Cast announced for Chipola’s ‘Rumors’

The Chipola College Theater is in rehearsal for the hit comedy, “Rumors,” which opens Nov. 13. Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon recently cast local actors in the comedy. Cast members are: Josiah Brooks as Ken Gorman, Kate Burke as Chris Gorman, Seth Alderman as Lenny Ganz, Odra Chapman as Clair Ganz, Ethan Bass as Ernie Cusak, Elyn Sapp as Cookie Cusak, Austin Spears as Glenn Cooper, Shayli Tharp as Cassie Cooper, Patrick Mathis as Officer Pudney and Caleb Brooks as Officer Welch.

The comedy happens in a large, tastefully-appointed townhouse, where the Deputy Mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of farce. Gathering for their 10th wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in the other room and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer Ken and wife Chris must get the story straight before the other guests arrive. As confusion and miscommunication mounts, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

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.

For information contact Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre, at sirmonc@chipola.edu or 850-718-2277. Visit www.chipola.edu and like Chipola Theatre on Facebook.

Community South CFO started at Chipola

Nina Adams, CFO of Community Community South Credit Union, is a 2012 graduate of the Chipola College Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) program.

While enrolled in the Chipola program, she was worked full-time, and took three classes a semester. Adams says “I could never have afforded the money or time to go away to a university to complete my degree. Having the Chipola bachelor’s degree program close to home allowed me to achieve the success I have.”

Adams worked at Community South while she was enrolled at Chipola, and upon completion of her bachelor’s degree, was promoted to Chief Financial Officer. She is active in the business community and also serves on Chipola’s Business Advisory committee.

Dr. Jim Froh, Chipola Dean of Business and Technology, says, “Nina was an “A” student in all classes and she also was named our Outstanding Accounting student. She is an excellent example of the need for the BSBA program here in our district.”

For information about Chipola’s Bachelor’s degree in business, call 718-2441 or visit www.chipola.edu
Chipola students Tinker with sociology

Students in Latresha Bighem’s Chipola College Sociology class recently used Tinkertoys to examine how humans develop a sense of self through social interaction.

Groups of two to three students were given Tinkertoys and instructed to create a physical structure using all the pieces. Once a group completed a structure, they connected theirs to another group’s until all structures in the classroom were connected.

Instructor Bighem says, “The role of sociology is to help understand why and how contexts matter, and how they both constrain and enable us to be who we are. This exercise helped students understand the role of social structures in shaping our society.” Students also learned about leadership, dysfunction, conflict, harmony and divergent thinking.

Chipola Talent Search students visit UF

Talent Search high school seniors from Chipola College’s five county area toured the University of Florida on Sept. 25.

Talent Search student Sheridan Dryden from Marianna High School said, “The tour guides, called the Cicerones, were informative and reminded us to work out in the gym so we don’t gain the freshman 15.” Calhoun County student Bridgette Howland said, “The tour was very informative as it highlighted the different living accommodations and the steps to apply and be accepted to the university.”

Chipola Talent Search Coordinator Angie Tyler says, “Visiting various campuses within a day’s distance stretches the minds of our students and makes them realize the opportunities that exist for them if they stay the course.”

Talent Search is a TRIO program funded by the federal government. Students are selected for the program by their teachers and guidance counselor for exhibiting good character and good grades. For more information about Chipola College Talent Search visit www.chipola.edu/talent_search.

Chipola student featured on Florida Lottery Facebook page

Chipola sophomore Maggie Braxton of Cottondale is a spotlight student on the Florida Lottery’s Bright Futures Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FloridaLottery

Braxton, a pharmacy major, is a member of the Chipola Honors program. She also works as a tutor in the college ACE lab.

Braxton says, “Bright Futures has allowed me to focus on my goal of becoming a pharmacist without having to worry about how to pay for college.”
Cross Country runners in Top 10 at Darton meet

Two Chipola College runners finished in the top 10 at the Darton College Mid-Season Farm Run, Sept. 27, in Albany, Ga.


The tri-meet was hosted by Darton with Georgia Southwestern and Chipola completing the field of teams. Chipola’s Victoria Taylor suffered an ankle injury and was unable to finish. She is expected to return for Chipola’s Oct. 4 race at Point University in West Point, Georgia.

Phi Beta Lambda Membership Meeting

Chipola PBL will hold its monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Business/Technology building. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss committee assignments, fundraisers, community events, and to learn more about competitive events for the state leadership conference in Orlando, FL.

PBL is a business-centric organization that can help students improve leadership skills, strengthen confidence, prepare for the transition from school to work, and participate in community service activities. Members do not need to be a business major. All Chipola students are welcome to join, and any Chipola student may attend the Tuesday night meeting to learn more about the organization.

For more details about the organization or how to join, contact PBL President Alex Anderson at anderson.alexander@yahoo.com or a PBL adviser: Glenda Bethel at bethelg@chipola.edu or Vikki Milton at miltonv@chipola.edu.

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For assistance, contact the HelpDesk (x4357).

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Dr. Cathryn Meegan has been selected the Chipola College Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional of the month for October. Meegan is an Assistant Professor in Accounting and Business and has worked at the college since 2013. Pictured from left, are Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Chipola Senior Vice President; Dr. Cathryn Meegan, and Dr. Jim Froh, Dean of the School of Business and Technology.

Chipola McLendon Scholarship deadline is Oct. 15

Application deadline for the McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship for Spring 2015 classes at Chipola College is Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. All application materials are due by this time. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship is for Chipola students with both merit and a financial need. Scholarships are awarded each semester, and students must submit a new application with complete supporting documentation for each semester.

The application is available online at www.chipola.edu/foundation. For information, call 718-2404.
Chipola Artist Series opens Oct. 16 with Center dedication

The Chipola College Artist Series opens Thursday, Oct. 16, with Trio Viseltear; at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

Prior to the performance, the college will host a Dedication Ceremony and Reception to celebrate the naming of the Center for the Arts in honor of retired college president Dr. Gene Prough.

There is no charge to attend the ceremony and reception which begins at 6 p.m.

The Artist Series performance is a ticketed event with tickets available online at www.chipola.edu/boxoffice or at the Box Office. Tickets also will be available at the Box Office on Oct. 16.

Trio Viseltear features British violinist Peter Povey, Russian cellist Alexei Romanenko, and Canadian pianist Christine Yoshikawa. The group has delighted audiences around the world with their vibrant musicality and technical brilliance. Presenting an exhilarating program of masterpieces from classics to contemporary, they are advocates of new music.

Online tickets may be printed at home, or with an order confirmation, will-call tickets will be available at the box office the night of the show. Box Office hours are Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 850-718-2277 or visit www.chipola.edu/boxoffice.

Emergency vehicle training set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer a 16-hour Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (VFIS) Oct. 14 and 17 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 18, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The class is open to anyone who needs a certificate in vehicle operations for insurance purposes or emergency vehicle training for ISO. The course is recommended for firefighters, city and county drivers, or anyone that drives a company vehicle (dump truck, garbage truck, pick-up, etc.). The class will satisfy the requirements for driver training by ISO for maximum points for existing driver/operator training program (TS).

Cost is $60 if a Chipola vehicle is used, and $50 if the student brings their own vehicle. It is recommended that the student bring the vehicle they drive on the job in order to get a certificate for operating that vehicle.

For information, contact Martin Fowler at (850) 718-2483, e-mail www.fowlerm@chipola.edu or visit www.chipola.edu.

FSU Botanist lectures at Chipola

Chipola College Environmental Science students heard their first lecture in botany from Dr. Loran Anderson, Professor Emeritus of Biological Science at Florida State University, and former Curator of the Godfrey Herbarium.

Dr. Anderson discussed basic botany and his knowledge of some thousands of plant species he has categorized. He offered his expertise in the identification of species collected by the students. Billy Bailey, Florida Caverns Park Specialist, referred Dr. Anderson to the college.

Dr. Anderson, who earned his PhD in plant taxonomy, has been influencing botany and conservation in Florida for almost four decades as a professor of biology at the FSU for 29 years and to the present. His unique and inspiring teaching style enriches young minds as he introduces students to fields of conservation and botanical exploration in Florida.

Dr. Anderson has served as a member of the Florida Endangered Plant Advisory Council for over 20 years and remains active in field surveys and herbarium studies. He has also described several species for the first time.