Bautista to headline Chipola baseball alumni event

Major League Baseball’s back-to-back Homerun leader Jose Bautista will return to his alma mater on Feb. 11 for Chipola College’s Baseball Alumni event.

Chipola coach Jeff Johnson says, “It’s great to have Jose and so many other great players to come back for this event. A lot of them have gone on to be successful in baseball and in other careers. They all have a lot of pride in Chipola and it means a lot for them to come in here and help us raise a little money for our program.” The Alumni Baseball weekend events begin Friday, Feb. 10, with a game between Chipola and Walters State at 11 a.m. Chipola plays San Jacinto at 2 p.m. A Golf Outing for Chipola Baseball Alumni and friends tees off at 2 p.m. at Indian Springs Golf Course. An Alumni Social will be held at Beef O’Brady’s from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday, Feb. 11, events begin at 11 a.m. with Chipola vs. Walters State. An Alumni Home Run Derby begins at 1 p.m. Fans will have a chance to meet the players and get autographs. A $100 a plate Pro Baseball Dinner and Auction is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Trammell Camp in Blountstown.

The following Chipola alumni have confirmed their attendance: Jose Bautista—Toronto Blue Jays, Tyler Flowers—Chicago White Sox, Adam Loewen—New York Mets, Mat Gamel—Milwaukee Brewers and honorary Chipola alumnus Jeff Mathis—Toronto Blue Jays. Several other former players are expected to attend.

For information, contact assistant coach Mike Bradford at 850-718-2243 or email bradfordm@chipola.edu

Chipola to present “Godspell”

Chipola College Theatre will present the hit musical “Godspell,” Feb. 29, Mar. 1-4. Tickets go on sale Feb. 15 in the business office. Here, the cast rehearses for the Tony-nominated show filled with popular hits “Day By Day,” “Learn Your Lessons Well” and “Turn Back, O Man.” The timeless tale of friendship, loyalty and love has touched the hearts of countless theatergoers all over the world with the greatest story ever told.

For ticket information, call 718-2220.

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Chipola hosts Pensacola in league matchups

Chipola hosts Pensacola in a pair of games Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men’s game at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Indians improved to 3-3 in league play and 16-7 overall with a big 57-56 win over Northwest Florida State on Jan. 28. Jena Brazzle led Chipola with 15. Jeleah Sidney scored 13. Jenice Johnson had 12 points and 12 rebounds. The Lady Indians were up 33-18 at the half. Northwest rallied in the second half, but Chipola never relinquished the lead. Chipola was five of 15 from the three point line.

Chipola beat Tallahassee 56-50 on Jan. 24 on the heels of a 72-63 loss to Gulf Coast on Jan. 21. Johnson led Chipola with 17 points and seven rebounds. Sara Dijassi had 15 points.

As of Feb. 2, the women’s conference standings are: Pensacola (5-1), Gulf Coast (5-2), Chipola (3-3), Northwest (3-4) and Tallahassee (0-6). In the Jan. 31 FCSAA women’s poll, Pensacola is first. Gulf Coast is second. Northwest is third. Chipola is fifth and Tallahassee is ninth.

The top three women’s teams in the Panhandle Conference earn a berth to the state tournament, March 7-10, at Chipola. The Indians fell to 2-4 in conference play and 18-5 overall with a 63-55 loss to Northwest Florida State on Jan. 28. Chipola led at the half shooting 65 percent from the floor, but shot only 25 percent in the second half. Chipola was led by Aishon White with 11 points. Mohammad Lee had 9 points. Trantell Knight had 8, and Marianna freshman Kruize Pinkins had 7.

Chipola beat Tallahassee 58-43 for the second time this season on Jan. 24. The Indians are still in contention for a state tournament berth with one round left in league play. The top two men’s teams in the Panhandle Conference earn a berth to the state tournament, March 7-10.

Head coach Headrick says, “The Pensacola game is huge. And then we go to Gulf Coast. The bottom line is we’ve got to win these next two to put us in decent shape going into the last round. If we do that, we’re going to have a chance to make the state tournament.”

The Indians have been without the services of leading scorer Joseph Uchebo who has been out with a knee injury, but may return for the Pensacola game.

As of Feb. 2, the Panhandle Conference men’s standings are: Northwest (6-1), Pensacola (4-2), Gulf Coast (3-4), Chipola (2-4) and Tallahassee (1-5).

In the Jan. 31 FCSAA poll, Chipola’s men were ranked ninth. Northwest is first. Pensacola is second. Gulf Coast is eighth.

For the latest scores visit www.chipola.edu or by call 718-2CJC.

Music students attend winter symposium

Chipola College music majors recently attended the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) winter symposium at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Chipola students who attended the conference were: Garrett Bolund, Trey Holmes, Daniel Kern, Cecil Mathis, Lizzy Mathis, Ryan Pilcher and Joseph Raley.

Daniel Kern, pianist, received an honorable mention at the Student Artists Competition with participants throughout the state of Florida. Voice major Lizzy Mathis was also competitively chosen as a feature soloist in the 115 member chorus during their final performance.

The Chipola students who attended interacted with students from state colleges throughout Florida and had the opportunity to work directly with the faculty at Florida Atlantic University.

Dr. Daniel Powell, Chipola’s Associate Dean of Fine and Performing Arts, says, “Our students’ showing at the symposium is a testament to the fine music and arts programs we offer at Chipola.”
Firearms course set at Chipola

Chipola College will hold an 8-hour Firearms (Semi-Automatic) Familiarization course, Saturday, Feb. 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Reddoch Firing Range on the Blue Springs Highway.

The course will involve classroom time, coupled with extensive gun handling and live fire shooting. Successful completion of the course may be used in applying for a Concealed Weapons Permit. Application packets for the permit will be furnished upon request.

Registration and payment of the $100 fee must be completed in advance. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required for a refund. Class size is limited. Students must be at least 18 years of age. Use of a weapon and ammunition are included in the cost of the course. No vending machines are available at the range so participants are asked to bring lunch.

For information, call Doris Williams at (850) 718-2394 or e-mail williamsd@chipola.edu.

Throssell Literature/Language Festival set at Chipola

Chipola College will host the Twenty-second Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival on Friday, Feb. 17.

Currently enrolled juniors or seniors from high schools in the Chipola District will compete in writing, speech, oral interpretation, humanities, grammar/mechanics/usage, literature, reading and Spanish competitions. Festival coordinator Rachel West says, “Recognition will be given to first, second, and third places and two honorable mentions in each competition. A monetary award will be given to the first place winner of the President’s Reading contest.”

The festival will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude with the awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Lunch, compliments of the college, will be provided to the contestants and their sponsors. Participants also will see a preview of the upcoming Chipola musical Godspell.

Dr. Sarah Clemmons says, “We are looking forward to hosting our twenty-second festival. It is always a pleasure to have area high school students on our campus for a day of academic competition.”

Marketing seminar set at Chipola


Participants will learn to choose the best methods for marketing a business, target a market audience, create a free web site quickly and easily, discover which social media avenues are the best, and learn to optimize internet presence.

The seminar will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building.

Pre-registration is required. Cost is $30. Students should contact Elissa Seversone at 718-2441 to register, or sign up in person in Building M, Office 208A.

“Marketing Series Part 2: Marketing on the Internet and Using Social Media” is Feb. 24. Participants will discover the power of having a social media strategy and learn to implement new marketing techniques, unlock the secrets of the top social media sites and establish online presence. Additional seminars scheduled, include: March 9, “International Import/Export Trade Basics”; April 6, “Steps to Starting a Small Business”; and April 13, “Ultimate Business Plan.”

Register at http://clients.floridasbdc.org/center.aspx?center=41230&subloc=4 or email seversone@chipola.edu.

Theater students tour new Center for the Arts

Students and alumni from Chipola College theater director Charles Sirmon’s Introduction to Theater class recently toured the new Chipola Center for the Arts. The Center will open in the Fall with a grand opening gala set for September.
Chipola Homecoming set for week of February 20-25

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming the week of February 20 - 25, 2012. The Indians will host the Gulf Coast Commodores on Saturday, Feb. 25 and this year’s theme is “Fear the Spear”.

Candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the Cafeteria. Voting for the candidates will take place on Feb. 15 in the Cafeteria from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., in the Student Activities Office (K-105) from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and in the lobby of Building Z from 5 - 6 p.m. You must be a currently enrolled student to vote.

Voting will continue on Feb. 16 in the Student Activities Office (K-105) until noon.

Chipola’s 2012 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned at halftime of the men’s basketball game on February 25.

More about Homecoming will be issued at a later time.

Chipola offers free tax preparation

Chipola College business professor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and free electronic filing.

The free service—for individual tax returns only—is available from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 25 in room M-201. Reservations or appointment times are requested. Those who drop in may have a longer wait.

Preparation time is usually around 30 minutes.

Professor Shook says, “If it is a very complicated return, we ask that you continue to use your paid professional, but if it is a fairly simple return we can help. We will do Schedule A, itemized deductions.”

For faster refunds, taxpayers are asked to bring a personal check which has routing information needed for electronic refunds.

To make an appointment for free tax assistance, call Lee Shook at (850) 718-2368.

Former DOT secretary discusses Lincoln at Chipola

Ben Watts, former Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, delivered a presentation on Abraham Lincoln, at Chipola College on Jan. 26. Pictured from left, are Chipola Social Science professor Melissa Cauley; Ben Watts, his wife Gardis Watts, and her sister, Gail Hartzog, Chipola’s Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness.

Ashmore is top Chipola employee

Joy Ree (Georgia) Ashmore has been selected to receive the Chipola College Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional Award of the month for February. Ashmore has served as an Assistant Professor in Mathematics since 2005. Here, Ashmore (left) is congratulated by Dr. Rose Cavin, Associate Dean of Mathematics and Natural Science.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

13 Last Day to Withdraw from a Class for Spring B
17 Literature / Language Festival
17 Last Day for Vertical Transfer for Spring A
20 Last Day to Resign All Classes for Spring B

“Chipola This Week” is a weekly publication of the Chipola Public Relations Office.
Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, February 1. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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9-Feb  Jayne Roberts
10-Feb  Julie Fugua
10-Feb  Shanda O’Bryan
11-Feb  Margie Williams
12-Feb  Karen Liptford

FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Expected disbursement for financial aid checks (pell and bright futures) is February 10, 2012.
Deadline to have financial aid files complete to use for Summer I and II Registration is April 23, 2012.

CONGRATS. Congratulations to Chipola College and the AFC Chapter for collecting $2,255 for United Way. Your gifts stay in the area to help people in your community. United Way organizations help all kinds of people from the very young to those facing end-of-life issues.
Employees who gave $25 or more received a free Flash Drive.
Thank you for your generosity.
Bryan Craven, United Way Helper

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

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