Chipola to host Blue Springs Group

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Blue Springs Working Group, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Chipola Continuing Education Center.

Chipola was awarded a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to coordinate the working group.

Jackson Blue Springs—known locally as Blue Springs—has the second highest nitrate levels of any first magnitude spring in Florida. The purpose of the working group is to educate stakeholders about the spring basin and to develop tasks to protect the springs by protecting the surface and groundwater flowing into the springs, and to promote best management practices within the springshed.

The working group project is overseen by Dr. Stephen Shimmel, a biology professor at Chipola since 1985. Vicki Mathis, Chipola’s Business and Industry Liaison, is assisting Shimmel in documenting activities, accounting, maintaining the project data base, and submitting reports.

All citizens interested in issues related to the Blue Springs Basin are encouraged to attend the Jan. 18 meeting.

For information, call Vicki Mathis at 850-718-2289.

Talking business

Jill Lingard, director of UF’s Online Business Program presented UF’s On-line Program at PBL on Wednesday. Interested individuals may email jill.lingard@cba.ufl.edu and may view a sample on-line business course at www.cba.ufl.edu/upo. Pictured from left, are: Kathryn Roberts, Angela Barnes, Jill Lingard and Tony Vitale.

Chipola announces auditions for OK

Chipola College will hold open auditions for the hit musical “Oklahoma,” Jan. 8 and 9, at 6 p.m., in the Chipola Theatre.

Cast requirements include: principal actors: three women and four men; featured characters: one woman and two men. The large singing-dancing ensemble includes numerous small roles with parts for ages 16 and up.

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s first collaboration remains in many ways, their most innovative, having set the standards and established the rules of musical theatre still being followed today.

Set in the western Indian territory just after the turn of the century, the high–spirited rivalry between the local farmers and the cowboys provides the colorful background for Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a winsome farm girl, to play out their story.

Although the road to true love never runs smooth, with these two headstrong romantics holding the reins, love’s journey is as bumpy as a surrey ride down a country road. That they will succeed in making a new life together, and that this new life will begin in a brand-new state provides the ultimate climax to Oklahoma.

For more information call Charles Sirmon at 850-718-2277, or email: sirmonc@chipola.edu

Cheerleaders announce Extravaganza

Entry deadline for the 2006-07 Chipola College Cheerleader Extravaganza is Dec. 13.

The extravaganza is set for Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007. Anyone interested may access the rules information and forms by going to the Chipola website: www.chipola.edu.

The cheerleader page is accessed by going to the “Athletics” department and clicking the link to the packet.

For information, contact Coach Geraldine DeFelix, phone: 718-2322; e-mail: defelixg@chipola.edu, or Assistant Coach Melissa Laramore, Riverside Elementary School, 482-1333.
Lady Indians ranked #2 in state

The Lady Indians (9-2) are the number two team in the state and the 8th ranked team in the national poll.

Chipola improved to 9-2 with a pair of wins in the Florida JUCO Women’s Shootout. The Lady Indians scored a decisive 74-50 win over Hillsborough on Dec. 2.

Lesheria Stevens led Chipola with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Shawnta Pope had 15 points and 9 rebounds. Ashley McCray had 15 points and 11 rebounds. Ra’Shawna Sippio scored 10 points and 4 rebounds. The Lady Indians shot a remarkable 57% but were plagued by turnovers.

Chipola scored a 69-59 win over Miami Dade on Dec. 1. Stevens led Chipola with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Sippio scored 11 points and pulled in 10 rebounds. Gekeela Clemmons had 15 points and 8 rebounds.

Gulf Coast (8-1) moved back into the top spot in the FCCAA Women’s Poll this week. Chipola slipped to second followed by number three Tallahassee (10-1). Daytona (10-2) and FCCJ (8-1) share the number four spot. OW (8-3) is fifth in the poll followed by number six Santa Fe (10-2), Pensacola (8-4), Indian River (5-4) and Seminole (6-5).

The Chipola Lady Indians were scheduled to host Florida Community College at Jacksonville in a big pre-season match-up, Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

For information, call 718-2CJC, or visit www.chipola.edu

Former Chipola Player named Big 12 Rookie of the Week

For the second consecutive week, the University of Missouri’s Stefhon Hannah (Chicago/Hyde Park HS/Chipola CC) has been named the Big 12 Conference’s Rookie of the Week after averaging 15.5 points, 5.5 assists, 4.5 steals and 4.5 reboudns in wins over Arkansas and Evansville.

A 6-foot, 175-pound junior from Chicago, Hannah opened the week with a career high 21-point effort in an 86-64 win over Arkansas on ESPN2. The former Chipola College standout added six steals and six assists in the win to help Mizzou snap an eight-game skid to the Razorbacks.

Hannah led Chipola to a state championship in 2005 and a fourth place finish in the NJCAA National Basketball Tournament. The 2005 Chipola team set a college record for most wins a season with a 33-4 finish.

Hannah was named the Panhandle Conference Player of the Year in 2006 and led the Indians to co-championship of the Panhandle Conference in 2006.

Hannah concluded the week with 10 points and a career high six reboudns against Evansville to help the Tigers to a 73-54 victor. Hannah also added a game high five assists and three steals to lead Mizzou to its first 9-0 start since the 2001-02 campaign.

Hannah is the first Tiger to win back-to-back Rookie of the Week honors since Keyon Dooling in 1998-99 and is the first Mizzou standout to win multiple Rookie of the Week accolades since Linas Kleiza in 2003-04.

The 9-0 Tigers return to action on Dec. 9 when they travel to West Lafayette, Ind., to face the Purdue Boilermakers. Game time in West Lafayette is scheduled for 1 p.m. and the game will be televised live on ESPN360.com.

Chipola has Player of the Week

Chipola’s Victor Dubovitsky, a 6-foot-7 forward from Moscow, Russia, is the FCCAA men’s player of the week for Dec. 5.

Dubovitsky helped the Indians win four of four last week including Chipola’s 91-79 win over formerly undefeated and third-ranked Santa Fe on Dec. 1. The freshman turned in 33 points, 6 reboudns, 2 assists. He was 12 of 16 from the floor, including 8 of 11 from three-point range.

He ended the week with 22 points, 4 reboudns, and 2 assists in the Indians’ Dec. 2 win over Daytona Beach in which he shot 6-of-16 from the floor and 3-of-5 from the three-point line.

Dubovitsky averaged 22.3 points, 7.0 reboudns and 2.0 assists per game last week. He logged 32 points and 8 reboudns in Chipola’s 97-71 win over Palm Beach on Nov. 29.

During three games, Dubovitsky hit 16-of-29 three-pointers and shot 57-percent overall from the floor. He also hit 19-of-21 free throws in three games.

Chipola (12-0) held onto the top spot in the FCCAA men’s poll this week. Chipola also is the top-ranked team in the NJCAA National Poll.

The Indians are the only undefeated team in Florida.

The Indians travel to Madison, FL, Thursday, Dec. 14, to play the North Florida Community College Club team.

Chipola opens the conference season at home, Jan. 6, against Pensacola.

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The Norris D. Langston Youth Scholarship Foundation will hold its annual education awards banquet and basketball classic Dec. 14-16 at Chipola College.

The annual Student Education Awards Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. (CST) on Thursday, Dec. 14, in the Chipola Arts Center. Former state legislator and special assistant to the president of Chipola, Robert Trammel, will serve as moderator.

Keynote speaker will be Cliff Ellis, former Auburn University basketball coach.

Students from Vernon Elementary School and Port St. Joe Elementary School will participate in the program.

The annual Basketball Classic will be strictly a prep affair, with the focus on high school basketball with teams from around the region. Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka, Bay, Cottondale, Vernon, Malone and Blountstown high schools are among dozen or so schools participating.

For the second-straight year, the tournament will be held at Chipola as the foundation continues its goal of exposing youngsters to the college environment as a way of expanding horizons beyond high school.

The tournament is sponsored this year by the Florida Department of Lottery. Tickets are $5 per day.

Following is the slate of games. All times are Central Standard:

**Friday, Dec. 15**
1 p.m., West Gadsden vs. Bay High (girls)
2:30 p.m., Vernon vs. Quincy Carter Parramore (boys)
4 p.m., West Gadsden vs. Godby (boys)
5:30 p.m., Ocala Shores Christian vs. East Gadsden (boys)
7 p.m., Malone vs. East Gadsden (girls)
8:30 p.m., Port St. Joe vs. Daytona Seabreeze (boys)

**Saturday, Dec. 16**
10 a.m., Wewahitchka vs. Vernon (boys)
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The Norris D. Langston Youth Foundation is dedicated to broadening horizons of young people in a six-county swath of Northwest Florida. The organization provides tutoring, mentoring and inspirational programs throughout the region.

The foundation has long been an advocate for ensuring that no child is indeed left behind and providing the tools so that any child with the desire and work ethic can succeed in school with an eye toward higher education. The NDLYF recently purchased nine acres to construct a youth center.

Proceeds from the classic will go into the Langston Endowment in the Chipola Foundation. The group has awarded some 300 scholarships in 8 years with a fourth of those students attending Chipola.

Dr. David Langston, executive director of the NDLYF, says, “We are very happy to be able to have an institution like Chipola to partner with us. Dr. Prough has been a great leader in our effort to help young people. When you can motivate students, the light bulb will come on for some of them. The sooner you get to kids the better for them and for society. The most important thing we can do is put our kids in a position to better themselves. That’s what our program is all about.”

Joyce Traynom was recently recognized by FACC executive director Mike Comins for her contributions to the 57th Annual FACC Convention.

In a letter to Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, Comins said, “In her role as Credentials Co-Chair, Joyce is called upon to coordinate some of the most important work of the convention. She assists in the leadership of this committee and its work effortlessly. It is no coincidence that Joyce remains the co-chair of this committee year after year! We appreciate her dependability, loyalty, and passion for FACC. Her efforts contributed to a successful convention, and she is yet another reason why community colleges are making a difference.”

Traynom served as State FACC President in 2001, and has served as State Region One Director; State Chair of Member Services and State Chair of Award Services. She is an important volunteer in Chipola’s FACC Concessions program which raises thousands of dollars for a local scholarship endowment.

Traynom, has served as Executive Assistant in the Chipola College President’s Office since 1982. She has served under four presidents: Dr. Bob Richburg, Dr. Jerry Kandzer, Dr. Dale O’Daniel and Dr. Gene Prough.
NEED CHRISTMAS CASH?
Book Buyback at the Chipola Bookstore is Dec. 11-14 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE.
The Library will be hosting an Open House on Monday, Dec. 11 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. All Chipola employees are invited to come and share in the Christmas spirit.

PERFECT AUDIT. The Chipola College Financial Aid Office recently earned an excellent audit of its Veterans Affairs records.

Sybil Cloud, Director, Financial Aid, and Melinda Sherrill, Senior Staff Assistant, were commended in the Education Compliance Survey. Annie O’Pry-Capps and Laurie Berry also serve in the Financial Aid Office.

No discrepancies or irregularities noted in the review. Cloud and Sherrill were commended for “the excellent manner in which the VA records are maintained and the invaluable service they provide to the service members, veterans, and their family members.”

JAZZMATAZZ. Tickets are now on sale for Jazzmatazz 2007 to be presented by the Chipola College’s Award-Winning Show Choir.

Jazzmatazz will run in the Chipola Theatre January 11, 12, and 13, 2007, at 7 p.m. nightly.

Tickets—$10 for adults and $5 for 18 and under—for this high-energy show are available from Show Choir members, or in the lobby of the McLendon Fine Arts Building or by phoning Anita Shealy at 718-2277. 718-2277.

ATTENTION ENC 1101 & 1102 STUDENTS: You will need your photo ID for admission to take your final exam. If you do not have your photo ID, you may get one made at Student Services on Tuesdays from 8 -11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m. in A107. Replacement ID’s are $10. Remember to bring the white copy of your Fall fee receipt with you to get your ID.

FREE FOOD. SGA will serve free refreshments during final exams. They will be in front of the Arts Center on Monday, Dec. 11 from 7:30-8 a.m. and in the lobby of Building D from 8-11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12. They will be located in the lobby of Building C from 8-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

TAX COURSE. Chipola College will offer TAX 2000 (Income tax) course for the Spring 2007.

Students in the class, assistant instructor Lee Shook in preparing individual income tax returns and efile for local residents with simple tax returns.

Last year, Chipola students completed more than 200 returns.

There is NO prerequisite for this course, and it counts as an elective for transfer credit. It does not take the place of a junior level accounting course for accounting majors.

The course meets from 8:35 to 9:50 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Tax returns will be prepared on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and every other Saturday.

For information, call Lee Shook at 526-2761, Ext. 3268.

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3 Returning Student Registration
4 New & Returning Student Registration
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