Chipola opens Home Conference Season on Tuesday, Jan. 11

Chipola hosts Pensacola, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 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. Pensacola is first in the state and national women’s polls.

Both Chipola hoops squads opened the conference season with wins at Gulf Coast on Jan. 8.

The Lady Indians 64-59 win over the Lady Commodores marked the first time that Chipola coach David Lane’s Lady Indians had won a game in Panama City. Carleeda Green led the Lady Indians with 17 points. Jeniece Johnson scored 12. Brieona Warner had 11.

Coach Lane said, “It was just a good, hard-fought game. Chipola lead 36-26 at half. It was just a good win.” The Lady Indians improve to 15-4 and 1-0 in conference play.


Panhandle Conference teams occupy the top five spots in the latest FCCAA Women’s State Poll. Pensacola leads the poll. Northwest is second, followed by Gulf Coast in third. Tallahassee is fourth, followed by Chipola in fifth.

The Indians narrowly defeated Gulf Coast, 68-64, on Saturday. Chipola improved to 15-2 and 1-0 in league play. Marcos Knight lead Chipola with 22. Chipola lead 38-31 at the half and by as many as 12 late in the game.

The Indians opened the 2011 campaign with a 104-77 win over Covenant Christian in Marietta, GA. The Indians outlasted the Beef O’Brady’s Basketball Club 94-92 in an overtime thriller in Panama City at the Gulf Coast Holiday Classic on Dec. 30.

The Indians’ only losses of the season came at the hands of Monroe College, 72-61 on Nov. 20, and St. Pete, 104-83 on Dec. 12. In the first FCCAA State Poll of 2011, Chipola is ranked fourth.

Northwest is first. Tallahassee is seventh and Pensacola is tenth. Chipola travels to Northwest Florida, Jan. 15 before returning home to host Tallahassee on Jan. 18.

Scores are available at www.chipola.edu or by calling 718-2227 or email sirmont@chipola.edu.

Chipola announces auditions for Little Shop of Horrors

The Chipola Theatre will hold auditions for “Little Shop of Horrors,” Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. and Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

The long-running Off-Broadway hit musical by the songwriting team of Alan Menken and Howard Ashman will run March 9-13, 2011, in the Chipola Theatre.

The story centers on Floral-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. Mr. 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 II,” 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.

Auditioners should be prepared to sing, dance and read lines from a script. Parts available include: Seymour, a tenor singing voice and a bit of a klutz; Audrey, a high and squeaky voice with a Brooklyn accent; Mr. Mushnik, a foreign accent who rants in Yiddish; Dentist Orin Scrivello, who speaks with a cool drawl and sings in spoken and yelled words; the Voice of Audrey 2, who sings in a powerful, deep R&B bass-baritone voice; and the trio of Chiffon, Ronnette and Crystal, ages 16-30, in extremely important singing and dancing roles.

In addition to the voice of Audrey II, a puppeteer is needed to manipulate three of the four Audrey II puppets.

For information, call 718-2227 or email sirmont@chipola.edu.
Chipola’s Fall Dean’s List announced

Dr. Sarah Clemons, vice president of Instructional and Student Services at Chipola College, commends the 249 students who made the Dean’s List for academic achievement during the Fall Semester 2010.

To be placed on the Dean’s List, a student must take 12 or more semester hours of courses and make an average of 3.25 (B+) to 4.0 (A) in all courses.

Students who made perfect averages of 4.0—straight A’s—and their hometowns are:

Alford—Dylan Paramore.
Altha—Emily Brooks, Brett Floyd, Ashton Lee.
Blountstown—Carla Daniels, Brandi Greene.
Bonifay—Nina Adams, Seanna Mattox, Mindy Myers, Anna Parmer, Alisha Tate.
Chipley—Mary Alderman, Joy Belser, Jonathan Bruner, Phillip Draayom, Micaela Goines, Adrianne Guettler, Kimberly Knight, Alyssa Munns, Charity Newsom, Jeffery Pitts, Caitlyn Prichard, Hillary Saunders.
Cottondale—Anthony Kadenzy, Meredith Ralls, Kimberly Sloan, Brooke Vickery.
Graceville—Ciara Jackson, Jessica O’Keefe.
Grand Ridge—April Holguin, Ashleigh Lollie, Caroline Peacock, Rachel Pelt.
Greenwood—Alicia Gambill, Benjamin Griffin.
Hosford—Hannah Moore.
Kinard—Amy McLeod.
Marianna—Mary Adams, Christine Andreasen, Travis Bontrager, Austin Brockner, Megan Daniels, Megan Gardner, Paul Gochenaur, Steffin Golden, Sarah Mathis, James McGrath, Dustin Miller, Patricia Milliser, Jay Phelps, Ashley Raines, Kristina Snelgrove.
Sneads—Jordan Coley, Daniel Williams.
Westville—Megan Dady, Austin Garrett, Ethan Thomas.
Out of District—Elise Kirk of Sunny Hills.

Students who earned grade point averages ranging from 3.25(B+) to 3.99 (A) and their hometowns are:

Alford—Christopher Brown, Tessa Jurgonski.
Altha—Mallory Basford, Rebecca Hambly, Shelbra Hires, Tory Lipford, Katrina Messer, Kathryn Nichols, Emily Redmond, Lacy Waldorff, Rebekah Wiltse.
Baxcom—Hallie Bowns, Wesley Stephens.
Blountstown—Ashley Adams, Virginia Baker, Jessica Collier, Carlos Hall, Candace Koonce, Mary McClellan, Joseph Phinney, Megan Shoemake, Cameron Smith, Jeffrey Stewart, Warren Tanner, Allison Wroblewski.
Bristol—Carmen Foran, Jacqueline Jackson, Judson Rankin.
Campbellton—Michael Adkins.
Caryville—Audreanna Green.
Clarksville—Maegan Davis, Max Herndon, Brittany Stephens.
Cypress—Robert Brown, Jr., Alayna Tharp.
Grand Ridge—Zachary Folks, Christopher Holloway, Katherine McClelland, Ryan Pilcher, Madison Wester, Ariel White, Jessica Harrell.
Greenwood—Sarah Beach, Jordan Neel, Pamela Williams.
Malone—Jordan Exum, Brandon Jackson, Michael McArthur, Jr., Marina Speros, Nikolas Speros, Christopher Williams.
Ponce de Leon—Dishaal Patel, Whitney Rushing, Braeden Skinner.
Sneads—Haley Bennett, Zachary Goodwin, Kimberley Johnson, Allison McDaniel, Travis Moore, Jonathan Owens, Alex Perry, Tyler Pickens, Courtney Rogers, Nathan Walden, Caitlin Wilson, Christopher Wilson.
Vernon—Danielle Adkinson, Haley Adkison, Tracy Scott.
Out of District—Sara Djassi of Amadora, PT, Lynnsey Prevatt of Ashford, Ala., William Glawson and Kayla Todd of Chattahoochee, Hannah Lovestrand and Rebecca Stewart of Crawfordville, Steven Ozbun and Scott Smith of Dothan, Ala., Jeverik Nelson of Jackson, Miss., Ashley Ellis of Noblesville, Ind., Lynnetta Boring of Panama City, Alexandre Lagarde of Pierrefonds, Quebec CN and Emily Streuakens of Tallahassee.

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Small Business Seminars set at Chipola

Chipola will offer two small business seminars on Jan. 21 with more scheduled in February and March.

Two seminars are slated for Friday, Jan. 21. A Webinar on “Understanding Income Statements” will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A local Certified Public Accountant will help participants learn to understand income statements and discover line by line what all those numbers mean and how to analyze them efficiently.

Also on Jan. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is a seminar entitled, “Marketing Series, Part 1: Introduction to 21st Century Marketing,” will be offered. Participants will learn the best methods for marketing a business and broaden and target market audience. Participants will also learn to easily create a free web site, discover which social media avenues are the best, and learn to optimize internet presence.

On Friday, Feb. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., a Webinar on “Understanding Balance Sheets” will be offered. Participants will discover how each line of a balance sheet comes from and how to verify and compare them in this course taught by a local Certified Public Accountant.

Also on Feb. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., “Marketing Series, Part 2: Marketing on the Internet and Using Social Media” will be offered. Participants will discover the power of having a social media strategy. Business owners also will learn to implement new marketing techniques, unlock the secrets of social media and establish an online presence.

On Friday, March 11, a Webinar entitled, “Are You Missing Tax Deductions?” will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Participants will learn which tax deduction areas are being missed due to lack of communication with the tax preparer? Existing business owners will determine if a change of entity can decrease their taxes.

Also on March 11, a seminar entitled, “Ultimate Business Plan,” will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants will learn to create an impressive business plan to ensure business success.

The workshops will meet in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building. Cost of each seminar is $30.


For information, contact Dr. Jim Froh at 718-2413 or email: frohj@chipola.edu.

Chipola Artist Series tickets on sale

The Freddy Cole Quartet in Concert, the third event in the Chipola College Artist Series, will be presented Feb. 7, 2011.

Individual event tickets - $12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under –go on sale Jan. 24 in the Chipola Business Office.

Freddy Cole, a Grammy nominee in his own right, makes no apology for sounding like his brother, Nat King Cole. And he stands shoulder to shoulder with today’s jazz greats. Warm, intimate, elegant come to mind with Freddy behind the piano and microphone. A master vocalist and pianist, Cole will captivate listeners with his warm presence, subtle jazz. He has been charming audiences in the States and abroad for over 40 years.

Freddy’s music education began at Chicago’s Roosevelt Institute, continued with degrees from the Juilliard School of Music in New York and the New England Conservatory of Music. He hit the thriving jazz scene of New York City learning the ropes from such influential mentors as drummer Sonny Greer. For information, visit www.freddycole.com.

The Manhattan Piano Trio closes the 2010-11 season, March 17, 2011. The Trio has become one of the most creative, exciting, and dynamic young ensembles in the United States. The group uses piano, violin and cello as their individual instruments of expression to present Classical, Romantic and Contemporary music.

For information, visit www.manhattanpianotrio.com.

Rhynes is Employee of the Month

Monroe Rhynes is Chipola College’s Career Employee for January. Rhynes has worked in the college Physical Plant since 2005. Here, Rhynes (right) is congratulated by Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.
Olympic softball players coming to Chipola

Area softball players will have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to work with three team USA Olympic medalists at the Chipola College Softball field, Jan. 22-23, 2011.

The Triple Threat team of Cat Osterman, Kelly Kretschman and Caitlin Lowe will provide a weekend of softball instruction focusing on pitching, offense and defense.

Pitcher Cat Osterman played at the University of Texas. She was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist, a two-time World Cup Champion and a two-time Pan American Gold Medalist. Osterman was a three-time USA Collegiate Player of the Year and a three-time NFCA First-Team All-American. She was the two-time ESPY Award winner as the Top Collegiate Female Athlete. Cat is the assistant softball coach at DePaul University in Chicago, and plays professionally for the Rockford Thunder.

Kelly Kretschman played outfield and infield at the University of Alabama. She was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist. She also was a Gold medalist at the Pan American Games and a member of the World Cup Championship team. The four-time NFCA All-American lives in Southern California and plays for the USSSA Pride.

Caitlin Lowe played outfield at the University of Arizona. She was an Olympic Silver Medalist and a Gold medalist at Pan American Games. A member of the two-time World Cup Championship team, she also was a four-time NFCA First-Team All-American. Caitlin now resides in Texas where she gives specialized lessons in out-fielding and slapping.

Chipola head coach Belinda Hendrix says, “This is a great opportunity for local players to learn from some of the best softball players in America.”

The two day Chipola camp will include six hours of instruction each day with lunch included. Registration fee is $200 by Dec. 18 and $250 after Dec. 18.

For information, call Hendrix at 718-2358 or 718-2359, or visit www.chipolaathletics.com.

Spring Registration Continues at Chipola

Spring semester classes at Chipola College began Jan. 7, but late registration will continue through noon on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Traditional courses as well as online and independent study courses are available. Three terms are offered in the Spring semester. Term A runs Jan. 7 through May 3. Term B runs Jan. 7 through March 2. Term C runs March 3 through May 2.

Chipola offers AA degrees, workforce programs and BS degrees. The Associate in Arts (AA) degree provides the first two years of college for students planning to transfer to a university or into one of Chipola’s Bachelor’s degree programs. Curriculum guides that outline requirements for specific majors are available on the college website at www.chipola.edu

The college also offers several bachelor’s degree including Mathematics and Science for middle or high school, Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education, Business Management and an RN to BSN program in nursing. The college also offers an Educator Preparation Institute which provides teacher certification for persons with a bachelor’s degree in a non-teaching major.

Chipola was recently approved to offer a BSN degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting and Management and a BS degree in English Education. The new degrees will begin in May.

Workforce programs include: Automotive Technology, Corrections, Computer Systems Technology, Cosmetology and Law Enforcement. Associate in Science (AS) programs include: Business Administration and Management, Computer Information Administration, Criminal Justice Technology, Culinary Management, Early Childhood Education, Fire Science, Network Administration and Recreation Technology.

The Health Science Division offers training programs for a number of health-related careers. The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is a 1+1 LPN to RN curriculum. Students are eligible to take the LPN exam after the first year, and the RN exam after the second year. The college also offers an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program and a Paramedic program. A new Paramedic to RN bridge program is set to begin in Summer of 2011. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes are set to begin in January.

Chipola’s open-door policy allows any student with a high school diploma to enroll after completing an application and providing high school or college transcripts.

Applications are available online at www.chipola.edu. Students without ACT or SAT scores must take the College Placement Test by calling 718-2284.

For information, call the Chipola Registration Office at 718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu.