Coastal Dune Lakes film showing June 18 at Chipola

Chipola will host a free screening of Elam Stoltzfus’ latest documentary film “Coastal Dune Lakes: Jewels of Florida’s Emerald Coast,” Thursday, June 18, at 6 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

The film is the latest project from producer and cinematographer Elam Stoltzfus who became familiar with the lakes over 30 years ago. Elam’s son, Nic, also assisted with the project serving as scriptwriter and photographer. Both will be on hand for a reception after the film.

In addition to the documentary, there is a is a full color, 132-page coffee table book showcasing the 15 coastal dune lakes along the Gulf of Mexico in Northwest Florida. The father-son team takes viewers on an odyssey spanning from Scenic Highway 30A to New South Wales, Australia. The pair interviewed scientists, businesspeople, residents, and visitors all working on conserving the lakes and living in harmony with nature. The book highlights and documents the beauty discovered during the film-making process.

The 15 named lakes are made up of brackish water that open at intervals during the year and flood into the Gulf. In turn, the salty water from the sea sometimes floods into the lakes. The Coastal Dune Lakes are among the most unique ecosystems in the world found in very few places, like coastal Oregon, Madagascar and Australia. The film explores the connection to the lakes, and inhabitants of the dunes and uplands around them. For information about the film, call 718-2257.

Chipola to offer Engineering Technology programs

Chipola will offer two new programs in Engineering Technology beginning in Fall 2015. The program has two tracks: Civil Engineering Technology and Engineering Technology. Civil Engineering Technology is a construction track touching all aspects of road, bridge and structure type projects. The program will focus on Computer Assisted Drafting (CAD), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Surveying, Engineering, Contracting and Testing.

Engineering Technology is an industrial track focused on plant maintenance and advanced manufacturing to include: hydraulics, pneumatics, motors and Programmable Logic Controllers.

Both programs require approximately two years of class work. Scholarships available for both programs. Classes begin in August.

The Chipola Chapter of the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society is offering a $500 scholarship to a student entering the Civil Engineering Tech program. Deadline is Aug. 3.

Rex Lumber has established scholarships for Engineering Technology students specializing in Advanced Manufacturing: Pneumatics, Hydraulics and Motors Certification.

July 29 is the college Financial Aid application deadline for those who plan to use Financial to pay for Fall classes. New student college application deadline for Fall is Aug. 6. Registration for new and returning student registration is Aug. 20-21. Classes begin Aug. 24. To learn more about either program, visit www.chipolaworkforce.com or phone 718-2270.
Chipola baseball players named All-Americans

Two Chipola Indians have been named 2015 NJCAA Baseball All-Americans.

Outfielder Isiah Gilliam hit .362 on the year with 52 RBI and 20 doubles. Infielder Lazaro Rivera batted .385 with 42 RBI and scored 49 runs. Both players appeared in all 52 games for Chipola. Both hit 5 homeruns on the season.

The Indians made a run for another state title before falling to Palm Beach May 11 in the FCSAA State Tournament in Lakeland. The Indians finished the season with a 40-12 record. Chipola captured a second straight Panhandle Conference Championship winning 12 of their final 13 league games.

SUMMER CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS SET AT CHIPOLA

Chipola College will offer programs for children of all ages this summer.

Chipola Baseball Coach Jeff Johnson will offer a Skills Camp for ages 7-17, June 15-16. Cost is $100. Camp instruction will come from Chipola coaching staff and players. Youngsters will learn the finer points of various skills of the game of through expert coaching drills. Camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, Ladson Montgomery, Assistant Baseball Coach, at (850) 718-2243.

NJCAA Coach of the Year Greg Franklin will host a Mini Indians Basketball Camp for grades K-8, June 22-25. The camp will meet from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Players will receive instruction from NJCAA Player of the Year Evelyn Akhator and other members of the National Champion Chipola Lady Indians. Cost is $50. Contact coach Gerica Raffington at 850-718-2423. Visit www.chipolaathletics.com to register.

Swimming lessons for ages four and up are scheduled on the following dates: Session 2: July 6-16, with a registration deadline of July 2; Session 3: July 27-Aug. 6, with a registration deadline of July 24. Classes are available at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Sessions include eight 45-minute classes which meet Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally-recognized methods. Cost of each two-week session is $55. Pre-registration is required, with a $5 late registration fee. For information, call 718-2473.

A Parent/Infant Swimming Class for ages 3 and under may be scheduled with sufficient interest. Cost is $45. An Adult Swimming Class for ages 15 and up may be scheduled with sufficient interest. Cost is $45. For information, call pool manager Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Akhator named FCSAA Female Athlete of the Year

The honors just keep coming for All-American Evelyn Akhator. This week she was named the 2014-15 FCSAA Female Athlete of the Year.

The 6-foot-3 forward from Lagos, Nigeria led Chipola to their first national championship in March. The NJCAA Women’s Basketball Player of the Year and nation’s leading rebounder, Akhator had a double-double and at least one block in every game at the national tournament.

She will play at the University of Kentucky next season. She also was named FCSAA Player of the Year for women’s basketball. In the State Tournament, Akhator set new rebounding records in one game (29), one tournament (64) and in a career at the state tournament (101).

Akhator averaged 21.2 points, 16.7 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 2.9 blocks last season. She pulled in 14 rebounds in the National Championship game to finish the year with the new NJCAA Single-Season Rebounding Record of 584 rebounds. She also was named NJCAA National Tournament Most Outstanding Player, FCSAA Player of the Year and Panhandle Conference Player of the Year.
Missoula Children’s Theatre Camp at Chipola June 22-26

Registration and auditions for the Missoula Children’s Theatre camp and production of Aladdin, are scheduled for Monday, June 22, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the Chipola Center for the Arts.

A total of 60 children, grades 1-12, will be cast from the auditions. No advance preparation is needed. In order to enroll, all children must be entering first grade or older. Those auditioning should arrive promptly at 8 a.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Due to the audition process, there will be no early registration or reservations. Some cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition. Rehearsal times for the week will be announced following the audition.

A variety of speaking and ensemble roles are offered. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week, and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

In just a week of morning rehearsals and workshops led by Missoula Children’s Theatre staff and Chipola students, young actors will present two full-scale musical performances of Aladdin for family and friends, Friday, June 26, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuition for the one-week camp is $120 for the first child and $80 for any additional children (brothers and sisters only) in the same family. Full tuition is due at time of registration. Cash, checks, master card, and visa are accepted. If a child is not cast from the audition, the full registration will be returned.

Missoula Children’s Theatre is a nationally known preeminent children’s theatre company based in Missoula, Montana that tours the country and serves 1,200 communities every year.

For more information, contact the Chipola Fine and Performing Arts Department at 850-718-2257, email warde@chipola.edu or visit www.chipola.edu or www.mctinc.org.

Students apply now for Financial Aid

Students planning to enroll in Fall classes at Chipola College are encouraged to apply for financial aid as soon as possible.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application should be completed and all required documents must be received in the Chipola College Financial Aid Office by July 29 in order to use Federal Financial Aid to cover Fall tuition and fees.

Students should be sure to provide a correct mailing address and to check email accounts assigned by the college. Those who miss the deadline will be required to pay tuition and fees up front, but may be reimbursed once financial aid is awarded.

Chipola is no longer participating in the Federal Direct Loan Programs which include Federal Direct Subsidized, Federal Direct Unsubsidized and Federal Direct Plus Loans.

For information about the FAFSA, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center 1-800-433-3243 or visit www.fafsa.ed.gov

Chipola is now accepting applications for the EMT and Paramedic programs. Application deadline for both programs is Aug. 6.

The Paramedic Program requires current licensure as a Florida Emergency Medical Technician with a minimum of 240 hours experience.

The program is approximately 11 months. Classes meet weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Three letters of recommendation are required.

The Emergency Medical Technician class is 11 credit hours (250 clock-hours). Classes begin in August and run Monday–Thursday from 5-10 p.m.

Both programs are limited-enrollment and competency-based. A high school diploma or GED is required with minimum test scores: Reading/ACT (19), CPT (83), or PERT (10). Applicants must be 18 and certified in CPR for Healthcare Provider by American Heart Association. Clinical assignments are required. Applicants must complete a background check conducted through college (fingerprinting and drug screening) and submit to Medical History/Physical Exam/Immunization requirements.

For information, contact Tina Maloy, EMS Program Director at maloyt@chipola.edu or phone (850) 718-2403.
CHIPOLA'S ENDLESS SUMMER EVENT SET FOR AUG. 22

Celebrate the season with the Chipola Appreciation Club’s “Endless Summer” dinner and dance, Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Marianna National Guard Armory.

Just as the Beach Boys’ “Endless Summer” album reminds us of a simpler time with hits like “Surfin’ USA” and “Be True to Your School,” this event will reunite old Chipola friends and alumni for a relaxing evening to raise money for Chipola scholarships.

The Villagers, a popular Chipola band from the 1960's which is also being honored, will provide the perfect musical backdrop for the occasion. The Villagers are celebrating their 50th anniversary with the release of a new album. Original Villagers -- Cliff Ellis of Chipley, Allen Myers of Malone, George Boyer of Port St. Joe, Walter Dover of Quincy and Andy Murray of Chattahoochee -- will perform their favorite tunes, including their hit song “Laugh It Off.”

Proceeds from the event will go to the Senator Bill Montford Scholarship Endowment (Chipola Class of 1967), as well as a new endowment in honor of Ronnie Myers, a former Campbellton and Chipola basketball star (Chipola Class of 1962).

Appreciation Club President Robert Trammell says, “Even though music has changed during Chipola’s 60-plus years, the bonds and friendships built here have remained constant.” Trammell points to the commitment of alumni and supporters as the key to the college’s success. “Without strong support from our people, Chipola would not be what it is today. Our athletic programs would be unable to perform at the national level,” he added.

Chipola College began in 1947 and has enjoyed more than 68 great years, including numerous state and national athletic titles — with hundreds of individual success stories among its graduates.

Tickets are $50 per person, with a social hour, dinner and dance. Summer casual attire is recommended.

CRAA INSTALLS OFFICERS—The Chipola Regional Arts Association recently held the installation of new officers and board of directors. New officers for are, from left: Roy Turner, Member at Large; Muriel Turner, Secretary; Macky Gortemoller, Mini-Grant Co-Chair; Bonnie Goff, Mini-Grant Co-Chair; Trinka Sandifer, Historian; Dr. Christine Yoshikawa, Membership Chair; Jeanne Lavender, Washington County Rep.; Don Holm, Programs Co-Chair; Hope Peacock, Calhoun County Rep.; Shirley Owens, Holmes County Rep.; Polly Roberts, Promotional Chair; Dr. Jerry Kandzer, Vice President; Jo-Ann Anderson, Treasurer; Joan Stadsklev, President; and Jim Roberts, Hospitality Co-Chairman. Not pictured are: George Sweeney, Program Co-Chair; Bob Hoff, Hospitality Co-Chair; and Gayle Grissett, Liberty County Representative.

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. CRAA is currently accepting donations for the Partner in the Arts campaign to support next year’s programs. Contributors to this campaign have the unique opportunity to help support the arts in their community. For more information about the Chipola Regional Arts Association, call (850) 718-2277.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASSES NOW FORMING

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class beginning July 13th, 2015. Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 – 9:30 PM.

Completion of either of these programs will prepare candidates to take the State Board Examination, and become certified by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, upon becoming employed with a law enforcement agency.

Prior to admission, all candidates must earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) offered at every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

The deadline for all applications will be July 7th. Financial assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

For information regarding the application process, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.