This Week

A newsletter for Chipola College students, employees, and friends

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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 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, recreation and incidental expenses.

The women’s tournament tips off Wednesday, March 6, at 1 p.m. as St. Petersburg takes on Hillsborough. At 3 p.m., Gulf Coast takes on Santa Fe. Florida State College @ Jax faces Chipola in the 6 p.m. game. Palm Beach and Northwest Florida meet in the 8 p.m. nightcap on Wednesday.

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

Tickets on sale now for Hairspray

Tickets are now on sale for the Chipola College Theatre musical, “Hairspray,” which runs March 13-17. Tickets are available online at www.chipola.edu and in the Center for the Arts Box Office Feb. 27 – March 12, Monday through Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m., and March 13-17, from 6 to 7 p.m. Pictured are some of the main characters from the upcoming show. For more information contact Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre sirmonc@chipola.edu 850-718-2277.
Chipola Cross Country named NJCAA All-American Academic Team

The Chipola College women’s Cross Country Team has been named an NJCAA All-American Academic Team.

The award is presented to those teams with a minimum of 5 members who maintain a team, in-season GPA of 3.4 or better. All seven members of Chipola team qualified. Team awards were presented to Kimberly Wiltse of Altha, Donia Lanier of Wewahitchka, Karlee Floyd Malone, Sharlyn Smith of Altha, Natalya Miller of Wewahitchka, Kathryn Huffman of Marianna and Lauren Pettis of Marianna.

Individual All-American Academic awards also were presented to two Chipola runners who maintained above a 3.5 GPA for the season: freshman Kimberly Wiltse (4.0) and freshman Donia Lanier (3.5).


Chipola offers tuition scholarships for women who compete in the program. For information, call coach Rance Massengill at 718-2440.

Pictured from left, are: Karlee Floyd, Kathryn Huffman, Lauren Pettis, Sharlyn Smith, Donia Lanier, Natalya Miller, Kimberly Wiltse and coach Rance Massengill.

Chipola boasts 14 on Panhandle All Conference list

Both Chipola College basketball teams head into the State Tournament with 14 All Panhandle Conference selections.

The Indians have seven All-Conference picks, including First-team selections Carlos Morris, Kruize Pinkins and Cinmeon Bowers. Second-team selections are: Demetrious Floyd, Chris Thomas and Earl Watson. Terel Hall was given an Honorable Mention.

Morris leads Chipola in scoring at 13.3 points per game and has made 35 percent from the three-point line this season. Marianna’s own Kruize Pinkins is averaging 11.4 points and 6.9 rebounds per game. Cinmeon Bowers has been good for 11 points and 6.9 rebounds per game.

Seven Chipola Lady Indians were named All-Conference. Rayven Brooks, Kristine Brance, and Lashonda Littleton were First-Team picks. Jasmine Crawford, Jade Givens, and Rahni Bell were named to the second team. Treyvonna Brooks was honorable mention.

Brooks is the team’s leading scorer at 14.9 points, 8.5 rebounds, 2.6 assists, and 2.8 steals per game. Brance is averaging 14.6 points per game, and Littleton 12.7 points and 7.9 rebounds. The FCSAA State Tournament begins Wednesday, March 6, at the Milton H. Johnson Health Center, with the Lady Indians set to face Florida State College at 6 p.m., Wednesday, and the Chipola men taking on Polk State at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 7.

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.
Chipola’s ‘Hairspray’ opens March 13

Tickets are now on sale for the Chipola College Theatre musical, “Hairspray,” which runs March 13-16 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.chipola.edu and in the Center for the Arts Box Office through March 12, Monday through Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m., and March 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 Thrapp 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 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 Wester, 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 contact Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre sirmonc@chipola.edu 850-718-2277.

Chipola Honors helps Miss Florida International Project Red

Miss Florida International Charity Newsome, a student at Chipola College, recently addressed students in the Chipola Honors program. Newsome’s pageant service campaign, “Read Every Day” (RED) provides books for first graders in Marianna, Chipley and Vernon. She also volunteers at local schools to help with their reading programs. Chipola Honors Program students recently raised $200 to help Newsome pay for books. Pictured from left, are: Reid Davis, Carly Wilson, Miss Florida International–Charity Newsome, Lawrence Raines and Katelynn Lewis. Newsome will compete in the Miss International pageant in Chicago this summer.

Chipola to offer cross-over from Corrections to Law Enforcement

The Chipola College Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Corrections Officer Cross-over to CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program beginning March 13, 2013.

The program will meet weeknights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is 489 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 background check and drug screening.

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 regarding the application process, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.

Small business seminars set at Chipola

Chipola will offer a series of small business seminars in the coming months. All seminars meet on Fridays, from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building.

A free seminar, “What the Veterans’ Business Outreach Center Can Do for You,” is March 22. The VBOC helps create, develop, and retain veteran-owned small business enterprises. The VBOC provides training through workshops, counseling, assistance, and resource utilization services to Veterans, Service-Disabled Veterans, Reservists, National Guard, and Active Duty business owners and entrepreneurs.

“Government Contracting” will meet April 19.

Cost of each seminar is $30. The first six Chipola students to sign up for any seminar will receive free admission. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 or sign up in person in Building M, Office 208.

Participants may register online at www.northfloridabiz.com. For more information, contact Elissa Severson at 850-718-2441 or email seversone@chipola.edu.
Elmo donates equipment to Auto program

ELMO USA recently donated a P30HD visual presenter to the Chipola College automotive technology department. The technology can project onto a screen, actual specimens, three-dimensional objects, authentic documents, and pages directly from a book to make visual presentations more vivid. The equipment is valued at $4,000. Pictured from left, are Terry Wallace Regional Sales Manager of Elmo USA, Chipola automotive instructors John Gardner and Chase Vlieg. Gardner and Vlieg will use the ELMO equipment in their Strategy Based Diagnosis Video series which will be released next month by Films Media Group/Shopware.

Rutherford runner signs with Chipola

Rutherford High School long distance runner Jodi Phillips recently signed on to run for the Chipola College Cross Country team. Pictured from left, are Jodi’s father Terry Phillips, Jodi Phillips, Rutherford Cross Country Coach DaShoan Olds and Chipola Cross Country Coach Rance Massengill (standing). Phillips has placed in the Bay County for the past two seasons, and this year placed in district and advanced to regionals. Phillips is enrolled in Honors and AP classes. Her Rutherford Cross Country team was recognized for having the highest GPA in the county this season.

March CRAA meeting to be held in Liberty County

Each year the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) holds a meeting in a different featured county to increase interest and support for CRAA programs. This year, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 11:30 (EST), at the Civic Center in Liberty County.

The public is invited to attend. There will be a catered lunch available for $8-$10. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. with the program at noon. Please RSVP by March 10.

The program will feature teachers from Liberty County who have been awarded CRAA mini-grants for improvement of instruction in the arts. The program also will include a historical look into the development of the Veterans Memorial Park Railroad and the Liberty Arts Council. Since its formation in 2003, the Liberty Arts Council has sponsored an annual “Art Alive” Show and Sale and an annual performance of “The Nutcracker.” The group recently produced its first Broadway Junior production, “The Music Man Junior.” Additionally, they have sponsored numerous professional touring arts programs to ensure that the Liberty County community has art programs available for everyone.

Since the formation of the Council, Chipola has consistently had students from this area majoring in Music, Art, or Theatre. In the last three years there has been a 50% increase in these students and now students from Liberty County now make up 1/5 of Chipola’s fine and performing arts programs. The Partner in the Arts campaign has just been launched to support next year’s CRAA programs. Contributors to this campaign not only help support the arts in the community, but are also recognized on the Artist Series programs at the new Center for the Arts.

For information on the CRAA meeting, contact Anita Price at pricea@chipola.edu or (850) 718-2277.
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IN MARCH
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FCSAA State JUCO Basketball Tournament
Milton H. Johnson Health Center
Chipola College
March 6 - 10

**Women’s Tournament Brackets**

- **Florida State College @ Jax vs. Chipola**
  - Wednesday, March 6 6:00 p.m.
- **Palm Beach vs. Northwest Florida**
  - Wednesday, March 6 8:00 p.m.
- **St. Petersburg vs. Hillsborough**
  - Wednesday, March 6 1:00 p.m.
- **Gulf Coast vs. Santa Fe**
  - Wednesday, March 6 3:00 p.m.
- **Semi-Final**
  - Friday, March 8 6:00 p.m.
- **Championship**
  - Saturday, March 19 5:00 p.m.

**Men’s Tournament Brackets**

- **Polk vs. Chipola**
  - Thursday, March 7 6:00 p.m.
- **Brevard vs. Santa Fe**
  - Thursday, March 7 8:00 p.m.
- **Northwest Florida vs. Palm Beach**
  - Thursday, March 7 3:00 p.m.
- **College of Central Florida vs. State College of Florida**
  - Thursday, March 7 1:00 p.m.
- **Semi-Final**
  - Friday, March 8 8:00 p.m.
- **Semi-Final**
  - Friday, March 9 1:00 p.m.
- **Championship**
  - Saturday, March 9 7:30 p.m.

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