5, at 4 and 6 p.m.

The Lady Indians are fifth in the FCSAA Poll for March 20. For the latest scores, visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu)



## Congressman Southerland speaks at Chipola

U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland (Florida 2nd District) recently addressed students in an American Federal Government class at Chipola College. Here, Congressman Southerland is presented a Chipola shirt by Chipola Social Science professor Melissa Cauley (left) and Chipola Senior Vice President Dr. Sarah Clemmons (right). Professor Cauley arranged Southerland's visit which included a reception hosted by the college chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges.

## Rural Development forum set for April 20 at Chipola

Chipola College is the site of an Interagency Rural Development Forum set for Friday, April 20.

The free forum is hosted by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

Topics on the agenda include: Asset

Building in Rural Florida, Housing and Community Development Resources, Resources for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs, Rural Economic Development Opportunities and Update on the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

The forum begins at 9:30 a.m. and runs through 3:30 pm (CST) in the Chipola College Continuing Education Building

(3158 College Street) Marianna, FL 32446.

Free continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. This event is free, but space is limited.

To register, send name, organization and email address to [aatkins@fdic.gov](mailto:aatkins@fdic.gov) by Monday, April 9. The Chipola College contact for the Forum is Dr. Jim Froh at (850) 718-2413.

## Chipola Center for the Arts Applause! campaign

The Chipola Center for the Arts, located on the campus of Chipola College in Marianna, will be one of Florida's finest new performing, visual and educational arts centers when it opens in September 2012.

To encourage community involvement in the Center, the college has launched a \$3 million Applause! fundraising campaign to enrich performances, programs, exhibitions and special events; enhance educational experiences for Chipola students and those in the Chipola District; underwrite annual educational programs that serve more than 6,000 K-12 schoolchildren in the Chipola District; and support facility operations and enhancements.

The campaign is being chaired by Harold Donaldson, a Chipola alumnus and retired banker and Joan Stadskev, retired Associate Dean of the Chipola Fine and Performing Arts Department. Volunteers from across the Chipola district have been selected to lead the campaign which has three major areas: Be Seated, Be a Star and Legacy Initiatives.

In the "Be Seated" program, anyone can establish a permanent presence in the

theater by purchasing a plaque on a seat that bears the name of a family member, a friend, someone special, a company or community organization. This is an ideal gift for a birthday, anniversary, graduation and special occasion, as well as a distinctive way to cel-



brate achievement and honor the memory of a loved one. Orchestra (main floor) seat plaques are \$250, with Balcony Seat Plaques available for \$150.

In the "Be A Star" program, patrons may purchase a star that bears the name of a family member, a friend, someone special, a company or community organization. Stars are a memorable, long-lasting gift for those who have everything. They can also be used to celebrate achievement, to honor the memory of a loved one or to welcome new children

and grandchildren. Stars will be mounted on the prominent wall in the lobby of the Main Theater. Gold Stars are \$2,500, with Silver Stars for \$1,000 and Bronze Stars for \$500.

Information about the Be Seated and Be a Star programs may be found at [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu) or by calling 850-718-2277.

For those seeking a distinctive long-term association with the Center for the Arts, there are "Legacy" naming opportunities throughout the Center. For gifts ranging from \$10,000 to \$1 million, an individual, business, foundation or a community organization can have a part of the Center named for a person or group. Legacy gifts may be made in the form of a direct gift, securities, a matching gift, a deferred gift, a multi-year pledge or a combination of these resources.

For information about specific Legacy Initiatives, contact Chipola president, Dr. Gene Prough at 850-718-2288 or email [proughg@chipola.edu](mailto:proughg@chipola.edu)

Checks or credit cards are accepted for all gifts. For information about the Chipola Center for the Arts Applause! campaign, visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu) or phone 850-718-2277.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APRIL

- 9-10 Early Reg Summer I & II for Currently Enrolled Students
- 12 Last Day to Withdraw from a Spring C Class
- 12 Night Student Social
- 13 Business Seminar

### THIS WEEK

"Chipola This Week" is a weekly publication of the Chipola Public Relations Office.

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 4. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 26-Mar Gene Prough
- 27-Mar Michael Bradford
- 27-Mar Robert Davis
- 30-Mar Jason Hurst
- 30-Mar Kathy Rehberg
- 31-Mar Laurie Berry
- 3-Apr Dale O'Daniel
- 4-Apr Jake Headrick
- 5-Apr Gail Hartzog
- 7-Apr Angela Dawkins

**FREE TAX PREP.** Chipola business professor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and free electronic filing.

The free service—for individual tax returns only—is available from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on Wednesdays in room M-201.

To make an appointment call Lee Shook at (850) 718-2368.

**\$\$\$\$.** The Panhandle Gator Club will be awarding \$1000 scholarships to new students from our area planning to attend the University of Florida in Fall 2012. Deadline to apply is April 13. See Stacey Hinson in A107 to obtain application.

**CCTV.** To see what is coming on Chipola College Television, go to: [www.chipola.edu/tv](http://www.chipola.edu/tv) and click on schedule.

### FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Deadline to have financial aid files complete to use for Summer I and II Registration is April 23, 2012.



## Pippin is top employee

Wendy Pippin is Chipola College's Career Employee for March. Pippin serves as the Human Resources Coordinator and has worked at the college since 2003. Here, Pippin (right) is congratulated by Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.