Opening night dinner theatre set for ‘Cat on a Hot Tin Roof’

Chipola Theatre will present a special dinner and opening night performance of ‘Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,’ Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Center for the Arts.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Experimental Theatre with the show following at 7 p.m. Tickets are $30 per person which includes dinner and theatre admission. Tables of eight are available.

Deadline for Dinner Theatre reservations is Oct. 30. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Center for the Arts Box Office or online at www.chipola.edu/boxoffice. There will be no additional dinner seating available the night of the event. Additional performances of the show are set for Nov. 6-7 and a 2 p.m., Sunday matinee, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. All tickets go on sale Oct. 22.

Set in the Mississippi Delta plantation home of Big Daddy Pollitt, the Tennessee Williams play examines the relationships among members of the Pollitt family. Brick, an alcoholic ex-football player, drinks his days away and resists the affections of his wife, Maggie “the Cat.” His reunion with his father, Big Daddy, who is dying of cancer, jogs a host of memories and revelations for both father and son. The Pulitzer-Prize winning drama examines social mores, greed, superficiality, deception, sexual desire, repression and death. This production is for mature audiences and is not recommended for children under age 13.

The dinner theatre event is sponsored by the Chipola Chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC), the professional association for Florida’s 28 state colleges, their Boards, employees, retirees and associates. For information, call the Center for the Arts Box Office at 850-718-2420.

Chipola basketball tips off Oct. 30

The defending national champion Lady Indians open the home basketball season, Oct. 30-31, when they host the Beef ‘O’ Brady’s Classic. On Friday, Oct. 30, Chipola plays Pinellas County Job Corps at 7 p.m. Pensacola meets Central Georgia Tech at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31, Chipola plays Central Georgia Tech at 4 p.m. Pensacola meets Pinellas Job Corps at 2 p.m.

Both Chipola teams host the Milton Johnson Classic, Nov. 6-7. The Lady Indians play Georgia Highlands Nov. 6 at 5 p.m., followed by the Indians vs. IMG at 7 p.m. Northwest’s women play Florida State (Jax) at 1 p.m. Northwest’s men play Cape Fear at 3 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, the Lady Indians play Florida State (Jax) at 5 p.m., followed by the Indians vs. Cape Fear at 7 p.m. Northwest’s women play GA Highlands at 1:00 p.m. Northwest’s men play IMG at 3 p.m.

Course Evaluations Online

All students are encouraged to complete course evaluations online in Canvas from Oct. 19 through Nov. 6. Your confidential feedback provides information on effective instructional practices and your instructional needs.
Former Chipola teammates lead Blue Jays to AL Division Title

It may not have been the shot heard round the world, but Jose Bautista’s go-ahead, three-run homer in the 53-minute, seventh inning of the American League Division Series, certainly echoed across Canada and the U.S.

In what is already being called “The Inning,” former Chipola teammates and now Blue Jays stars, catcher Russell Martin and outfielder Jose Bautista, were the center of attention. With the score tied 2-2, in the top of the seventh, Martin’s routine throw back to the pitcher struck the bat of Rangers hitter Shin-Soo Choo and rolled down the third base line. Baserunner Rougned Odor scored uncontested from third base to put the Rangers up 3-2. The call set off a firestorm of reviews, an official protest and awakened the ire of 49,000 fans in Rogers Centre.

In the bottom half of the seventh, the Jays’ bats came together as the Rangers’ gloves seemed to fall apart. Toronto loaded the bases on three Texas errors and evened the score at 3-3. Then, with two on and two out, Bautista smashed a three-run home-run into the upper decks to put the Jays up 6-3, the final score. To make it even more special, this is Jays’ first postseason appearance in 22 years and the first for Bautista, an 11-year MLB veteran.

Joey Bats, as Bautista is known by Jays fans, posted this on Instagram after the game, “As I go to bed I think about how blessed I am to even have gotten the chance to do something so positive for a city like what I did tonight. Much Love Toronto and Mama.”

Chipola Baseball Coach Jeff Johnson, said, “It’s incredible to see two of our guys who played together at Chipola, having that kind of success on the biggest stage in baseball. I’m so happy for Russell, who is a native Canadian, and for Jose, who is playing in the postseason for the first time in his career.”

Chipola and Toronto fans will have more to enjoy as the win moves the Jays on to the American League Championship Series to face Kansas City in the seven-game series beginning Oct. 16. The ALCS winner will represent the American League in the World Series.
**Phi Beta Lambda hosting Zombie Crawl**

Phi Beta Lambda is hosting a Zombie Crawl on campus for students and employees on Thursday, Oct. 29.

Participants are encouraged to exhibit their best zombie face and costume. PBL and other clubs will have tables set up in front of Student Services, Library, and the Chapel. Clubs will offer games and information beginning at 3:30 p.m. Zombies and “normals” (the uninfected) will begin their campus crawl at 4:30 p.m. The top-3 best zombies will win prizes during a contest at 5:05 p.m. The event is scheduled so that students will be able to attend 5:30 p.m. classes.

Five canned food items or a monetary donation is requested to participate in the Zombie Crawl. Food will go to the Jackson County BackPack for Kids Feeding Program, which helps area children who do not have enough to eat when they are out of school. Donations will be collected at the registration table in front of Student Services. Non-perishable food items should be unopened and in-date. Visit www.facebook.com/BackpackForKidsFeedingProgram

PBL is a business-centric organization that invites students of all majors to join. PBL participates in community service, fundraising and competitions. The next PBL meetings are Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 4:30 p.m. in M-108; and Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 8 a.m. in M-201. For information, contact advisers Glenda Bethel at bethelg@chipola.edu or Jonathan Chaney at chaneyj@chipola.edu or visit www.facebook.com/ChipolaPBL1.

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**JENKINS IS TOP EMPLOYEE**

Curtis Jenkins has been selected the Chipola College Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional Award of the month for October. Jenkins is a Welding Instructor and has worked at the college since 2015. Pictured from left are, Curtis Jenkins and Darwin Gilmore, Dean of Workforce and Economic Development.
Jackson County Take Stock In Children

The Lighting the Way for Kids Foundation, Inc., in partnership with Take Stock in Children, recently welcomed three new Jackson County students to the Take Stock in Children program. Local organizations, business leaders, school board employees and the Jackson County community raised enough funds to purchase scholarships for three of Jackson County’s deserving students. Students apply for the Take Stock in Children program during their eighth grade year. If selected, they begin high school with the promise of a two-year scholarship to Chipola College once they graduate.

TSIC participants are also matched with a volunteer mentor who meets with them regularly at school. Students and parents sign a contract agreeing to maintain above a 2.0 GPA, attend school regularly, and remain drug and crime free.

Take Stock is a grass-roots program that depends on volunteers and private donations. The organization is seeking volunteers to mentor a student several times a month or to provide monetary donations.

For more information on how to help provide scholarships, mentors, and hope for deserving students in Jackson County, call 718-2428 or find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/tsicchipola

Pictured from left, are: (front) Jamie Durden, Kameron Butler, Kaitlin Kent, (back) Chephus Granberry, Dr. Jason Hurst, Chris Johnson, Jennie Durden, Charlotte Gardner, Stacey Goodson, Kenneth Griffin, Vicky Beauchamp, Gene Kent, Steve Benton and Mary Helen Smith.

STEM AT CHIPOLA—

Chipola hosted a STEM event for area high school students on Oct. 9. The event entitled, “The Human Machine,” included activities in Anatomy and Physiology, Manufacturing, Designing Body Parts, Patient Simulators and Prosthetics. Faculty and students from five Chipola programs—Engineering Technology, Natural Sciences, Nursing, EMS and Business and Technology—led the workshops.

In first photo, Chipola Engineering Technology student demonstrates a simulator in the program. In second photo, Chipola engineering major Hayden Hurst (center) leads students in an AutoCad exercise.