Cast announced for Chipola’s ‘The Addams Family’

Chipola Theater is in rehearsal for the hit musical comedy, “The Addams Family,” which opens a five-day run, Feb. 24.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon recently selected the cast of local actors which includes: Josiah Brooks as Gomez, Shayli Tharp as Morticia, Odra Chapman as Wednesday, Jared Standiford as Lucas, Chandler King as Pugsley, Chris Manasco as Fester, Elyn Sapp as Grandma, Keith Watford as Mal, Sarah Liffick as Alice and Saylor Novonglosky as Lurch. Ancestors include Austin Spears, Aaron Lane, Alex Ozbun, Stephanie Lane, Calen Masai, Gracie Wallace, Jill Berquist, Laura Lee Gause, Emily Childress, Nina Boyde, Kane Keefer, Karissa Mercer, Katelyn Cannady, Jamie Gibson and Tra’vaous Boyd. Monsters are William Crews and Catherine Lewis.

The Addams Family was written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa. In the kooky, upside-down Addams world, to be sad is to be happy, to feel pain is to feel joy, and death and suffering are the stuff of their dreams. The Addams family still has to deal with the spookiest nightmare faced by every family: the kids are growing up.

The Addams have lived by their unique values for hundreds of years and Gomez and Morticia, the patriarch and matriarch of the clan, would be only too happy to continue living that way. Their dark, macabre, beloved daughter Wednesday, however, is now an 18 year-old who is ready for a life of her own. She has fallen in love with Lucas Beineke, a sweet, smart boy from a normal, respectable family. To make matters worse, she has invited the Beinekes to the Addams’ home for dinner. In one fateful, hilarious night, secrets are disclosed, relationships are tested, and the Addams family must face up to the one horrible thing they’ve managed to avoid for generations: change.

Tickets go on sale two weeks prior to the performance. For the Center for the Arts Box Office, call 850-718-2420, or visit Chipola Theatre at www.chipola.edu or on Facebook.

Chipola Brain Bowl wins first and second at Gateway Open

The Chipola Brain Bowl A and B Teams finished first and second respectively at the Florida Gateway Collegiate Open on Jan. 9.

The 18-team field consisted mostly of teams from the Panhandle and Central Florida. Chipola A finished the tournament 9-0. Chipola B also had a strong showing finishing 7-2.

Chipola A team members are: Hunter Davis, Turner McCroan and Alex Tharp. Chipola B team members are: Katie Everett, Haileigh Pippin, Donavan Ebersole and Madelyn Lytle.

Three Chipola players finished in the top 6 in individual scoring. Katie Everett finished third overall, Hunter Davis finished fifth, and Turner McCroan finished sixth.

Chipola math professor Stan Young coaches the team, along with volunteer assistant coach Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Link to stats: https://www.naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=6632 Chipola will host the North Florida NAQT Sectional, Jan. 22-23. Chipola will be trying to qualify the Community College National Championship in late February.
Chipola will celebrate Homecoming the week of February 1-6, 2016. This year’s theme is “Year of the Spear.”

Candidates for Homecoming must be nominated by Thursday, Jan. 21, 4 p.m. Candidates must be: currently enrolled, a member of an active club at Chipola, have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher, and be in good standing - consistent with the standards and values of this institution. Early admit students meeting the qualifications listed above are also eligible. Early admit students taking 12 or more dual enrollment hours on the college campus will be classified as freshmen regardless of hours completed. The college reserves the right to reject any candidate whose background does not meet the standards and values of the College.

Candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27 in the Cafeteria. Voting will take place Jan. 27-28 in the Student Activities Office in the Cafeteria (K-105). On Jan. 27, students may vote from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voting will continue Jan. 28 until noon. Students must be currently enrolled to vote.

Chipola’s 2016 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned at halftime of the men’s basketball game on Feb. 6.

For information, visit the Student Activities Office in the Cafeteria or call 718-2308 or 718-2314.

Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend is Feb. 5-6

Major league baseball stars and dozens of other former Chipola College players are expected to return to their alma mater for the annual Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend Feb. 5-6.

The weekend will include live college baseball action, a Homerun Derby, great food and the chance to rub elbows with the pros, including two-time MLB Homerun champ Jose Bautista and his Toronto Blue Jays teammate, All-Star catcher Russell Martin. Honorary Chipola alumnus Jeff Mathis of the Marlins, Braves catcher Tyler Flowers and Diamondbacks pitcher Patrick Corbin are also expected to attend.

An Alumni Dinner and Auction is set for Friday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. Big-leaguers have donated thousands in memorabilia for the auction. Tickets are $100, with table sponsorships available for $1,000. Sponsors earn recognition at the dinner, 8 tickets, an autographed baseball and group photo with MLB players.

A full day of activities is set for Saturday, Feb. 6, at Chipola Field. At 10 a.m., the Chipola Indians will face Walters State. An MLB Alumni Homerun Derby starts at 12:30 p.m. with guest prizes and MLB memorabilia for sale.

The MLB autograph and photo session runs from 2:30 to 3:30. For $10, fans can get one item signed by each professional. Player photos and MLB baseballs will be available for purchase.

Passes to the day’s events are $10 per person for all ages. Fans are also invited to purchase fresh grouper plates for $10.

For info about alumni happenings, email Nathan Marks at nathan@marksinsurance.com or phone 850-718-2237.

Chipola offers Law Enforcement & Corrections Courses

A daytime Corrections class begins Jan. 19. The course will meet weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through April 27.

An evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class will be offered beginning Feb. 8. Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Completion of the Corrections class 420 clock-hour program prepares candidates to take the State Examination to become a certified correctional officer. Starting annual salary is estimated at $32,000.

Prior to admission, all candidates must earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test offered at Public Service every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the test is $45. Application deadline is Feb. 4. Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical examination, background check and drug screening.

For information on Corrections classes contact Jamie McAllister, Corrections Coordinator, at 718-2212. For Law Enforcement information, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 850-718-2286.
Chipola hosts Tallahassee Jan. 26

Both Chipola basketball teams host Tallahassee, Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the Johnson Center. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m. The men’s game begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Indians improved to 15-3 overall and 2-1 in conference play with a 69-55 win over Northwest, Jan. 12.

As of Jan. 14, Gulf Coast (4-0) leads the women’s conference race. Chipola (2-1) is second. Northwest (1-2) and Tallahassee (1-2) are tied for third. Pensacola is (0-3).

The Lady Indians are ranked third in the FCSAA State Poll. Other Panhandle teams in the state ranking include: Gulf Coast (1), Northwest (4), Tallahassee (6) and Pensacola (10).

Chipola scored a 73-69 win over Tallahassee on Jan. 9. Raven Baker led Chipola with 25 points. Rosemarie Julien had 19 points and 11 rebounds. Sydnee McDonald had 12 points.


The Lady Indians are the defending NJCAA National Champions, and back-to-back State and Panhandle Conference champions.

The Indians moved 12-8 overall and 0-3 in conference play after narrow 92-84 loss to Northwest, Jan. 12. Chipola led 40-35 at the half, and maintained the lead until late in the final period. Antwain Johnson led the Indians with 26 points. Eric Turner had 23 points. Patrick Rooks added 12.


As of Jan. 14, Tallahassee (3-0) and Northwest (3-0) are tied for first in the men’s conference race. Gulf Coast (2-2) is third. Chipola (0-3) and Pensacola (0-3) are looking for their first league win.

Both teams hit the road for games at Pensacola, Jan. 16. Results will be available at www.chipolaathletics.com.

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming, Saturday, Feb. 6, when they host arch-rival Gulf Coast. A reunion of former Chipola cheerleaders is set to begin at 4 p.m. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m. Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst and his wife Alisa invite all alumni and friends of the college to an Alumni Reception beginning at 6 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of the Johnson Center. The Homecoming Court will presented during halftime of the men’s game.

For information, visit www.chipolaathletics.com.

TEACHER WORKSHOP SET AT CHIPOLA COLLEGE

The Chipola Future Educators Club will host its Eighth Annual Teacher Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 6, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend.

Future educators currently enrolled at Chipola with the assistance of the education faculty, staff, and education graduates will present the free workshop. The day will include various sessions for elementary, middle, and high school teachers. The students will present hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom along with samples for teachers and education majors to use in their own classrooms. Sessions will include resources and strategies in Math, Science, Reading, English, ESOL and ESE. There will also be drawings for several door prizes.

Guest sessions will include: Using Reading Response Journals to Increase Student Engagement (6-12) — Diane McKee; Effective Classroom Communication (6-12) — Diane McKee; Rejuvenation Station(1-8) — Taura Brock; Engage with Open Court (K-2) — Kayla Hyatt; Fostering Classroom Community Through Friendly Controversy (6-12) — JaJuan Clark; Imply, Infer, Imagine (K-12) — Vicki Shackelford; Liven Up Language Arts (5-12) — Anna Beth Rackley; and Garden Your Class (K-2/3-5/6-12) — Rebecca Sponholtz.

Other session topics include: FAST Resources & Simple Science Labs (6-12); Blown Away with Science (4-6); Geoboards Aren’t Just for Geometry (3-5); Partnering Contemporaries with Classics: A New Way to Teach the Canon (6-12); Dots + Brain Breaks = Math Fun (1-3); and Move and Shake to Integrate (4-6).

The workshop will be held in the Literature/Language (Building Z) on the Chipola campus. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the first session at 8:30 a.m.

To ensure that sufficient materials are available, please RSVP to FEC Sponsor Casey Dowgul at dowgulc@chipola.edu or phone 850-718-2449.
Softball Camp set at Chipola Jan. 23-24

Chipola Softball will host a two-day camp, Jan. 23-24, to offer young players advanced skills training and exposure to some of the top programs in the country.

The Skills Camp for ages 8-18 will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Athletes will be grouped by age and ability. Cost is $200.

A special Pitching Session featuring two-time National Champion, Lauren Haeger, will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Haeger led UF to two NCAA National titles and was named SEC Athlete of the Year. Athletes in the pitching camp ages 8-18 will be separated by age and ability. Cost is $100.

A rate of $250 is offered for campers who register for both the Skills Camp and the Pitching session.

Several college softball programs have committed players and coaches to work the camp, including Florida State University, the University of Florida, Jacksonville University, University of South Carolina, University of Southern Mississippi, Thomas University, University of Mobile and Chipola College.

For information, visit www.chipolaathletics.com, or email hendrixb@chipola.edu or brookinsk@chipola.edu. By phone, call Kelly Brookins at 850-718-2468 or Belinda Hendrix at 850-718-2358.

Firefighter courses set at Chipola

Chipola will offer Firefighting I and Firefighting II evenings beginning in early 2016. Orientation is set for Thursday, Jan. 21, at 5 p.m.

Firefighter I runs Feb. 2 through May 5, and meets Monday through Thursday, from 5 to 10 p.m. Firefighter II will run May 9 through July 27.

Pre-requisite for both courses is First Responder (EMT or higher certification). A daytime First Responder class will meet Jan. 25-29, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is $130.

Cost is $1,700 each for Firefighter I or Firefighter II classes. Firefighter I price includes: 225 hour class, book, Drug and Background Test and (5) T-shirts. Firefighter II price includes: 225 hour class, Forestry S-130/I/180/L-190, use of SCBA and bunker gear. Some financial aid is available for both classes. For information, contact George Gay at (850) 718-2483, e-mail gayg@chipola.edu.

Chipola hosts active shooter response training —

The Chipola Public Service Division was the site of a recent Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response training presented by the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training at Louisiana State University. More than 30 local law enforcement officers and first-line supervisors likely to respond to an incident were in attendance. More than two dozen college personnel participated in the training. The course is certified by the Department of Homeland Security to address the technical aspects of implementing rapid law enforcement deployment to an active shooter incident through classroom presentations, hands-on performance-based field training, and scenario-based practical exercises. Here, officers participate in a training scenario.

GALAPOGOS ISLANDS PRESENTATION JAN. 20

The public is invited to a presentation on the Galapagos Islands at a meeting of the Chipola College Honors program, Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Jackson Hall of the college Literature/Language Building.

Bob Weinstein, a retired civil engineer and oceanographer, will present the he talk, entitled, “An Introduction to the Galapagos Islands – ‘The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Truths!’” Weinstein is a friend of retired Chipola science professor Paul Huang.

The two-hour narrated slideshow presents photos taken from a cruise aboard the National Geographic ship “Endeavour” to the Galapagos Islands west of Ecuador in 2012. The talk will cover the adverse impact that uncontrolled human activity and introduction of non-native animal species can have on a remote and environmentally sensitive area.

Darwin’s visit in 1835 will be discussed with the hope for future protection of the Galapagos Islands with controls recently imposed by the Ecuadorian government.