

# Chipola This Week

A newsletter for Chipola College students, employees, and friends

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## Chipola Gala is Thursday

The new \$16 million Chipola College Center for the Arts opens Thursday, Sept. 20, with A Grand Night featuring two-time Emmy Award-winning actress Sally Struthers and Broadway star Tony Yazbeck. The event includes an after party with live music and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Dress is semi-formal.

General admission tickets—\$50—are available at the Chipola Center for the Arts, The Marianna Fitness Center and the Gazebo Café. Call 850-718-2220 for credit card orders, or contact sirmonc@chipola.edu

Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre at Chipola, says, "Everyone is going to love Sally. She's a hoot and a great talent." Struthers will perform her one-woman show which includes tales from her days as Gloria on "All in the Family," and also about her real life romance with Elvis Presley. In between, she'll sing a couple of numbers, likely "Little Girls" from her role as Miss Hannigan in "Annie" and maybe even a John Prine song "Hello in There," made popular by Bette Midler.

Struthers is also expected to mix with the crowd at the after-party immediately following the show.

Tony Yazbeck will sing and tap dance his way across the brand new Chipola stage and into the hearts of the first-ever audience in the new Center. Yazbeck most recently played the role of Billy Flynn in the Broadway production of "Chicago." Other Broadway credits include: "White Christmas" (Phil Davis), "Gypsy" (Tulsa), "A Chorus Line" (Al), "Never Gonna Dance," "Oklahoma" and



Sally Struthers in her role as Gloria on "All in the Family."

"Gypsy" with Tyne Daly.

Tony has performed at Carnegie Hall and many of the top nightclub and concert venues in New York City. On Television, Tony has been featured on "As The World Turns," "All My Children," and in the first season of the new NBC hit series "Smash" about the creation of a Broadway musical.

For information about the gala, phone Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre at Chipola, at 850-718-2227.



## Ethiopian coffee farmer to speak

Ethiopian coffee farmer Tadesse Meskela will address the Chipola College Honors program, Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m. The public is invited to the meeting which will be held in Jackson Lecture Hall of the college Literature/Language Building (Z).

Meskela's talk is entitled, "How Cooperative Structures Benefit Coffee Growing Communities in Ethiopia." He is the manager of the Oromia Coffee Farmers Co-operative Union that represents over 74,000 farmers. The Co-Op was featured in the documentary "Black Gold." He also is a proponent of fair-trade, and speaks publicly in support of it around the world.

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### THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

#### 17 MONDAY

- ♦ Student Government Association – 2 p.m., Z116
- ♦ Night Student Social – 7 p.m., D Lobby

#### 18 TUESDAY

- ♦ Executive Council – 9 a.m., A192
- ♦ Student Ambassadors – 1 p.m., A156
- ♦ District Board of Trustees – 7 p.m., Bldg Y

#### 19 WEDNESDAY

- ♦ Career and Administrative Payroll Due in HR
- ♦ Black Student Union – 10 a.m., C104
- ♦ Spanish Club – 2:15 p.m., Z113

#### 20 THURSDAY

- ♦ Deadline to Apply to ADN Program for Spring 2013
- ♦ Fellowship of Christian Athletes – 7 p.m., Cafeteria
- ♦ "A Grand Night" Opening Gala – 7 p.m., Center for the Arts

#### 21 FRIDAY

- ♦ ACT Registration Deadline for October Test Date
- ♦ Deans Meeting – 9 a.m., A192

#### 23 SUNDAY

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

## Teacher Ed grads teaching in area schools

As school begins, Chipola College Teacher Education graduates are also going back to school, but this time they are in the K–12 schools throughout the five-county district and in neighboring counties.

Local and national high unemployment rates have not been a reality for the graduates of Chipola's School of Education. All 2012 graduates from Chipola's Elementary Education, Science Education and Mathematics Education programs who sought positions were hired by the beginning of the 2012–13 school year. This continues a hiring trend that has been consistent since Chipola graduated its first mathematics and science teacher candidates in 2005. Seven years later, mathematics and science graduates still are needed to fill the continuing demand for qualified mathematics and science teachers.

In 2008, Chipola added new programs in Elementary Education and Exceptional Student Education, followed by English Education in 2011. This spring, Chipola will graduate its first English Education teachers.

In addition to high placement rates, Chipola Teacher Education graduates are also exceeding the State Average on longevity of stay in the classroom. A study by the Harvard Graduate School of Education revealed that many new teachers do not return to the classroom after the first year. According to Florida data only 79% return after

the first year, 72% after the second year and only 65% return after year three. Chipola has consistently had over 85% retention rates all teachers in all areas. Of Chipola's 2011 graduates in Elementary Education, Science and Mathematics Education, 100% received jobs in the district schools and 100% of the Elementary and Science graduates were rehired by their principals and returned to the classroom. The Mathematics Education program had an 85% return to the classroom.

Dr. Lou Cleveland, Dean of the Chipola School of Education, says, "Because of rigorous course requirements, Chipola teachers are classified as 'highly qualified' with many of them having both reading and ESOL endorsements upon graduation. Our curriculum provides teachers with a strong foundation which makes them valuable employees."

Randy Ward, principal of Grand Ridge School, says, "The teachers coming from Chipola's education program demonstrate an extraordinary command of their subject matter and classroom management skills. I believe this is due to the quality



*Tenisha Henderson, Character Education teacher at Golson Elementary School, reads to students Christina Pendleton and Camden Bruner. Henderson is a Chipola education graduate working in area schools this Fall.*

instruction they have received and the time spent observing and teaching in our classrooms."

Chipola offers the Bachelor of Science Degree, 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, English Education, Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education.

For information, visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu) or call 850-718-2492.

## Ethiopian coffee farmer, *continued from page 1*

Meskela grew up in the countryside outside Addis Ababa, Bishoftu, and studied his way out of poverty to eventually make it to a university. In the early 1990's while working for the state Agricultural Bureau, he attended a two-month co-operative training in Japan and was inspired to develop a cooperative union system to help Ethiopian coffee farmers receive fair prices for their produce. The Oromia Coffee Farmers Co-

operative Union was established in 1999. Since 2004, the Co-Op has facilitated the construction of four new schools, 17 additional classrooms, four health centers, two clean water supply stations, and in terms of dividends, \$2 million has been given back to the farmers.

Dan Bailey, owner of Amavida Coffee in Sea Side and Rosemary Beach in Bay County, facilitated Meskela's visit to

Chipola. Bailey purchases coffee for his stores from the Oromia Co-Op.

More information about the Ethiopian coffee cooperative is available at <http://blackgoldmovie.com/production-notes>

For information about the lecture, call Honors adviser Bonnie Smith at 850-526-2761, Ext. 3247 or email [smithb@chipola.edu](mailto:smithb@chipola.edu)

## Chipola Fall Festival slated for September 26

Chipola's annual Fall Festival will be Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Health Center. Students will be excused from classes to participate in this free fun event!

SGA has activities lined up including soft play blow up games, music, door prizes, and hotdogs and hamburgers for

everyone. Several universities will be in attendance with information for interested students. The annual match up between campus clubs will include relay races and a tug of war competition to see which club rules the campus.

The Chipola Fall Festival is sponsored by the Florida Lottery Bright Futures

program.

The Lottery will provide free tie-dyed t-shirts and ice cream to all students, as well as premium door prizes.

Lottery Secretary Cynthia O'Connell will be on hand to welcome the students.

For information, call 718-2308 or visit the Student Activities Office, K-105.

## Chipola dressing room to be named for Professor Lee Shook

The men's dressing room for the main theatre in the new Chipola College Center for the Arts will forever be known as the "Lee Shook Men's Dressing Room: BREAK A LEG!"

Thanks to his \$10,000 legacy gift, Shook will forever have his name associated with the new 50,000 square-foot performing arts complex. Earlier this year, Shook, an accounting professor at the college, challenged Chipola employees to contribute to the Applause! campaign and he would match these contributions up to \$10,000. Both current and former Chipola personnel did just that with a cumulative contribution of over \$11,500.

Shook has a long history of philanthropy in the Chipola Fine and Performing Arts department and in the community. He has endowed the Lee Shook Theatre Scholarship that will forever give students an opportunity to study theatre at Chipola. Many in the community recognize his generosity, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mulder purchased a Bronze Star as a tribute to Shook that will forever hang on the Wall of Stars in the lobby of the Center for the Arts.

Dr. Daniel Powell, Associate Dean of Fine and Performing Arts, says, "Lee is well known in the community for his en-

dearing personality and his love for the arts. He has performed in seven Chipola Theatre productions and sang in the college Community Chorus. It is clear that Lee Shook is one of a kind and will leave a legacy at Chipola for generations of students and

patrons alike."

For information about how to leave a legacy in the arts through an endowment or naming opportunity, contact Dr. Daniel Powell at [powelld@chipola.edu](mailto:powelld@chipola.edu) or 718-2257.



*Pictured from left, are: Chipola theater director Charles Sirmon, Chipola accounting professor Lee Shook, Applause co-chair Joan Stadsklev and Dr. Daniel Powell, Associate Dean of Fine and Performing Arts.*



## Arts educator to speak at CRAA

The public is invited to attend the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) meeting Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Jim's Buffet, with a Dutch-treat luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and program beginning at noon.

The program will feature flutist Donna Wissinger who was recently contracted by CRAA to provide Children's Programming at a dozen schools in the Chipola district. Her programs will include the Pied Piper, Legendary Florida, as well as master classes. Her swing through the Chipola district is the premiere of the state-sponsored Legendary Florida initiative to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon.

Wissinger will give a sneak peek of this program and talk about the impact the program is making in area school systems.

Representatives from Florida Public Utilities are expected to donate \$1,000 to the CRAA mini-grant program that will fund grant requests by area music, art, and theatre teachers. Due to the popularity of the program, only half of mini-grant applications were funded last year.

There will be a door prize of two free tickets to the Artist Series event Street Corner Symphony on Sept. 27 in the new Center for the Arts.

For information about CRAA, contact Dr. Daniel Powell at [powelld@chipola.edu](mailto:powelld@chipola.edu) or (850) 718-2257.

## International Trade Seminar set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer a small business seminar, "International Trade, Part 1," on Friday, Sept. 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The class provides an overview of import and export opportunities for Florida businesses. Participants will learn about global businesses and trade investments. The seminar will cover ways to develop a trade plan and to secure resources for starting a trade business.

Chipola will offer several more small business seminars this year. All seminars meet Fridays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the

Chipola Business and Technology building.

"Business Plan Basics" is Oct. 12. Participants will learn which business type is suited to their personality and to create an impressive, professional business plan. The seminar also will include a walk-through of the business plan process in order to obtain financing and to create a successful business.

"International Trade, Part 2" will meet Oct. 26. Participants will learn about market penetration strategies, market presence, collections, getting paid, export finance, and exporting for the service industry.

"Marketing Series, Part 1: Introduction to 21st Century Marketing" is Nov. 9. "Marketing Series, Part 2: Marketing on the Internet and Using Social Media" is Nov. 16. "Credit Basics" is set for Dec. 7.

Cost of each seminar is \$30. The first five Chipola students to sign up for any seminar will receive free admission.

Participants may register online at [www.northfloridabiz.com](http://www.northfloridabiz.com). For more information, contact Elissa Severson at Chipola College at 850-718-2441 or email [severson@chipola.edu](mailto:severson@chipola.edu)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

- 26 Fall Festival
- 27 Artist Series: St Corner Symphony

#### OCTOBER

- 2 Last Day for Fall A Vertical Transfer
- 2 HS Counselor Appreciation Day
- 4 Last Day to Resign from All Classes for Fall B
- 5 CAAP Reg Deadline for Nov Test- All Fall AA Graduates
- 11 Last Class Day for Fall B
- 11 Registration Fall C; 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 12 Classes Begin -- Fall Term C
- 12 McLendon Scholarship Spring 2013 Application Deadline
- 12 Grades for Fall B Due By 8 a.m.
- 12 Late Reg Drop/Add & Employee Fee Waiver Reg for Fall C
- 16 District Board of Trustees
- 17 SENIOR DAY
- 24-26 AFC Silent Auction

### 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, Sept. 19. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 17-Sep Patrick Blake
- 18-Sep Sybil Cloud
- 19-Sep Kim Collins
- 19-Sep Martin Fowler
- 20-Sep Terri Fowler

#### ACE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. - NOON

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

#### TECH CENTER HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday 7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

#### TESTING CENTER HOURS

Monday & Wednesday  
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
*By appointment only*

## Literature/Language faculty launch writing tips series

Join Chipola Crime Stoppers Writing Tips Hotline anonymously each week. Turn yourself in to the ACE (L-102) to claim your reward. The reward will be tips to prevent and solve writing crimes in classes across campus. Come and help us stomp out crime.

Crime Stoppers' Writing Tips Hotline is the premier college-based resource for solving writing crimes. All workshops will meet in the ACE Lab for 20 minutes. Chipola Literature/Language faculty will lead the series of workshops.

Richard Hinson will teach MLA Tips, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. Kurt McInnis will lead Comma Splice/Run-On Crimes, Monday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 1, at 8 a.m.

Dr. Rachel West will lead Commas Tips, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m. and again on Nov. 6, at 3 p.m. Dr. West also will teach APA Tips, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m., and Oct. 17, at 1 p.m.

Richard Hinson will lead Subject-Verb Agreement Tips Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. and Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.

Amie Myers will teach Pronoun Tips Oct. 2, at 9 a.m. and November 5, at 2:30 p.m. Pam Rentz will lead Concise Language Tips Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. and Nov. 14, at 3 p.m.

Dr. Sarah Clemmons will teach Documented Essay Tips Oct. 8, at 2 p.m. and Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.

Carol Saunders will lead Fragment Crimes Oct. 4, at 3 p.m. and Nov. 8, at 2 p.m.

Dr. Sarah Clemmons will teach Strangled Sentence Crimes Oct. 24, 2 p.m. and Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.



## Ward is top employee

Evelyn Ward is Chipola College's Career Employee for September. Ward serves as a Publications Coordinator in the Public Relations department and has worked at the college since 1996. Here, Ward is congratulated by Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.