Chipola’s ‘Musical Comedy Murders of 1940’ opens Nov. 5

Chipola College Theater will present the “Musical Comedy Murders of 1940,” Nov. 5-8.

The play runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. The play contains adult humor which may not be suitable for children.

Tickets—$7 for adults and $5 for 18 and under—are available in the Chipola Business Office. Phone credit card sales are offered at 850-718-2220. Chipola students and employees get a free ticket with ID.

This ingenious and wildly comic romp pokes fun at the more ridiculous aspects of “show biz” and the corny thrillers of Hollywood’s heyday. The show is a nonstop barrage of laughter as those assembled (or at least those who aren’t killed off) untangle the mystery of the “Stage Door Slasher.”

As the actors and director prepare their performance, a blizzard cuts off any possible retreat, bodies start to drop in plain sight, knives spring out of nowhere, masked figures drag their victims behind swiveling bookcases, and accusing fingers point in all directions. The bumbling police inspector snowshoes in to investigate.

Chipola basketball hosts Golson Reading Kickoff

The Chipola Men’s Basketball Team hosted the second annual Accelerated Reading Kick-Off party for some 800 Golson Elementary students Oct. 23 at the Milton Johnson Health Center.

The event was the springboard for Golson’s Accelerated Reader program to encourage students to achieve their reading goals this year.

Chipola Men’s Basketball Assistant Coach Joc Calloway welcomed the students and introduced Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough who encouraged the students to look at reading as an adventure instead of a challenge.

Rep. Marti Coley spoke of the chance to “travel to different countries or even the moon, without leaving home by reading books.”

The nationally-ranked Chipola Indian Basketball team entertained the students with a slam dunk contest and a Globe-trotter style game.

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Chipola hosts Johnson Basketball Classic Nov. 6-7

The Chipola College men’s and women’s basketball teams open their regular seasons Friday, Nov. 6, in the Milton H. Johnson Classic.

Friday’s lineup features the Gulf Coast women and Monroe (NY) at 3 p.m.

The Lady Indians play NABA at 5 p.m. The Indians face L.B. Wallace at 7 p.m. Saturday’s games include the Gulf Coast women and NABA at 1 p.m.

The Indians play Mississippi Elite at 3 p.m. followed by the Lady Indians and Monroe at 5 p.m.

The late coach Milton H. Johnson was among the best to ever coach in community college basketball. From 1961 to 1993, Johnson won 628 games and led the Indians seven national tournaments, finishing second in 1974. His career coaching record includes more than 800 wins.

The Chipola gymnasium bears the name: Milton H. Johnson Health Center, and shortly after his retirement in 1993, coaches from the league named the Panhandle Conference trophy in his honor.

The Lady Indians host the annual Alzheimer’s Classic, Nov. 13-15, in the Johnson Center. Chipola plays Monroe (NY) at 6 p.m., Nov. 13, and Jefferson (MO) at 6 p.m., Nov. 14. The Lady Indians play Trinity Valley (TX) at 2 p.m., Nov. 15.

The Lady Indians are ranked second in the FCCAA Women’s Basketball Preseason Coaches’ Poll. Panhandle Conference teams occupy the top five spots in the Top 10 with Gulf Coast on top, Chipola in second, NW Florida in third, PJC in fourth and TCC in fifth.

The Lady Indians are third in the NJCAA National poll. Gulf Coast is seventh. NW Florida is the only other Florida team in the poll at number 22.

The Indians are ranked fifth in the FCCAA Men’s Basketball Preseason Coaches’ Poll. TCC is first and NW Florida is fourth. Gulf Coast is sixth on the state list.

The Indians are ranked number 13 in the NJCAA National pre-season poll. Central Florida is first. TCC is the only other Florida team in the national poll at number seven.

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

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Chipola coach Jake Headrick said, “This event is one of the several ways our program gives back to the community each year. Through our partnership with Golson, our players are able to interact and promote education with area youngsters.”

Special guest referees were Golson Curriculum Specialists Janie Nolen and Sue Miller. By requiring the players wear silly outfits and read books to earn extra points for their squads, the officials helped to entertain the crowd.

Janie Nolen said, “This event was an excellent way to promote reading and also show how our school works with Chipola College as partners in education.”

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gate and the mystery is solved in the nick of time. The “Slasher” is unmasked, but not before the audience has been treated to a side-splitting good time and a generous serving of the author’s biting, satiric and refreshingly irreverent wit.

Several local actors were cast in the following roles: Sarah Lovins as Helsa Wenzel, Piper Williams as Elsa Von Grossenkruelen, Austin Pettis as Michael Kelly, Ben Grande as Patrick O’Reilly, Mark Lent as Ken De La Maize, Breanna Kneiss as Nikki Crandall, Aven Pitts as Eddie McCuen, Kristina Lopez as Majorie Baverstock, Matthew Van Buren as Roger Hopewell, Kayla Todd as Bernice Roth and Joe Evans as the radio voice.

For information, call Theatre director Charles Sirmon at 850-718-2227, or email sirmons@chipola.edu

Brain Bowl places third behind UF and FSU

The Chipola Brain Bowl Team finished third in a 20-team tournament in Orlando on Oct. 24.

Chipola finished third behind the first place University of Florida A team and the second place Florida State University B team. Chipola also scored two wins over the FSU A team.

Chipola was the only community college in the playoff bracket which included FSU A, FSU B and UF A.

Chipola player Dallin Kelson was the ninth individual among 65 players. His team-mate Ethan Hewett was tenth overall.

Chipola is the two-time defending Florida state champion.
Authors Janis Owens and Cassandra King to visit Chipola

Southern authors Janis Owens and Cassandra King will visit the campus of Chipola College Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The pair will speak to students at 11 a.m. in Jackson Hall of the college Literature and Language building. The public is invited to meet both authors at a community reception and book signing in the college Library at noon.

Janis Owens is the author of three novels, My Brother Michael, Myra Sims, and The Schooling of Claybird Catts. The last child and only daughter of a Pentecostal preacher turned insurance salesman, she inherited her love of storytelling and biscuit making from her parents. She lives in Newberry, Florida.

According to her website Owens is a native of North Florida, born a few miles south of the Alabama/Georgia border in Marianna, in 1960; the last child and only daughter of Roy and Martha Johnson. Her father had a church in a little settlement south of Marianna called Page Pond and took a day-job as an insurance salesman for The Independent Life Insurance Company, with a debit that spanned the Apalachicola National Forest. The family moved to New Orleans when Owens was three, then Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and finally back to North Florida. The family eventually ended up in Ocala in Marion County in what Owens calls, “close to ground zero of Cracker Florida.”


Cracker culture is one of the oldest and most misunderstood cultures in American history. But in The Cracker Kitchen, Janis traces the history of Crackers in America to show how they’re more than just the “eighth-generation children of working-class immigrants who came to America before the Civil War.” However, according to Janis, “Cracker” took a positive turn towards the 1970’s, when “Disney moved to Florida and every Yankee on earth built a condo on the coast” and “the Florida-born natives began to self-refer as Crackers as a way of separating their old Florida culture from the flood of Yankee transplants.” Today, “Cracker” is a term of pride for many (including Janis who is a Florida-born native herself) and is used to describe the kind of people Crackers really are: proud Americans with a deep love of their country, their family, good food and storytelling.

Cassandra King wrote the critically-acclaimed, The Sunday Wife, in 2002. The book was a Literary Guild and Book-of-the-Month Club selection; a People Magazine Page-Turner of the Week; Books-a-Million President’s Pick for 2002; Utah’s Salt Lake Libraries Readers’ Choice Award nominee; and one of South Carolina’s Readers’ Circle selections. Now in trade paperback, The Sunday Wife was the Nestle Corporation’s choice in a campaign to promote reading groups. In addition, the book was chosen as one of Booksense’s top reading group selections for 2006.

In April 2004, Cassandra King’s first novel, Making Waves in Zion was reissued under the title Making Waves. King’s third novel, The Same Sweet Girls, released in January 2005, was the national number one Booksense Selection for February; a Book-of-the-Month Club and Literary Guild selection; and spent several weeks on the New York Times extended list as well as SEBA’s bestsellers list. Both The Sunday Wife and The Same Sweet Girls were nominated for SEBA’s book of the year. A fourth novel, Queen of Broken Hearts, the story of a divorce therapist who can heal everyone’s broken heart but her own, was released in 2007, and became a Literary Guild and Book-of-the-Month Club Selection.

King was born and raised in Pinckard, Alabama, a small community outside of Dothan, on a peanut farm which is still in the King family. She received a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Montevallo, where she later taught English, as she did at Jefferson State and Gadsden State.

She presently lives in the Low Country of South Carolina with her husband, novelist Pat Conroy.

For information about the authors’ visit to Chipola, contact Dr. Sarah Clemmons at 850-718-2213.

Chipola firefighters learn on LP gas system

Candidates in Chipola College’s Firefighting Academy recently practiced their skills on the college’s Liquid Petroleum Gas training system and vehicle fire simulator. The LP system simulates a fire in a residential gas tank. Firefighters learn to close the pop-off valve located on the top of the tank. For information about the Firefighting program, call 850-718-2483.
Geeks Help workshops at Chipola

Geeks Help @ Chipola will offer several informational seminars in November, in the Continuing Education building.

Basic Computer Operations II workshop, Friday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m. to noon, $60; Social Networking seminar, Thursday, Nov. 12, 6 to 8 p.m., $25; Beginning Word 2007 workshop, Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to noon, $60; and Purchasing Electronics Help seminar, Saturday, Nov. 21, 1 to 3 p.m., $25.

Pre-registration for paid events is encouraged to secure a spot. Registration through the website is preferred. Staff will be on-site 30 minutes prior to each event to register individuals.

For more information, call 850-718-7563, or visit www.geekshelp.com

Singers invited to join Chamber Chorus

The Chipola Chamber Chorus invites all area singers to join with the chorus in singing a portion of their upcoming Fall Concert.

Rehearsals will be held Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., Nov. 2, 9, and 16, and Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m. The performance is set for Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2:30 p.m., in the Arts Center.

The program will include Handel selections as well as a benediction by Peter Lutkin. Community chorus members will join in singing several movements of Coronation Anthems 2 and 3.

The Chamber Chorus is under the direction of Bethany Kiral and accompanied by Dr. Joshua Martin.

Music, rehearsal CD’s and other information are available for pick-up in the Music Office in the Fine Arts Building.

Material also may be mailed by contacting Joan Stadsklev at stadsklevj@chipola.edu or by phone at 850-718-2301.

2009-2010 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Schedule

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CHIPOLA FACC EVENTS.

FACC is collecting items for US troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you have items, such as toiletries or games to donate or need more information, contact Pat Barfield at 718-2355.

T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION. The Chipola Bookstore needs your help in designing a T-Shirt for their upcoming Book Buy Back event.

The winner of the contest will receive a Hoodie Sweatshirt or their choice. Contest deadline is Nov 11th.

The Bookstore is hosting Blood Drive and Food Drive in conjunction with their Book Buy Back. All students will receive a T-Shirt for donating blood or food.

Stop by the bookstore for more information.

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Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4-Nov Catherine Dorgan
8-Nov Stacey Gainer