Florida Lottery sponsors Chipola Fall Festival

The Florida Lottery sponsored the Chipola Fall Festival on Oct. 1 to welcome Bright Futures scholarship recipients and to celebrate the Lottery’s 27-year history of supporting education in Florida.

Chipola’s Student Government Association hosts the annual event for the student body.

In addition to Outrageous Relay Races, students enjoyed music, free food and giant inflatable games at the Chipola Pool. Several universities and armed forces recruiters brought recruiters to meet with potential students.

The Florida Lottery Bright Futures program provided free t-shirts and a drawing premium door prizes including Fit Bits and Beats headphones. Interim Lottery Secretary Tom Delacenserie was on hand for the event to meet students. Madeline Pumariega, the Chancellor of the Florida College System, also addressed the students.

Since the program’s inception, the Florida Lottery has contributed more than $3.9 billion to send more than 600,000 students to college. To date, more than 5,000 Bright Futures scholarships have been awarded Chipola College students, totaling $8,256,622.

For Bright Futures information, visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf

A great big thanks goes out to all the students and staff that came to Chipola’s Fall Festival. It was a huge success! Also, thanks to the clubs for participating in the relays and tug-o-war competitions. The winner of the relays was Science Club and the tug-o-war winner was Players Club. Great Job!

Thanks to all SGA and Student Ambassador members for collecting door prizes and helping me plan and organize Fall Festival. It would be impossible to do this without your help!

—Nancy Johnson

Chipola to host STEM event Oct. 9

Chipola will host a STEM event for area high school students, Friday, Oct. 9. The event is entitled, “The Human Machine,” and will include activities in Anatomy and Physiology, Manufacturing, Designing Body Parts, Patient Simulators and Prosthetics.

Faculty and students from four Chipola programs—Engineering Technology, Natural Sciences, Nursing, and Business and Technology—will lead the workshops. Students will meet from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in M-108, O-107, Q-111 and WD-121.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

5 MONDAY
• SGA Meeting 1:30 p.m., Bldg. Z 116

6 TUESDAY
• BSU Mtg. noon, Bldg C-104
• Student Ambassadors Meeting 1:30 p.m., Bldg. Z 201
• Last Day for Vertical Transfer
• High School Counselor Appreciation Day

7 WEDNESDAY
• Deadline Spring Schedule Changes
• Deadline to designate Honor Classes

8 THURSDAY
• FCA Mtg. 6:30 pm, Cafeteria

9 FRIDAY
• CAAP Reg. Deadline- Nov. Test
• STEM 9 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Chipola Nursing Ranked in Top 10%

by NurseJournal.org
Cast announced for Chipola’s “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof”

The Chipola Theater is in rehearsal for Cat on a Hot Tin Roof which opens a four-day run, Nov. 5.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon recently cast local actors in the following roles: Tra’Varous Boyd as Lacey, Sarah Liffick as Sookey, Shaylee Tharpe as Margaret, Walker Straun as Brick, Odra Chapaman as Mae, Jared Standiford as Gooper, Elyn Sapp as Big Mama, Catherine Lewis as Dixie, Conner Bush as Buster, Kodibeth Bates as Trixie, Josiah Brooks as Big Daddy, Austin Spears as Rev. Tooker, Patrick Mathis as Dr. Baugh, and Saylor Novonlosky, Lindsay Miller, Chloé Gilbert, Katelyn Cannady as Party Guests and Domestic Help.

Set in the Mississippi Delta plantation home of Big Daddy Pollitt, Tennessee Williams’ Cat on a Hot Tin Roof examines the relationships among members of Big Daddy’s 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, decay, desire, repression and death. The production contains mature content and is not recommended for children under 12.


Tickets for all Chipola Theatre productions go sale two weeks prior to the performance. Theatre fans are invited to join the Applauding Chipola Theatre (ACT) VIP fund, which guarantees the best seats for all shows. The ACT Fund offers five levels of membership including Sponsor, Patron, Benefactor, Angel and Corporate Angel with VIP seating available at all levels. A portion of ACT memberships is tax-deductible.

Steps to Starting a Business Seminar

Chipola will offer a small business Seminar “Steps to Starting a Business in Florida,” Friday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building (M).

CPA Johnny Branch, Growth Business Specialist, will lead the course which will focus on organizational requirements, location, licensing, financial assessments, insurance, marketing, loans, defining customers and employee requirements.

The seminar is sponsored by the Small Business Development Council (SBDC) at UWF in Panama City. Cost of the seminar is $35 for the public and free for students and employees of Chipola, Gulf Coast State and UWF, who present a name tag or student ID. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Participants may register online at www.sbdc.uwf.edu by clicking on Training Opportunities (Panama City). Phone 850-818-0570.

At Chipola, contact Katrina Griffin in Building M (108), phone 850-718-2441 or email griffink@chipola.edu.
College Financing 101 set for Oct. 21

College Financing 101, a personal finance workshop for college students, is set for Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. (CST) in Jackson Hall of the Chipola Literature/Language Building.

The workshop is sponsored by First Commerce Credit Union and will be presented to Chipola Honors students; however, all students and employees are invited to attend.

The seminar will cover all aspects of paying for college from financial aid to loans and savings plans. College costs are rising rapidly, and not every parent can afford to subsidize tuition, much less room, board, and books for four or more years (not to mention dorm furnishings, clothing, and spending money).

All students and employees are welcome to attend this seminar to learn more about the options of paying for college.

CAAP test required for December AA Graduates

All students seeking an Associate in Arts Degree are required to take the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) prior to graduation. Students must attain a score of 45 or higher on each of the following subtests of the CAAP: Writing Skills, Reading, Mathematics, Critical Thinking, and Science.

The CAAP is given three times per academic year, once in the fall term, once in the spring term, and once during the first summer session.

If you plan to graduate this term, and have not taken the CAAP, the deadline to register is October 9. The test will be given on November 7.

Registration forms for the CAAP are available in the Testing Center in Building A, or you can print a PDF version and fax it or mail it to the Testing Center. To view and print a registration form, click the link on the following page: http://chipola.edu/instruct/testing/caap.htm A Student User Guide which includes sample questions is also available in the Testing Center. Additional information regarding the CAAP is available online http://www.act.org/caap/pdf/userguide.pdf

Again, this is a graduation requirement. You will not receive your degree until you meet the minimum scores set for the CAAP.

Please direct all questions regarding CAAP to Becky Davis at 850-718-2283 or davistr@chipola.edu.

Chipola Cross Country races at Mountain Dew Run

The Chipola women’s cross country team opened its season at the Mountain Dew Invitational hosted by the University of Florida on Sept. 19. The meet was open to all university and college teams.

The Indians were led by returning sophomore Margaret Wiedeman with a time of 22:07. Freshman Lydia Wiedeman was close behind at 22:15. The sisters finished in middle of the pack of 200 runners. Freshman Jayde Smelcer ran a 27:42. Conner Melvin posted a time of 27:44. Freshman Amber Raisebeck also participated in her first race.

Chipola will compete Oct. 3 at South Florida State College in Avon Park.

Pictured from left, are: Jayde Smelcer of Chipley, Conner Melvin of Cottondale, Lydia Wiedeman of Wakulla, Margaret Wiedeman of Wakulla, coach Rance Massengill and Amber Raisebeck of Blountstown.

Chipola is working toward reaffirmation of its accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). As part of the process, Chipola must assess programs and operations and develop a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to address a data-documented area for Improvement. Members of the QEP committee are, from left: (front) Dr. Irma Cruz-White, Vice-Chair Glenda Bethel, Chair Dr. Terolyn Lay, SGA president Caitlyn Carpenter, (back) John Gardner, Dr. Josh Martin, Casey Dowgul, Kurt McInnis, Amy Sampson and Robert Ivey.
Washington County Take Stock recognizes students and mentors

The Washington County Take Stock in Children Program and Chipola recently hosted a Scholarship Signing and reception.

The following six students signed Take Stock in Children Scholarship contracts: Mackecia Cadogan, Brian Heward, and Carolynn Lynn of Chipley High School; and McKenzie Hunter, Joshua Lunsford, and Caitlyn Smith of Vernon High School.

Students who sign the Take Stock contract will earn two-year scholarships to Chipola College once they graduate high school if they maintain above a “C” average, remain drug/crime free, have good behavior, and maintain respectable attendance throughout high school.

Funds for the scholarships were raised in Washington County by local businesses and families. Donors who provide support for Take Stock in Children, include: Gulf Power Foundation, Sybil and Bill Webb, Mrs. Josephine Robinson Floyd, Townsend Building Supply, The Lewis Bear Company c/o Cindy Bear Bonner, Jeanne Lavender, One South Bank, Peoples South Bank, Lisa Jones & Thelma De Vita of The Bingo King, Charles Dunn Engineering Inc., Capital City Bank c/o Wayland Fulford.

Several individuals volunteer their time each month to serve as mentors to Take Stock Students, including: Jeff Goodman, Rhonda Dickinson, Lucinda Simonson, Susan Roberts, Denise Brock, Mary Dennis, Mitchell Brown, Caren Prichard, Tracy Sullivan, Jerry Tyre, Mishelle Hidle, Matt Orwatt, Ruth McCrary, Jeanne Lavender, Patsy Justice, Priscilla Brown, John “Troy” Lewis, Robert Knight, Pat Dickson, Forrest Smith, Milton Brown, Tracie Herbert, Polly Kneiss, Alysa Locke and Sandy Solger.

Also in attendance at the meeting, were: Tiffany McKinney, WCSD Guidance Counselor & TSIC Leadership Council; Gail Riley, WCSD Director of Curriculum and Instruction & TSIC Committee; David Solger, TSIC Committee Member and Former TSIC Director; Mary Helen Smith, TSIC Program Manager; Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst; Kyle Newsom, Principal of Chipley High School; and Brian Riviere, Principal of Vernon High School.

Law Enforcement begins Nov. 3

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class beginning Nov. 3. Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 – 9:30 P.M.

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 the Public Service Building every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. The cost of the test is $45. The deadline for all applications will be October 23rd.

Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

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