Ribbon Cutting for Access Road is Tuesday, Nov. 25

The Chipola College District Board of Trustees will host a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to mark completion of the college’s new Access Road, Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 4:30 p.m.

The ceremony will be held near the Chipola Pool which is behind the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

The new Access Road will provide a second entrance to campus via River Forest Road and will serve as the location for the college’s new $16 million Center for the Arts.

For information, call 718-2264.

Apply now for First Generation in College Scholarship

Chipola will award six “First Generation in College” scholarships worth approximately $1,000 each for the Spring 2009 semester.

Deadline to apply is Tuesday, Dec. 9, by 4 p.m. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The First Generation award is a need-based scholarship available to Florida residents enrolled in at least six hours per term. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and must come from a family in which neither parent has completed a bachelor’s degree. If the student regularly resides with only one parent who provides support, that one parent must not have completed a bachelor’s degree for the student to be eligible.

Applicants must complete a First Generation in College application with all required items. Entering students must have at least a 2.0 high school GPA. Students previously enrolled in college must have both a cumulative and semester GPA of 2.0.

Students must have applied for Federal Pell Grant (FAFSA) in order for the Financial Aid Office to determine financial need. A committee will review and rank applications. Students who are awarded the scholarship will be notified by mail.

For information, call 850-718-2404.

Chipola to present ‘Tapestry of Music’

Chipola College’s Chamber Chorus and Community Singers and the Chipola Rock and Jazz Ensemble invite the public to a free concert, Tapestry of Music, in the Chipola Arts Center, Monday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m.

Featuring inspirational music, songs of Thanksgiving and the Christmas season, the Chamber Chorus under the direction of Lenore Hample will dazzle with such songs as “For the Beauty of the Earth,” John Rutter’s “Look at the World,” and Handel’s “Thanks to be Thee.” The Chorus is accompanied by Dr. Josh Martin and will also include guest accompanist Dr. Christine Yoshikawa and Kristofer Hammond on trumpet.

The 25-member Rock and Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Daniel Powell will swing into action with a wide variety of styles including blues, swing, Latin, rock, funk, and ballads. Concert-goers will enjoy a special treat when Marianna vocalist Donna Paramore joins the Jazz Band for her rendition of “When I Fall in Love.”

Both events are free and open to the public for this non-ticked event.

The Christmas CD “A Chipola Family Christmas,” will be on sale at the concert for $15. Proceeds from the CD—featuring concert flutist Donna Wissinger, a friend of Chipola, and Chipola faculty members Daniel Powell and Christine Yoshikawa—support the Joan B. Stadsklev Fine and Performing Arts Endowed Scholarship. Stadsklev has served as Chair of the Fine and Performing Arts Department since 1987.

For more information call 718-2277 or shealya@chipola.edu
**Indians to host Panhandle Classic**

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The Indians have won four straight since being upset by top-ranked Three Rivers and have taken three wins against top 10 opponents this season. Their last win came Saturday against Georgia Perimeter, a 72-62 victory.

The Indians are led in scoring this season by Casey Mitchell with 21.5 points per game, while Gary Flowers (14.5 ppg), Torye Pelham (11.5 ppg), Jeremy Jacob (11 ppg), and Darrell Williams (9.9 ppg) give Chipola nearly six players averaging double figures on the early season.

Jacob leads the team with 10.1 rebounds per game, while Flowers adds 3.4 assists and 3.1 blocks per night. Mitchell leads the team with 3.2 steals per game. Chipola is averaging 78 points per game this season, while giving up just 63.1 per night.

The Indians host the Milton H. Johnson Panhandle Classic Dec. 4-6. Chipola plays IMG Academy at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4. The Indians face Bruswick College, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m., and Miami Dade, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. OW, GulfCoast, Pensacola, Tallahassee and Northwest Fl State College (OW) also play during the three day classic.

For the latest scores, visit www.chipola.edu

**Lady Indians improve to 7-1**

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The Lady Indians suffered their only misfire of the season in a 77-72 loss to Jefferson College on Nov. 15. Billingslea and Sequoyah Griffin each scored 16. Georgian Williams had 10.

Chipola scored an 87-66 win over Trinity Valley on Nov. 14. Lenita Sanford led with 15 points and 7 rebounds. Marnesha Hall had 14 points and 7 rebounds. Ashlie Billingslea had 6 assists.

The Lady Indians scored a 78-72 win over Monroe in the opening round of the Alzheimer's Classic on Nov. 13. Williams led with 20 points and 19 rebounds. Georgian Williams had 18 points and 7 rebounds. Jamia Akins and Pearl Johnson scored 9 points apiece. The Lady Indians’ next home game is Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 5:30 p.m. against South Georgia Tech.

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**Chipola Artist Series presents ‘An Appalachian Christmas’**

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Individual tickets—$12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under—go on sale Nov. 24 at the Chipola Business Office.

Perfect for the holiday season, “An Appalachian Christmas” creates the feeling of a small community at Christmas time with a diverse program including traditional and not so traditional holiday favorites ranging from “The 12 Days of Christmas,” “Little Drummer Boy,” “In Dulci Jubilo,” “Deck the Halls,” and music from the Appalachian region. Audience members are invited to come early and hear the brass section playing in the lobby at 6:30 p.m. The audience will join in with some surprises toward the end of the show.

Much of the music enjoyed in the U.S. at Christmas time originated in the Appalachians or was brought over from Ireland, Scotland and England and became tradition here.

Special guests for the program will be the popular Harp – Flute duet Gentle Rain. Rich Jones and Christine Drescher will be featured prominently in the concert with renditions of “Greensleeves,” “Deck The Halls” and “The Holly and The Ivy.” They will be joined on other Christmas favorites by Dulcimer player and percussionist Scott Douglas.

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Two more exciting performances will be scheduled as part of the 2008-09 Chipola Artist Series. “The Music at the Crossroads” presented by Celtic Crossroads will have audiences enjoying St. Patrick’s Day a bit early on Jan. 26. Celtic Crossroads is critically-acclaimed as one of the best live music concerts to come from Ireland in over 20 years. This magical display of music incorporates seven world-class musicians, playing an array of both traditional and non-traditional instruments on stage, creating an unforgettable musical experience.

Christine Yoshikawa, classical pianist, will perform March 24. The Canadian pianist has enjoyed a multi-faceted international career performing as soloist with orchestras, recitalist, chamber musician, and teaching masterclasses throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. She is on the Roster of Recording Artists for Eroica Classical Recordings and serves on faculty at Chipola College.

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Williams is new Springs Ambassador

Russell Williams is the new Springs of the Chipola River Ambassador. The job title explains what Williams will be doing on a daily basis, establishing goodwill with landowners in the basin area of Jackson Blue Spring, a first magnitude spring in Marianna and one of only 33 such springs in Florida.

Russell states, “My main job is to get out and build a rapport with landowners so that they will see the need to protect our springs and drinking water. I’ll be gathering information to promote the knowledge and the need to protect springs and groundwater.”

Williams is a 42 year veteran of the Florida State Park system, a career which began at the Florida Caverns in 1961. From there he worked at Tomoka and Ocholoknee River State Parks before returning to Three Rivers State Park in Sneads where he worked from 1969 until June 30, 2003.

“I’ve had an interest in water and nature all my life. I’ve always had a curiosity in the distribution of surface and ground water. Working at the caverns I became interested in water issues.” Williams is employed through the Florida Springs Initiative. The Jackson Blue Spring Basin Working Group directed by one of Chipola College’s science professors, Allan Tidwell, is also funded by the Florida Springs Initiative.

Williams’s first job is to consider farming and development issues and the task of identifying sinkholes in the basin. These sinkholes provide a direct connection to the water that flows out of Blue Springs. Setting up buffers around sinkholes is the best management practice for keeping contaminants out of the spring system. He will be involved with the Jackson County Sinkhole Clean-up Amnesty Program which will give landowners help in cleaning up sinkholes with no strings attached.

He’ll be meeting with landowners to provide education on how their land use practices affect not only the drinking water of their families and the families of their neighbors but also the spring water of Jackson Blue Spring and the other springs in this spring system.

Allan Tidwell remarks, “Russell will be a tremendous asset to our Springs Protection efforts. He is local and well known in the Jackson County community and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table. He will be the “face & feet” in the community for the Jackson Blue Spring Basin Working Group. We in Jackson County have enjoyed our beautiful “Blue Springs” down through time. To insure that future generations have the same opportunity, we must be intentional with regards to protecting what God has blessed us with. To protect the water that flows from springs, we must first protect the land in the spring basin.”

JAZZMATAZZ

Tickets for the Show Choir’s annual Jazzmatazz are on sale in the Fine Arts Department. Tickets also are available from Show Choir members. Jazzmatazz runs for four nights, Jan. 7-10, 2009. Show Choir is under the direction of Angie White and Dr. Josh Martin.

For ticket information, call 850-718-2277.

Fill your Christmas stockings with cash

It’s time for the Chipola Bookstore Book Buy Back, and just in time for Christmas. Because of the rough economic times we have made it our goal to buy back $200,000 worth of student textbooks. We have raised our quantities of needed books and broken up package requirements to give more money back to students. This will also provide more used books for the Spring semester. Our Book Buy Back runs Dec. 10-11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Dec. 15-17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must have a current student ID to sell your books.

The Bookstore’s end of semester celebration is Thursday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free hot dogs, chips and drinks. We’ll have drawings for a $20 gift card to Madison’s, Chipola T-shirts, lanyards, key chains, and Kindell Lanes gift certificates for bowling, putt-putt golf and batting cage.

Our buy-back policy provides approximately half of the price originally paid if the instructor is using the same book for the spring semester. Prices will vary depending on the condition of the book. If the book will not be used next semester, students can sell the book to our wholesaler for less than half, or wait for our next book buy back.
Yoshikawa-Powell Sunday Arts winner

Christine Yoshikawa-Powell won the Grand Door Prize donated by Brewer’s Studio at the Sunday Afternoon with the Arts. She is pictured with husband, Daniel Powell and daughter, Catherine Noelle.

Nuclear Speaker

SCIENCE CLUB HOSTS NUCLEAR SEMINAR—The Science Club recently hosted a seminar on Nuclear Energy. John Williams, senior engineer of Southern Nuclear was the guest speaker. He is pictured here with his mother Chipola math professor Dr. Cherry Ward.

Cosmetology now accepting applications

The Cosmetology program is accepting applications through Nov. 30 for the Spring semester which begins in January.

The program will accept the first 15 qualified applicants. Cosmetology is designed to prepare the student for employment as a licensed hairdresser and cosmetologist, registered nails or facial specialist.

Program hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. during the Fall and Spring semesters and Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the Summer I term.

For information, call (850) 718-2285.

Chipola EMT and paramedic program

The Chipola College EMT and Paramedic programs are currently accepting applications for upcoming courses.

The next EMT program begins Jan. 12. Classes meet weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The next Paramedic program begins Jan. 12. Classes meet weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Acceptance is limited. Applicants with extenuating circumstances, such as military duty, may apply up to the day classes begin.

For information, call (850) 718-2403.