Chipola paramedic student returns to class after burn

Chipola College paramedic student James Freudenberg has returned to classes nearly a month after suffering severe steam burns fighting a residential fire on Aug. 12.

A native of Ft. Lauderdale, Freudenberg received his fire-fighting training at Tallahassee Community College. He had worked for Jackson County Fire and Rescue for three years and was halfway through Chipola’s paramedic program before the incident put his job and schooling on hold.

While fighting a fire in a two-story house in Marianna, something went wrong and a blast of steam knocked him off his feet onto the floor. Using his training skills, he followed the fire hose to get out of the home and was life-flighted to Tallahassee with third-degree burns.

After 10 days in a Mobile, Alabama burn unit and several skin grafts later, he returned to Marianna to begin his recovery and return to classes. Freudenberg praised his fellow Chipola students and instructors for their support. “The guys in class knew I would be out of work. They visited me in the burn unit and helped me with my book work in the paramedic class. I made a 100 on my next test and it was one of the toughest ones in the class. I couldn’t have done it without them.”

Keith Maddox, Chipola paramedic instructor and EMS director, says Freudenberg will complete the written portion of the course this term and will finish the physically-demanding clinical portion of the class beginning in January. Maddox said, “James has been a wonderful student. He had a base of knowledge from his work as a fire-fighter and he’s worked very hard in the paramedic program. After the incident, he stayed in touch with the instructors and students and stayed on top of his studies. He’s really an awesome guy.”

When Freudenberg was asked about returning to a fire, he says, “I can’t wait. What drives me is the chance to help people. It’s the best job you can have.” The remarkably upbeat fire-fighter said jokingly, “Fire-fighters aren’t very smart. We run into burning buildings while everyone else is running out.”

The Jackson County Professional Firefighters Union Local 3043 and a group of co-workers have set up the James Freudenberg Donation Account at Wells Fargo Bank to help with expenses.
Chipola to offer Law Enforcement and Corrections classes

The Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class beginning Oct. 4. The program will meet weeknights from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Chipola offers an ongoing Basic Corrections academy beginning Oct. 22. Classes meet weekdays, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Completion of the program prepares candidates to take the State Board Exam for entry into the Corrections field and certification by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission.

Candidates for all programs must be at least 19 years of age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) offered at the Public Service Building every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the test is $45.

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 more info, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286 or Jamie McAllister, Corrections Coordinator, at 718-2212.

Crawford recognized At Chipola

The Chipola College Public Service division recently hosted a reception for Gloria Crawford (seated), outgoing member of the Region II Trust Fund Council. Crawford also is Division Chair and Training Center Director at Gulf Coast State College. Membership of the Region II Trust Fund council includes officers of area police and sheriff departments. The State of Florida designates money to the trust fund to pay for officer training. Steve Anderson, Chipola Public Director, will replace Crawford as chair of the Trust Fund.

Judge Mercer to speak at Chipola

The Honorable Judge Wade Mercer will be the guest speaker for Constitution Day program at Chipola College Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m.

The meeting will take place in Jackson Hall of the College’s Literature/Language Building. Judge Mercer will discuss the meaning and importance of the Constitution in our daily lives, including the Bill of Rights. The program is sponsored by the Chipola Student Government Association.

Mercer graduated from Chipola in 1990 and Florida State University in 1992. He earned a law degree from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in 1995. Mercer was named Jackson County Judge in January, 2013. He also has served the 14th Judicial Circuit as Assistant State Attorney and as Child Support Hearing Officer and Jackson County Traffic Court Hearing Officer.

For information about the program, contact Chipola Student Activities Director at 718-2314.

ROTARY DONATES TO CRAA

Marianna Rotary Club president Gene Strickland presents a $500 donation to Chipola Regional Arts Association president Joan Stadsklev at the August meeting. CRAA promotes arts programs in the Chipola five county district, including offering mini-grants to K-12 teachers for fine arts classroom use and funding in part the Chipola College Artist Series. Strickland added, “We challenge all local civic groups to match our donation and support the Arts in our schools. For more about CRAA, contact Anita Price at pricea@chipola.edu or 718-2277.
Chipola to host Baseball Showcase

Chipola’s annual Select Baseball Showcase, is set for Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Chipola field. The event is open to all high school juniors or seniors who are current members of a varsity baseball team.

Chipola head coach Jeff Johnson says, “This is a great opportunity for players to showcase their skills and to gain national exposure while being evaluated by JUCO and Div. 1 coaches, as well as professional scouts.” Johnson says he is expecting from 50 to 100 pro and college scouts to attend.

The Showcase will be in a pro-style setup with two different time slots players can choose to attend. The showcase is by invitation only by high school coaches, summer league coaches, Chipola coaches, other college coaches and/or professional scouts.

Registration deadline is Sept. 11. Participants must provide proof of insurance and sign a waiver of liability. Cost is $125.

Check-in opens at 8 a.m. on Sept. 21. The event will continue rain or shine with indoor facilities available. Players should wear baseball pants and bring their own bats, spikes, gloves, hats and protective cups.

Chipola College is located in Marianna, Florida, 70 miles west of Tallahassee and 30 minutes south of Dothan. The physical address of the baseball complex is 4500 Longhouse Court, Marianna, FL.

For information, call coach Jeff Johnson at 850-718-2332, or visit www.chipola.edu.

Small Business Development offers seminars and free help

Representatives from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Gulf Coast State College are offering professional seminars at Chipola College and free advice for businesses in Jackson County.

Dr. Jim Froh, Dean of Chipola’s School of Business and Technology met recently with Robert Goetz, new director of the SBDC and Quen Lamb, SBDC’s Certified Business Analyst to discuss the program.

Dr. Froh says, “We are excited about the programs/seminars going on at Chipola. We want to reach out to our communities and help Small Businesses in all areas of their needs.”

Chipola has three seminars scheduled beginning with “Social Media Beyond Facebook” Sept. 20. The class provides an overview of new, emerging, and audience specific Social Media Channels. “Market Research and Feasibility Analysis” is Oct. 18, and “Restaurant Fundamentals” will meet Nov. 15. Seminars meet Fridays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Chipola. Cost is $15. Register online at www.northfloridabiz.com, by calling Elissa Severson at 850-718-2441 or via email: seversone@chipola.edu

Goetz says, “The seminars are just the first step in helping individuals start or expand a company. We are here to help businesses with expert advice to help them reach their goals.”

Quen Lamb, SBDC Certified Business Analyst, will be in Marianna on a regular basis including First Friday Chamber meetings. He is available by appointment for individuals who want to ask questions one on one.

Both the Chipola and the Jackson County Chamber has rooms for SBDC Analysts to meet one on one with entrepreneurs or persons trying to expand a business.

For information, call Quen Lamb at 800-542-7232, Ext. 3331; Dr. Jim Froh at 850–718-2413; or Jackson County Chamber director Jeff Massey at 850-482-8060.
UPCLOSE & PERSONAL

Do You Recognize these Landmarks on the Chipola Campus?

A

The first person to email all 4 CORRECT answers to chipolathisweek@chipola.edu will win a prize!
Sponsored by Public Relations Dept.

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BE A HERO... SAVE 3 LIVES!
JUST 1 PINT MAY SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!!
Hurry on over! Monday, Sept. 9th 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Front of Bldg. Z

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
21 ACT Exam
25 Fall Festival
26 Chipola Theatre Showcase
30 Auditions for 1940’s Radio Show

OCTOBER
1 Auditions for 1940’s Radio Show
4 Artist Series - Voices of Lee
8 Night Student Social

RECRUITERS on Campus
FSU PC: Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fall Festival
FSU PC: Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria
FSU PC: Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria
Troy Univ Dothan: Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fall Festival
Troy Univ Dothan: Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria

Student ID Cards are made:
Monday through Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Chipola Library now has a scanning copier available to students and staff!
The machine will send to any email address and there is NO CHARGE for scanning.

This Week

“Chipola This Week” is a weekly publication of the Chipola Public Relations Office. Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wed. Sept. 11. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail information to Meri Mock at chipolathisweek@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS
No Birthdays this Week

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
TECH CENTER
Monday – Thursday
7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

TESTING CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Fall and Spring

Mon & Wed 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tue & Thu 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fri 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
(Friday testing by appointment only.)