Chipola to host Pensacola Tuesday in final home game

Chipola hosts Pensacola Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the final home games of the regular season. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men at 7:30 p.m.

The second-ranked Indians (24-3, 7-3) 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. Cimmeon Bowers had 12.

Chipola’s six-game winning streak ended with a 64-62 squeaker at Northwest Florida on Feb. 13.

Northwest (9-1) leads the Panhandle race and has clinched a spot in the state tournament. Chipola (7-3) is second and one game away from clinching a spot. Pensacola (4-5) is third. Gulf Coast is (4-6). Tallahassee is (0-9). The top two men’s teams advance to the state tournament.

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. Cimmeon Bowers scored 12. Mistor Thomas added 11. The Indians were up 47-31 at the half and never looked back.

First year Chipola coach Patrick Blake, says, “At this point in the season, it’s about trying to keep on improving every game. I still feel like we’ve got to get a lot better defensively and get more stops to take that next step and play a complete game.”


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Career Resource Center now open

Chipola College officials and officers from the Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board (CRWDB) marked the opening of a new Career Resource Center at the college on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Pictured from left, are: Dr. Jayne Roberts, Chipola vice president of Student Affairs; Dr. Gene Prough, Chipola College president; Lisa Hamilton, Success Coach in the Career Resource Center; Dr. Jason Hurst, Chipola Vice President of Baccalaureate and Occupational Education; Richard Williams, CRWDB Executive Director; and Raymond Russell, CRWDB Chair.

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- Last Day to Resign All Classes for Spring Term B
- Student Government Association – 2 p.m., Z116
- CEA – 2:30 p.m., TBA

19 TUESDAY
- Executive Council – 9 a.m., A192
- Student Ambassadors – 1 p.m., A156
- CC BASKETBALL VS. PENSACOLA – Women 5:30 p.m., Men 7:30 p.m., R
- District Board of Trustees – 7 p.m., Bldg Y

20 WEDNESDAY
- Black Student Union – 10 a.m., C104
- Spanish Club – 2:15 p.m., Z113

21 THURSDAY
- Music and Theatre Scholarship Auditions for 2013-14
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22 FRIDAY
- Deans Meeting – 9 a.m., A192

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- FCA Chapel Service – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
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The Lady Indians lost an overtime heart-breaker at Northwest Florida State 74-73. 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.

The Lady Indians (22-4, 7-3) have clinched a berth in the state tournament along with Northwest and Gulf Coast. With two games remaining—Chipola, Northwest and Gulf Coast—are knotted at 7-3, tied for first place in the league. Tallahassee (3-6) and Pensacola (0-9) are out of contention for the tournament.


Both teams finish out the regular season Feb. 23 at Gulf Coast.

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.

Homecoming 2013 is a success

CHIPOLA HOMECOMING COURT — Sharlyn Smith of Altha and Jaren Bannerman of Marianna were crowned Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola at the Chipola College Homecoming game on Feb. 9. Pictured from left, are: (front) freshman Brantlee Kirkland of Ashford, AL, freshman Micah Ruiz of Bascom, freshman Mallory Mock of Marianna, Trevor Mayo of Marianna, 2013 Homecoming Queen sophomore Sharlyn Smith of Altha, 2012 Mr. Chipola Daunta Bell of Marianna, 2013 Mr. Chipola Jaren Bannerman of Marianna, sophomore Dalton Hendrix of Marianna, sophomore Karlee Floyd of Malone, sophomore Joshua Jeffrey of Orlando and sophomore Kaylee Toole of Marianna.

TALENT SHOW AND BUILDING DECORATING CONTEST — The SGA Homecoming Talent Show was held on Feb. 6. The cash winners were First Place – Anna Williams, Second Place – Melanie Henderson, and Third Place – Alex Layton, Chris Gilmore, Anna Williams, Allan Holbert and Tracy McCracken. Other students participating in the competition were Amanda Locke, Garion Grant, Daniel Jackson, Eddie Rory, Joshua Jeffery, and Torey Griffin.

The Homecoming Building Decoration Contest was also very competitive this year. The winners were First Place – Math & Science Building, decorated by the Science Club; Second Place – Business Building, decorated by Phi Beta Lambda; and Third Place – ACE Lab, decorated by Honors/Pre-Med Society.

Thanks to all the students who participated in making Homecoming 2013 a huge success!

Nancy Johnson
Student Activities Director

Throssell Literature Language Festival set at Chipola

Chipola College will host the Twenty-third Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival on Friday, Feb. 15.

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 Dr. 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 Hairspray.

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

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.
Career Resource Center opens at Chipola

Chipola College officials and officers from the Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board marked the opening of a new Career Resource Center at the college on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The Career Resource Center, located in the college’s Workforce Development building, is a partnership between the Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board and the college.

Success Coach Lisa Hamilton will staff the center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to work directly with Chipola students. Her number is 718-2352.

Services will focus on helping students understand the skills and training sought by employers. Some of the services available will include: Job Search, Resume Assistance, Interview Preparation and Interest Surveys. The center also will provide labor market information about demand occupations, projected job openings, and projected pay for various occupations.

Raymond Russell, CRWDB Chair, says, “The center will provide students a better way to connect with employers needing the particular skills they have gained at Chipola. This partnership is just another example of the strong connection between education and work. Chipola students have a strong foundation and we know our employers want quality people who can help make their companies even stronger.”

Richard Williams, CRWDB Executive Director, says, “This partnership will provide students with access to a statewide placement system that also has a focus on local employers and local jobs. Not only will we be able to help students obtain employment, we will also help them better understand the real job market and the skills, certifications and degrees employers are looking for in our region and across the state.

Dr. Jason Hurst, Chipola Vice President of Baccalaureate and Occupational Education, says, “We are excited about the opportunities this new Career Center will provide for our students. The Center will also serve as an excellent resource to help our instructors align their curriculum with the needs of employers.”

DCF partners to host Chipola Champs Camp for local children

The Department of Children and Families, Big Bend Community Based Care and Anchorage Children’s Home are partnering with Chipola College to host the first “Chipola Champs Camp” for 18 children, ages 11-17, from Leon, Bay, Gadsden, Jackson and Holmes counties on Feb. 19 and 20.

Last year, DCF and their partners across the state held more than a dozen Camps for Champions for 1,000 children in foster care. These camps provided mentoring, team-building and leadership activities. Several camps focused on athletics, but others offered art classes, technology and more. All of the camps helped the youth share a special experience, build self-esteem and character and strengthen life skills.

The two-day Chipola Champs Camp will give youth in foster care and children receiving services in their own homes an opportunity to experience a college environment while participating in fun and educational arts, athletics and academic activities. The camp will allow the youth to learn more about themselves and their future career interests through leadership, professional and growth activities, hands-on learning activities focused on science, technology and vocational skills, and mentoring sessions.

During the men’s basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 19, the campers will be called to the court at halftime to be recognized, and lucky campers will compete in a shoot-out contest to win a big prize. On Wednesday, the youth will be participating in various learning activities, and attending a special musical performance arranged exclusively for these youth by the theatre department. Champs Camp will conclude Wednesday afternoon with a session to guide the youth to a clear pathway to post-secondary education led by Christen Bennett. DCF will also announce a new local mentoring program for the youth.

Media are invited to attend the following events on the Chipola campus: Tuesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. CST: Recognition of first ever “Chipola Champs Camp” at halftime during men’s basketball game; Wednesday, Feb. 20: 9 a.m.-10 a.m.: Weird Science activity with the Chipola Science Club, Dr. David Hilton and Dr. Jeff Bodart; 10 a.m.-11 a.m. CST: Technology classroom activity with the Chipola Future Educators Club, Dr. Lou Cleveland; 3 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Pathway to Post-secondary Education: “College is for me” session with Christen Bennett.

 Chipola to offer Law Enforcement Academy

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy beginning March 13.

The program will meet weeknights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is 770 clock hours in length.

Candidates for the program must be at least 19 years of age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT). Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial Assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

The Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) is offered at the Public Service Building on Chipola Campus every Tuesday at 12:30. Cost of the test is $45.

For information, call Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.
Brannon wins at cosmetology competition

Tymetra Brannon recently won 3rd Place in the Regional SkillsUSA Cosmetology Competition held at Pensacola State College. The award was based on her ability to answer a 50 question test, complete a long-hair design and to duplicate a cut and style on a manikin from a photograph. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives, working together to ensure America has a skilled work force.

Hairspray tickets on sale Feb. 27

Chipola College Theatre is in rehearsal for the hit musical “Hairspray” which opens March 13. Pictured are Meredith Saunders (left) of Chipley as Penny Pingleton and Odra Chapman of Gretnaville as Tracy Turnblad. Tickets go on sale Feb. 27, and will be available online with box office hours to be announced. For more information contact Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre sirmonc@chipola.edu 850-718-2277.

Hairspray in the air at CRAA meeting

Chipola Theatre will present highlights from the upcoming musical “Hairspray” at the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) meeting Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Jim’s Buffet in Marianna.

The public is invited to attend the Dutch-treat buffet luncheon which begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program at noon.

During the program, there will be a drawing for free tickets to this historically sold out musical series which opens March 13.

CRAA recently awarded mini-grants to district teachers. Last year, half of the grant applications were not funded, but many supporters stepped forward and contributed to the program and all of this year’s applications were funded.

CRAA is now seeking talented music, art, and theatre students from Washington County to apply for their rotating scholarship program.

The Partner in the Arts campaign has just been launched to support next year’s CRAA programs. Contributors to this campaign not only have the opportunity to help support the arts in the community, but are also recognized on the Artist Series programs with sold out performances at the new Center for the Arts.

For information on the CRAA meeting, contact Daniel Powell at powelld@chipola.edu or (850) 718-2257.