State JUCO Basketball Tourney begins March 3

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 2-5 in Chipola College’s Milton H. 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, and incidental expenses.

Women’s action begins Wednesday, March 2, at 1 p.m., as Indian River takes on Central Florida. At 3 p.m., Pensacola meets Daytona. The 6 p.m. game features Northwest and St. Petersburg. Santa Fe and Miami Dade play in the 8 p.m. nightcap on Wednesday. The men’s tournament tips off Thursday, March 3, at 1 p.m. as Central Florida takes on Polk. Chipola faces St. Petersburg in the 6 p.m. game. Palm Beach and Daytona meet in the 8 p.m. nightcap on Thursday.

Men’s and women’s semi-finals are set for Friday, March 4, 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 5, 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 promote the tournament. The Florida Lottery is also a major sponsor 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

Register now for Term “C” classes

Registration for Spring Term ‘C’ classes at Chipola College is Wednesday, March 2, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Term C classes meet March 3 through May 2. Late registration is Thursday, March 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Term C courses include: (AMH 2010) American History to 1865 (online); (BSC 1005) Introduction to Biological Sciences, 1:00-2:50, MWR; (ENC 0004) College Prep Writing, 9:00-12:50, MW; (ENC 1102) Comm Skills II (online); (FFP 2740) Fire Science Course Delivery, March 3-17, 5-10 p.m., MTWR; (GEA 2002) World Geography II (online); (HUM 2233) Humanities w/Writing (online); (NUR 2960M) Nursing Review I (modified online); (REA 1205) Advanced Reading 1-5 p.m., F; (SLS 1101) Orientation, (online); (STA 2023) Intro to Statistics, 12:00-1:50, MWR.

Chipola’s open-door policy guarantees acceptance to any student with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent. Prospective students should complete a college application which is available in the Office of Admissions, or online at www.chipola.edu. Students also must provide an official high school and college transcript. Students should visit an academic advisor in the Student Services building to register.

Chipola has expanded its offerings to include more than 40 individual programs, including BS, AA, AS, AAS, Workforce Certificates and Continuing Education programs.

For information about enrolling at Chipola, call the Admission and Records office at 850-718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect." — Mark Twain
Chipola Indians win conference title

The Chipola Indians captured the Panhandle Conference title and will play St. Petersburg in the first round of the State JUCO Tournament, Thursday, March 3, at 6 p.m., in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Chipola finished the regular season with a 64-56 loss to Tallahassee on Feb. 19. Keith Dewitt led Chipola in the loss with 21 points and 8 rebounds. Geron Johnson had 11 points. Elijah Pittman had 11 points and 4 rebounds.


Chipola’s men (23-5, 9-3) are first in the FCCAA State Poll. Tallahassee (28-8, 8-4) is fifth in the poll and will face Polk in the first round of the state tournament, Thursday, March 3, at 3 p.m. Palm Beach (25-5) is second in the poll. Central Florida is (24-6) third. Northwest Florida (22-6, 7-5) is fourth.

The Lady Indians finished the 2011 season with a 76-45 win over Tallahassee on Feb. 19. Cayla Walker led Chipola with 18 points and 3 rebounds. Jasmine Shaw had 17 points and 3 rebounds.

Pensacola (29-0, 12-0) is the Panhandle Conference champion and ranked first in the FC-CAA State Women’s Poll. Pensacola and Northwest (22-6, 7-5) will represent the Panhandle in the Women’s State Tournament. Chipola (19-11, 5-7) finished third in the state poll with Gulf Coast is (15-11, 4-8) at sixth. TCC is (13-12, 2-10) is tenth.

Chipola will host the FCCAA Men’s and Women’s State Tournament, March 2-5, in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. For scores and stats, visit www.chipola.edu or call 718-2CJC.

Chipola players and coach named All Conference

Six Chipola basketball players have earned All-Panhandle Conference honors for the 2010-11 regular season. Chipola also boasts the men’s coach of the year.

Four Chipola players were named on the First Team All-Conference list: Marcos Knight, Keith Dewitt, Sam Grooms and Geron Johnson.

Two Indians were named Second Team All-Conference: Shamarr Bowden and Elijah Pittman.

Chipola men’s coach Jake Headrick was named Panhandle Conference Coach of the Year after his Indians captured the Conference Championship. The Indians will defend their state title in a first round tournament game with St. Petersburg, Thursday, March 3, at 6 p.m., in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Six Chipola Lady Indians garnered All-Conference Honors. Chipola’s Jasmine Shaw was named First Team All-Conference and was one of four All-State selections.

Second Team All-Conference picks from Chipola are Carleeda Green, Jeniece Johnson, Brieona Warner and Ance Celmina. Sara Djassi was an Honorable Mention pick on the All Conference team.

The Lady Indians ended the season ranked third in the FC-CAA state poll, and third in the Panhandle Conference race.

Chipola Women’s All Conference Team picks are, from left: (top) Jasmine Shaw, Carleeda Green, Jeniece Johnson (bottom) Brieona Warner, Ance Celmina, Sara Djassi.

Chipola Men’s All Conference Team picks are, from left: (top) Marcos Knight, Keith Dewitt, Sam Grooms (bottom) Geron Johnson, Shamarr Bowden, Elijah Pittman.
Homecoming Court 2011

Alexa Sanchez was crowned Chipola College’s 2011 Homecoming Queen and Cody Hughes was crowned Mr. Chipola at the homecoming game on Feb. 19. Members of the court are, from left: Rachel Pelt of Sneads, Zach Gilmore of Marianna, Shonyae Clark of Campbellton, Daunta Bell of Marianna, Alexa Sanchez of Marianna, Cody Hughes of Malone, 2010 Queen Sylvia Garrett of Greenwood, Piper Williams of Bonifay, Austin Pettis of Vernon, Marcus Gowan of Telogia and Stephanie Calix of Chipley.

Tickets on sale for Chipola’s “Little Shop of Horrors”

Tickets are now on sale for the Chipola College production of the Off-Broadway musical, “Little Shop of Horrors.”

The show opens a five-day run, March 9, with shows nightly at 7 p.m. and a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Some material in the show is best suited to adult audiences.

Music in the Off-Broadway show was written and composed by the talented team of Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. The Menken/Ashman duo also wrote tunes for the Disney versions of “The Little Mermaid,” “Beauty and the Beast” and “Alladin.” Menken is nominated for an Oscar for his work in the current Disney animated hit, “Tangled.”

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon selected a cast of 30, including the following roles: Meghan Gilliland as Ronnette, Deanna Harrison as Chiffon, Kayla Todd as Crystal, Griffin Smith as Mushnik, Dianna Glaze as Audrey, Trey McKay as Seymour, Chris Holloway as Orin, D.R. Forrester as Audrey II (manipulation), Caleb Lovely as Audrey II (voice) and Piper Williams as Interviewer.

The Skid Row Ensemble includes Alex Parish, Allison Bunge, Ashleigh Stowe, Austin Pettis, Tabitha Shumaker, Matthew Van Buren, Joshua Tetlow, Pipper Williams, Blake Collins, Ryan Pilcher, Clint Touchton, Elizabeth Mathis, Austin Brockner, Lee Shook, Joy Wallace, Alexis Perry, Allie Brockner, Sierra Hill, Olivia Corbin, Keith Watford and Seth Basford.

Austin Pettis is Stage Manager and Alex Anderson is Assistant Stage Manager. Chris Manasco is directing the choreography for the show.

“Little Shop of Horrors” centers on flower-shop employee Seymour who discovers an exotic plant species at a flea market and brings it back to Mushnik’s Skid Row Florist, where the mysterious plant draws in curiosity seekers and customers. Mushnik is thrilled with the new business, but soon, Seymour learns the plant has an unusual appetite that must be satisfied. The plant, named “Audrey 2,” having developed a mind and a rhythm-and-blues singing voice of its own, demands that Seymour fulfill its cravings, promising wealth and fame in exchange.

The stage show was re-made as a popular film starring Steve Martin as the sadistic dentist.

For ticket information, call 718-2204.

Chipola hosts FBLA district awards ceremony

Chipola College hosted the 2011 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) District II Awards ceremony, Feb. 17, in the college Arts Center.

Chipola executive vice president Dr. Sarah Clemmons welcomed the group of middle and high school students from 11 area schools along with their advisers and parents. District 2 FBLA advisers are Melissa Baxley and Patricia Bearden.

The Chipola Theatre department entertained the crowd with scenes and songs from the upcoming musical “Little Shop of Horrors.” Following the entertainment, district officer candidates presented campaign speeches and elections were held.

Awards were then presented in over 50 competitive and skills events from the areas of technology, public speaking, business, finance and management. First place winners in the various events qualify to compete in the state FBLA Leadership Conference in Orlando in April.

FBLA-PBL is an organization dedicated to helping business students prepare for their future careers. Middle and high school FBLA students build portfolios of documented accomplishments to complement academic experience and also participate in business and leadership programs to enhance leadership skills.
Rich is FCCAA Softball Player of the Week

Chipola sophomore Samantha Rich of Wewahitchka, FL, is this week’s FCCAA Softball Player of the Week. Rich—a freshman outfielder—batted .786 (11-for-14) with two home runs and five RBI’s in five games at the Aiken Tech Tournament, Feb. 18-19.

She hit safely in all five games and collected at least two hits in each outing. On day one, she was 6-for-8, which included a home run and three RBI’s against Florence-Darlington Tech. On day two, she was 5-for-6 and scored three runs in wins over Middle Georgia and Walters State.

The Lady Indian Softball Team traveled to Aiken, South Carolina, last weekend, to participate in the Aiken Tech Classic Fastpitch Tournament. Chipola played three games on Friday. Chipola mercy ruled the first three games (winning by 8 runs after 5 innings) of the first day. Then on the Championship day, Chipola beat Middle Georgia 8-0 (mercy rule again), then met Walters State in the Championship Game. Walters State is a national contender and that made the championship game a shoot out between former National Champions. Chipola The Lady Indians (15-6) are the fourth-ranked team in the FCCAA State poll. Chipola is on the road this week, but the team returns home March 2, for games with Lake Michigan at 2 and 4 p.m.

Chipola’s Literature Language winners

Some 130 students from 13 area high schools competed in the Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival hosted by Chipola’s Letters Department.

Contest winners from participating schools are listed below.

President’s Reading Award—Harlea Perdue of Blountstown High.

Writing: first—Cheyenne Griffin of Liberty County High; second—David Leonard of Blountstown High; third—Jessica Bean of Holmes County School; honorable mentions—Paul Kelson of Marianna High and Katelynn Ballard of Altha School.

Speech: first—Addison McIntosh of Poplar Springs High; second—Johnney Parrish of Cottondale High; third—Karissa Flowers of Blountstown High; honorable mentions—Shelby Calloway of Malone High and Tatum Skipper of Malone High.

Oral Interpretation: first—Darien Pollock of Cottondale High; second—Leah Page of Chipley High; third—Ian Griffin of Sneads High; honorable mentions—Trent Wise of Blountstown High and Allie Brockner of Marianna High.

Literature: first—Paul Kelson of Marianna High; second—Kimi Wiltse of Altha High; third—Brandon Alford of Blountstown High; honorable mentions—Keion Woulard of Graceville High and Timothy Rainey of Bethlehem High.

Humanities: first—Ian Griffin of Sneads High; second—Anne Marie Nichols of Graceville High; third—Matt McGraw of Blountstown High; honorable mentions—Zach Yarbrough of Vernon High and DeAnna Grimes of Blountstown High.

Grammar: first—Harlea Perdue of Blountstown High; second—David Leonard of Blountstown High; third—Ellie Boeckman of Sneads High; honorable mentions—Cheyenne Raines of Marianna High and Ford Leavins of Bethlehem High.


UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH
15 McLendon Ed Trust Scholarship
Summer I 2011 Appl Deadline
15 District Board of Trustees
16 Night Student Social
17 Music and Theatre Scholarship Auditions for 2011-2012
19 CAAP Exam for All AA Spring Graduates

THIS WEEK

“Chipola This Week” is a weekly publication of the Chipola PR Office.

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, March 2.

Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
28-Feb Sarah Gambill
1-Mar Monroe Rhynes
1-Mar Bud Riviere
2-Mar Dennis Everett
3-Mar Joc Calloway

LIBRARY HOURS.
Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

TECH CENTER HOURS.
Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Closed Friday

ACE HOURS.
Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday 8 - 2 p.m.

$$$$ Deadline for Summer I and Summer II is April 27, 2011 you must have a completed file in the financial aid office by this date.

$$$$ Deadline to have financial aid files complete for the Fall 2011 is August 3, 2011.