Chipola “Rock the Vote” Rally is Sept. 19

The Chipola College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will hold a Rock the Vote rally at Citizen’s Lodge, Friday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The purpose of the event is to register new voters. According to organization’s website Rock the Vote’s mission is to engage and build the political power of young people in order to achieve progressive change. Rock the Vote uses music, popular culture and new technologies to engage and incite young people to register and vote in every election and to give young people the tools to identify and take action on the issues that affect their lives, and leverage their power in the political process.

Five local bands will perform throughout the evening. Solo artist Jonathan Gluck will open the event. “One Last Breath” will perform with members Brandon Hill, Jon Hughes, Zac Culpepper, and Tim Rocwell.

“Break to Bloom” members include: Trent Hatcher, Jonathan Keeman, Dennis Keeman, Kevin Shores, Dylan Bass, and Nick Melvin.

Evangel Worship Center’s Youth Praise and Worship Band “Anthem” will perform with members Shannon Mercer, Michael Lingerfelt, Kylee Shores, Kevin Shores, Sianna Davis, Cassie Mitchell, Adam Johnson and Dylan Bass.

“The Original Artists” — Royce Reagan and Richard Hinson — will close out the event.

The Optimist Club of Marianna will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs, and giving away free soft drinks. A homemade cake auction will be conducted to raise money for March of Dimes.

Politicrians from the five-county area are invited to attend. Those holding office have been invited to speak on the importance of voting. Those running for office are invited to set up booths to speak with voters. Any U.S. citizen can register at the Rock the Vote event with a valid driver’s license.

For more information, contact Pam Rentz at 526-2761, Ext. 3287 or Cassie Mitchell at 557-3307.

Rep. Coley speaks to UWF class

Rep. Marti Coley recently addressed graduate students in a Seminar for High Performing Leaders course offered by the University of West Florida on the Chipola College campus. Pictured from left, are: Millicent Braxton, Paige Hardy, Sharon Bennett, Dusty Bedsole, Rep. Marti Coley, Shemika Thigpen, Jane Stephens, Denise Kohen, Tonya Conner and Jiranda White. Dr. Lou Kind is the instructor. For information about the UWF graduate program at Chipola, call 718-2295.
Kansas coach Bill Self to speak at Chipola Oct. 4

NCAA coach of the year Bill Self of the University of Kansas and Greg Marshall of Wichita State will speak at Chipola College, Saturday, Oct. 4, at 7:00 p.m.

The leadership banquet is free and open to the public. Business leaders and high school athletic departments are also invited to attend and bring their staff and employees.

“This is a great opportunity for the community to come out and preview this year’s team and hear from two very inspiring leaders. Many of the ideas expressed by these extremely talented coaches can help improve individual life skills and increase business productivity,” said Coach Greg Heiar.

The Chipola Indians and Northwest Florida, formerly Okaloosa-Walton, will each play two scrimmage games beginning at 10:00 a.m. earlier that day. Other teams include Talladega College, Alabama Southern, and Northwest Shoals.

Coach Bill Self’s Kansas Jayhawks team won the Big 12 title and the Big 12 conference tournament. Self’s team marched through the tournament by defeating overall number one seed North Carolina 84-66. The Jayhawks won the 2008 NCAA Championship with a 75-68 overtime victory over Memphis.

Self is one of two active coaches to lead three different teams to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. In August, Self signed a 10-year contract showing his dedication to the University of Kansas. Former Chipola All-American Mario Little will play for Coach Self at Kansas this season.

Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall previously coached at Winthrop University for nine seasons, leading the Eagles to seven NCAA tournament appearances.

At Winthrop, Marshall led the team to regular season titles six times, won the Big South Tournament five times, has had five 20-win seasons, was named Big South Coach of the Year three times, and in 2006, surpassed Nield Gordon as the all-time winningest coach in Winthrop men’s basketball history. Former Chipola Indian, Clevin Hannah, will be play for coach Marshall at Wichita State this season.

For more information regarding the Oct. 4 event, call Joc Calloway at 850-718-2451 or Greg Heiar at 850-573-6839.

Cast announced for Chipola’s “Bus Stop”

The Chipola College Theater is in full rehearsal for the dramatic comedy, “Bus Stop,” which opens a four-day run, Nov. 6.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon recently cast local actors in the following roles: Brenna Kneiss as Elma, Dianna Glaze as Grace, Aven Pitts as Will, Kyndall Covington as Cherie, Nathan Houser as Dr. Lyman, Aaron Moore as Carl, Garrett Brolund as Virgil and Ben Grande as Bo. Keith Watford and Sarah Martinez are the Stage Managers. The behind the scenes crew includes Haley Barfield, Stephanie Lawson, Courtney Corbin, Kylee Shores, Sarah Lovins, Austin Pettis and Kristina Lopez.

“Bus Stop” is set in a howling snowstorm with a busload of weary travelers holed up at a roadside diner. A nightclub singer named Cherie (played by Marilyn Monroe in the movie adaptation) has been kidnapped by a young cowboy who is ready to sling her over his shoulder and carry her, kicking and screaming, down the aisle.

As a counterpoint to the romance, the cafe owner and the bus driver at last find time to develop a friendship of their own; a middle age scholar comes to terms with himself; and a young waitress also gets her first taste of romance.

For information about Chipola Theater, call 718-2227.

United Way kicks off Jackson County Community Campaign

United Way of Northwest Florida will kick off its annual Community Campaign on Wednesday, September 24 at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at 11:30am. The Community Campaign is a drive to raise funds to support the twenty-one United Way affiliated non-profit agencies in Jackson County. Community leaders and volunteers will meet to announce the 2008 Campaign goal and discuss strategies. All press is invited to attend.

The Community Campaign Chairman for 2008 is Dr. Gene Prough, Chipola College President. The Immediate Past Chairman and 2008 Vice-chairman is Mr. Art Kimbrough, President and CEO of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

To ensure a successful campaign, United Way of Northwest Florida is seeking local people to volunteer a few hours each week during the campaign season, which runs through Friday, November 14.

United Way of Northwest Florida is a local agency that raises money for organizations that are located in our community. These organizations offer help to newborns, senior citizens and everyone in between that live right here in our county. Unless a donor requests otherwise, the money that you help raise in Jackson County will stay in the county for the benefit of all involved.

For further information, please call Tommy McDonald, Jr. at 850-832-2919 or Bryan Craven (850)718-2264.
MOD baby feet on sale now

Chipola College organizations are selling the March of Dimes Walk America, healthy start baby feet cards. For a donation of $1 your name will be placed on the card and displayed at CC. Funds raised from this sale will provide public education materials for schools and clinics, or can help researchers find the causes of birth defects.

Nancy Johnson has MOD baby feet cards available for any Chipola College organization that wants to participate. The organization that sells the most cards will be treated to a pizza party by student activities. All money must be turned in by September 18 to the Student Activities Office in Bldg. Q-120 or Q-121.

SGA Blood Drive slated for Sept. 23

SGA will sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, September 23 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Southeastern Community Blood Mobile will be parked at Chipola on Indian Circle in front of Building Z. All of the blood donated will stay in this region. You need a picture ID to donate. Thanks for your support!

Caricaturist on campus Sept. 24

Caricaturist, Steve Gipson will be on campus Wednesday, September 24th in the Lobby of Building D from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by and have your picture drawn. This event is sponsored by SGA and is FREE!

Chipola Artist Series opens Sept. 22 with Vienna to Broadway

The Chipola College Artist Series opens Monday, Sept. 22, with “Vienna to Broadway” presented by the Jacksonville Lyric Opera Company.

“Vienna to Broadway” includes highlights of operetta, grand opera, and classic Broadway favorites performed by a quartet of gifted soloists and their superb accompanist.

Titles include The Merry Widow, Die Fledermaus, La Bohème, La Traviata, The Student Prince, Show Boat andCarousel. The show features musical staging reflecting the historical period of each piece, supported by seamless transitions from number to number. Stylish costumes and colorful scenic projections will add to the audience’s enjoyment of this musical presentation. Vienna to Broadway is produced in association with Opera Management Corporation, New York City.

Three more exciting performances will be scheduled as part of the series.

SGA Fall Elections will be Sept. 17-18

SGA Fall Elections will be held Sept. 17-18. The positions available are: SGA Vice President, Sophomore Class Vice President, Freshmen Class President and Vice President, and 6 Freshmen Senators. Students may vote for their favorite candidate on Sept. 17 in front of Buildings C&D from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and in the Lobby of Building Z from 5-6 p.m. On Sept. 18 students may vote in front of Building Z from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. To apply for SGA Vice President, you must have a 2.5 GPA. All other offices require a 2.0 GPA. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 12 in the Student Activities Office.

“An Appalachian Christmas,” presented by the Atlanta Pops Orchestra is set for Dec. 8. “An Appalachian Christmas” creates the feeling of a small community at Christmas time with a diverse program including holiday favorites ranging from “The 12 Days of Christmas,” to “Deck the Halls,” and music from the Appalachian region using flute, harp, dulcimer as performed by Gentle Rain and Scott Douglas.

“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. Critics have praised her as an artist of “impeccable artistry and virtuosity” for her interpretation of traditional and contemporary repertoire. She is on faculty at Chipola College.

The Chipola Artist Series is funded through Chipola’s Performing Arts Fund, with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Southern Arts Federation, the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the Chipola Regional Arts Association and corporate donors.

Season tickets—$40 for all four events—are available. Individual event tickets—$12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under—will be available prior to each performance at the Chipola Business Office.

For performance information, contact Joan Stadsklev at 850-718-2301 or stadsklevj@chipola.edu
Firearms course set at Chipola

Chipola College Public Service will hold a 16-hour Firearms Familiarization course Sept. 15-18 at the Reddoch Firing Range on the Blue Springs Highway.

Successful completion of the course may be used in applying for a Concealed Weapons Permit.

The 16-hour course will meet from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Pre-registration and payment of the $60 fee is due prior to the first class meeting. Registration forms are available at the front desk of the Public Service Building.

For information, call Doris Williams at (850) 718-2394 or e-mail williamsd@chipola.edu.

Chipola to host workshop on children’s disabilities

The Chipola College Teacher Education department will host a workshop entitled, “Understanding Your Child’s Disability,” Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Jackson Hall (Z).

The presenter is Ashley Hudson of the Florida Network. The workshop will cover a variety of disabilities covered by the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), as well as advocacy issues for parents. The public is invited to attend.

For information, call Tina Renaud at 526-2761, Ext. 3336.

Chipola softball host Golf Tourney

The Chipola College Lady Indians Softball Team will host a Golf Tournament, Friday, Sept. 19, at Indian Springs Golf Club in Marianna.

The format is Two-Man Team, Select-A-Shot, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Cost is $150 per two-man team with prizes for the winners. Hole sponsorships are available for $50.

For information, call Belinda Hendrix at (850) 573-6302 or email: hendrixb@chipola.edu

Cheer Fest slated for Oct. 26

The Chipola College Cheerleaders will host a Cheer Fest and Critique Day for area all-star and recreation cheer squads on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m., in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Deadline for fees and forms is Oct. 17. Entry forms are available at www.chipola.edu under “Athletics,” “Cheerleaders” and “Cheer Fest.”

Chipola Cheerleader coach Geraldine DeFelix, says, “We’re expecting some great routines and an exciting afternoon of cheerleading.”

The public is invited. Admission is $5 for everyone 5 years old and up.

Interested coaches should contact DeFelix at 850-718-2322 or e-mail: defelixg@chipola.edu.