Chipola Theatre Showcase is Sept. 18

Chipola Theatre majors will present an evening of sketch comedy with song and dance in the Chipola Theatre Showcase, Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

Charles Sirmon, Chipola Director of Theatre, will begin his 16th season with the showcase that Sirmon says, “Is a lot like Saturday Night Live on a Thursday.”

The general admission show allows all theatre majors the opportunity to share their talent, and many for the first time.

Tickets—$10—are available to purchase from theatre majors, at the Center for the Arts box Office, or online at www.chipola.edu.

The Showcase is a fundraiser for Chipola theatre majors’ annual trip to Atlanta where they will take a master class in improvisation and attend a performance with a professional theatre company.

For ticket information, call 850-718-2420 or visit www.chipola.edu.

Pictured in top photo from left, are: (front) Sailor Novonglosky, Odra Chapman, Josiah Brooks and (back) Seth Alderman.
Florida Lottery to sponsor Fall Festival Sept. 24

The Florida Lottery will participate, for the third year in a row, in the Chipola College Fall Festival to welcome Bright Futures scholarship recipients and to celebrate the Lottery’s 26-year history of supporting education in Florida.

Chipola students are excused from classes Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Chipola’s Student Government Association puts on the annual event for the student body. In addition to Outrageous Relay Races, students will enjoy music, free food and giant inflatable games at the Chipola Pool.

The Florida Lottery Bright Futures program will provide free t-shirts and premium door prizes to Chipola students.

The Bright Futures Scholarship Program, which is funded primarily by the Florida Lottery, was created in 1997 by the Florida Legislature to assist students in pursuing post-secondary educational and career goals. Bright Futures scholarships are awarded to Florida high school graduates based on high academic achievement.

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 to students attending Chipola College, totaling $8,256,622.14.

For more information about Bright Futures Scholarships, visit the Department of Education’s website at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf or call the hotline at 888-827-2004.
Chipola runner makes top 10 at cross country meet

Chipola Women’s Cross Country freshman Margaret Wiedeman of Wakulla finished in the top 10 at a Sept. 6 meet at Georgia Southwestern.

In the 5K race, Wiedeman finished with a time of 22:09 in a field of over 42 runners representing eight teams.

Chipola’s Victoria Taylor of Dothan finished 20th overall with a time of 23:32. Her sister, Veronica Taylor finished 22nd with a time of 23:40, a personal record. Melissa Newsome of Blountstown finished at 24:17, which was also her personal best. Taylor Green of Sneads finished with an overall time of 27:40.

The Chipola team will travel to Darton College for a meet on Sept. 27.

Chipola Cross Country team members at the Sept. 6 Georgia Southern meet, are (from left) Taylor Green of Sneads, Margaret Wiedeman of Wakulla, Victoria Taylor of Dothan, Melissa Newsome of Blountstown and Veronica Taylor of Dothan.
Chipola environmental science students learn at Caverns

Chipola’s first class of Environmental Science students recently hiked to the Florida Caverns State Park to learn about a rare and unique ecosystem—the upland limestone glade.

The expedition was hosted by Billy Bailey, Park Service Specialist. Dr. Ann Johnson, Community Ecologist for FSU/Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) led the excursion, accompanied by Wilson Baker, an independent botanical consultant and butterfly expert. The three environmentalists helped students identify new species and evaluate the status of endemic species.

Students learned that a glade is a pristine section of a natural meadow approximately two feet above limestone and surrounded by red cedar trees. The glade is second only to the Florida coral reefs in rarity and uniqueness. An upland chalky glade is a rare natural community that occurs in two panhandle counties. They contain a specific and unique set of plants often not occurring elsewhere.

Currently the Florida Caverns contains the only state protected chalky glade with about a fourth of an acre.

The Chipola student’s field trip is part of the curriculum for a new Environmental Science class that will also include tree identification and invasive plant species removal. The Caverns will continue to be a vital part of the course curriculum through tree identification walks, botany lectures, invasive plant workshops, and wildlife exhibits, for education in the conservation, preservation, protection, and appreciation of natural resources.

Other trips which are planned during the semester include: Sept. 11–Billy Bailey–“Tree Identification Walks” Bluff Trail, Florida Caverns; Sept. 23– Dr. Loran Anderson– “Botany 101” Chipola College; Oct. 14 – Billy Bailey, Jeffrey Johnson, Heath Beasley – Invasive Plant Workshop at Chipola; Nov. 4 – Billy Bailey, Diane Sue Bryant, Florida Caverns Volunteers–“Wildlife Conservation” at Chipola.

Here, Dr. Ann Johnson, a research scientist with Florida State University helps students examine the occurrence of an upland chalky glade.

The Chipola Library is now open Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Technology Center, located in the Library, is also open during these hours. The Library staff also are available to give proctored tests by appointment on Mondays, from 4 to 8 p.m. For information, visit www.chipola.edu/library or phone 718-2274.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

17 Sep Patrick Blake
18 Sep Sybil Cloud
18 Sep Dianne Green
19 Sep Kim Collins
19 Sep Martin Fowler
20 Sep Terri C. Fowler
21 Sep Dennis Kosciw

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER

23 Deadline to Submit Athletic Eligibility Roster for Fall
23 Community Chorus, CFA Experimental Theatre; 6 p.m.
24 Fall Festival – Classes Dismissed from 10:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
25 Last Day to Resign from All Classes for Fall Term B
25 TRIO Talent Search 12th grade trip to University of Florida
29 Last Day Vertical Transfer for Fall A
29-30 Auditions for Production of Rumors, CFA; 6 p.m.
30 Deadline to Apply to ADN Program for Spring 2015
30 Community Chorus, CFA Experimental Theatre at 6 p.m.