Tickets on sale for Chipola’s ‘Hairspray’

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Feb. 27, for the Chipola College Theatre musical, “Hairspray,” which opens March 13.

Tickets are available online at www.chipola.edu and in the Center for the Arts Box Office Feb. 27 – Mar. 12, Monday through Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m., and Mar. 13-17, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Cast members are: Odra Chapman as Tracy Turnblad, Trey McKay as Corny Collins, Kayla Todd as Amber Von Tussle, Aaron Black as Brad Dancer, Gracie Wallace as Tammy Dancer, Austin Pettis as Fender Dancer, Piper Williams as Brenda Dancer, Terrence Shanks as Sketch Dancer, Cayce Griffin as Shelley Dancer, Tyler Landry as IQ Dancer, Shayli Tharp as Lou Ann Dancer, Colton Day as Link Larkin, Meredith Moreau as Prudy Pingleton, Charles Sirmon as Edna Turnblad, Meredith Saunders as Penny Pingleton, Meghan Basford as Velma Von Tussle, Chris Manasco as Wilbur Turnblad, Nick Melvin as Seaweed J. Stubbs, Orlando Riley as Duane, Clyde Declonet as Gilbert, Brienne Beechum as Lorraine, Matt West as Mr. Pinky, Evie Saliba as Little Inez, Courtney Bass as Gym teacher, Rachel West as Matron, Brittney Holmes as Motormouth Maybelle Seaweed’s mother and Nadine Long as Guard. The Dynamites Female singing trio in “Welcome to the 60’s” includes Patrea Clark, Adajah Swilley and Melanie Henderson.

Citizens of Baltimore include: Elyn Sapp, Julie Wells, Amberly Corbin, Amber Saye, Kiara Sampson, Aiden Rollis, Grace Westler, Olivia Wester, Faith Long, Deanna Bailey, Shelby Jainer, Rhonda Stone, Maddie Craven, Tanaish Tookes, Felicia Gibson and Rolli Barteles.

“Hairspray,” written by Mark O’Donnell and Thomas Meehan, with music by Marc Shaiman and Lyrics by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman, is the winner of eight Tony Awards including Best Musical.

For more information, call 850-718-2277.

State Tournament Team Hosts

Several local sports fans have volunteered to serve as team hosts for the 16 teams which will be in town, March 6-9, for the State Junior College Basketball Tournament at Chipola College. Pictured from left, are: (front) Janet Wise, Eulice Bryant, Merle Houston, Caretha Everett, Vickie Curry, Natalie Hardy (back) JoAnn Everett, Jay Mitchell, Dr. Willie Spires, Dean McCoury, Ralph Harrison, Leroy Boone, John Ellerbee and Coyle Mayo. Not pictured are Tracy Dudley and Patrick Bryan.

For more information about the tournament see page 2

25 MONDAY
- Student Government Association – 2 p.m., Z116

26 TUESDAY
- Deadline to Apply for Spring Graduation-All Degrees
- Executive Council – 9 a.m., A192
- Student Ambassadors – 1 p.m., A156
- Night Student Social – 7 p.m., D Lobby

27 WEDNESDAY
- Last Class Day for Spring Term B

28 THURSDAY
- Registration Spring Term C; 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Black Student Union – 10 a.m., C104
- Spanish Club - 2:15 p.m., Z113

MARCH
1 FRIDAY
- Deans Meeting – 9 a.m., A192

3 SUNDAY
- FCA Chapel Service – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
Both Chipola teams in State Tournament

Chipola swept Pensacola Feb. 19, in the final home games of the regular season. Both Chipola teams finish out the regular season Feb. 23 at Gulf Coast.

The second-ranked Indians (25-3, 8-3) will finish second in the Panhandle Conference regardless of the outcome of the Feb. 23 game at Gulf Coast. Chipola will face Suncoast Champion Polk State in the state tournament on Thursday, March 7, with the time to be announced later. Panhandle Champion Northwest (25-2, 11-1) will face the Southern Conference Runner-up on March 7.

Central Florida is the Mid-Florida champion. Brevard is the Southern conference champion and Polk is the Suncoast champion.


Chipola scored a big 87-67 Homecoming win over Tallahassee on Feb. 9. Carlos Morris led with 20 points. Mistor Thomas had 15. Demetrious Floyd had 13. Cinmeon Bowers had 12. Chipola (7-3) is second in the league standings and has clinched a spot in the state tournament. Northwest (10-1) leads the Panhandle race and has clinched a spot in the state tournament. Pensacola is (4-6). Gulf Coast is (4-7). Tallahassee is (1-9).

Chipola notched a big 92-69 win over Gulf Coast on Feb. 5. Kruize Pinkins led Chipola with 19 points. He connected on 8 of 9 field goals and was 2 for 2 from the three point line. Torian Graham scored 18 including four three-pointers. Cinmeon Bowers scored 12. Mistor Thomas added 11. The Indians went up 47-31 at the half and never looked back.


The second-ranked Lady Indians scored a big 56-43 win over Pensacola on Feb. 19. Rayven Brooks led Chipola with 21 points and 9 rebounds. Jasmine Crawford scored 10. Lashonda Littleton had 8 points and 8 rebounds. As a team, Chipola was 8 of 10 from the free throw line.

Chipola finishes the regular season at Gulf Coast on Feb. 23 with the conference championship still up for grabs. As of Feb. 22, Northwest (9-3, 24-3) leads the conference race. Chipola (8-3, 23-4) and Gulf Coast (8-3, 23-4) are tied for second. The top three women’s team in the Panhandle Conference earn a spot in the tournament.

The top three teams in the Mid-Florida Conference also make the state tournament. Florida State College is the Mid-Florida champion. Hillsborough is the runner-up, followed by Santa Fe.

St. Petersburg is the women’s Southern conference champion. The Southern runner up team is the only spot unfilled in the women’s state tournament bracket.

Chipola scored a big 71-56 win over Tallahassee for Homecoming. Rayven Brooks led Chipola with 24 points including 4 three pointers and was 6 of 6 in free throws. Kristine Brance had 22 points including five three pointers. Jasmine Crawford scored 12.


Chipola will host the Men’s and Women’s FCSAA State/Region VIII Tournament, March 6-9.

For the latest scores, visit www.chipola.edu or call 718-2252.

State JUCO Basketball Tournament begins March 6 at Chipola

The top 16 community college basketball teams in Florida will begin arriving in Marianna Tuesday for the Florida Junior College Men’s and Women’s State Basketball Tournament set for March 6-9 in Chipola’s Milton Johnson Health Center.

Some 400 basketball players along with coaches, cheerleaders and fans will fill nearly 200 hotel rooms during the tourney. Teams will begin practice Tuesday in the Johnson Center and in local high school gyms. Each team is assigned a local host family to help with any need that may arise during the tournament.

Numerous Division I College coaches and recruiters also are expected to scout the talent in the competition. Tournament officials estimate that more than $250,000 will flow into the area during the tournament from food, lodging, recreation and incidental expenses.

The women’s tournament tips off Wednesday, March 6, with games at 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m.

Men’s action begins Thursday, March 7, with games at 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m.

Men’s and women’s semi-finals are set for Friday, March 8, with women’s games at 1 and 6 p.m. and men’s contests at 3 and 8 p.m. The State Championship title games are set for Saturday, March 9, with the women at 5 p.m., and the men at 7:30 p.m.

Waste Management is official host sponsor for the event. The Jackson County Tourist Development Council awarded a grant to help fund the tournament. The Florida Lottery, First Commerce Credit Union and the Jackson County Teachers Credit Union are also major sponsors of the event.

Tournament passes—$25 for adults and $15 for students—will get fans into all 14 exciting tournament games. Single session tickets—two games—are $10 each.

For ticket information, call 718-2220, or visit the official tourney web site at: www.chipola.edu

Online evaluations of courses and faculty set

During March 4-22, each student will have an opportunity to complete an anonymous online evaluation of his/her classes quickly and conveniently. Students can access the evaluation form on the college website beginning March 4. After semester grades are posted, student confidential feedback will provide information on instructional practices and instructional needs. Student participation in this process is very important. Chipola’s administration and faculty use the candid responses to assess teaching and learning.
Local children focus on their futures at “Chipola Champs Camp”

Fourteen area youth in foster care or receiving services in their own homes gained invaluable life experience through many educational and career-focused activities offered at the first-ever Chipola Champs Camp.

The Department of Children and Families, Big Bend Community Based Care and Anchorage Children’s Home teamed up with Chipola College to host the two-day camp for children ages 11-17.

The camp gave the youth an opportunity to experience a college environment while participating in fun and educational arts, athletics and academic activities.

Chipola employees Joe Calloway, Dr. Bryan Craven, Alicia Hatcher and Alice Pendergrass served as hosts for the camp. Students were recognized at a Chipola basketball game. Academic activities included “Weird Science presented by Chipola Science Club with Dr. Jeff Bodart and Dr. David Hilton. “IPAD Basics” was presented by the Chipola Future Educators Club and led by Dr. Lou Cleveland. “Cars and Curls” was offered by Chipola Cosmetology and Automotive students with Cosmetology instructors Paige Vanderwerf and Ada Scott and Automotive instructors John Gardner and Chase Vlieg. Lunch was provided by Chipola President Dr. Gene Prough.

“We thank Chipola for designing an incredible curriculum full of hands-on activities that really got our kids thinking about their futures,” said Vicki Abrams, DCF’s Northwest Regional Director. “Through our new mentoring program, adult volunteers will support these youth on an ongoing basis and enable them to achieve their goals and aspirations.”

Chipola student advisor Christen Bennett.

The Chipola Champs Camp is offered as one of more than a dozen statewide Camps for Champions (www.campsforchampions.com) providing year-round camp experiences for more than 1,000 children in foster care. The Chipola camp is the first to offer a curriculum focused on post-secondary education and careers. It is also the first to pair the youth with an adult volunteer who will guide and motivate them on an ongoing basis.

“We were very happy to have so many fine young people on our campus to learn about the opportunities for higher education,” said Dr. Gene Prough, President of Chipola College. “I am proud of all the students and faculty who helped make this day a great success.”

Chipola is a valued DCF “Partner for Promise.” Since January 2012, the “Partners for Promise” initiative has recognized more than 2,000 businesses that donate their time, talent and resources to enrich the lives of people in the communities. For more information, visit www.flpartnersforpromise.com.
Chipola’s Literature Language winners

Some 132 students from 12 area high schools competed in writing, reading, speech, oral interpretation, literature, humanities, grammar, and spanish contests at Chipola College on Feb. 15.

The occasion was the Twenty-third Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival hosted by Chipola’s Letters Department. The purpose of the festival is to recognize and encourage academic excellence.

Prizes were awarded to first, second and third places, as well as two honorable mentions, in each category. The winner of the President’s Reading Contest received a special medallion as well as a cash award.

Contest winners from participating schools are listed below.

President’s Reading Award—Faith Plazarin of Blountstown High School.


Humanities: first—Shawn Stumpff of Vernon High School; second—Ryan Rogers of Sneads High School; third—Madelynn Lytle of Altha High School; honorable mentions—Danielle Fender of Graceville High School and Jerrdy Perry of Vernon High School.


Spanish Language Contest: first—Angel Huyke of Marianna High School; second—Araceli Galvan of Chipley High School; third—Mary Pintado of Sneads High School; honorable mentions—Andy Faria of Sneads High School and Milli Beall of Bethlehem High School.

Marianna High School students (right) were some of the 132 students from 12 area high schools who recently competed in Chipola College’s Twenty-third Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival.

Faith Plazarin of Blountstown (right) accepts the President’s Reading Award from Geraldine DeFelix, English Professor.

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Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

26-Feb Annie O’Pry
27-Feb Carol Saunders
28-Feb Sarah Gambill
2-Mar Dennis Everett
2-Mar Joc Calloway

REP ON CAMPUS. Recruiter from FSU PC will be in the cafeteria Monday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to noon to speak with students.

STUDENT EMAIL. All Chipola students are asked to check their Chipola Student Email on a regular basis. This is the primary method for transmitting and delivering official college correspondence. Visit: www.chipola.edu/StudentEmail

LUNCH and LEARN. Chipola’s Continuing Education department has partnered with First Commerce Credit Union to provide a free lunch and learn seminar about identity theft for Chipola employees on Thursday, Feb. 28 at Noon in the CE Conference Room.. Please RSVP to hatchera@chipola.edu if you are planning to attend.

$$$$ Deadline to have Financial Aid files complete for Summer I and Summer II is April 24. Deadline for completion for Fall is July 24.