Chipola softball wins state championship

The Chipola Lady Indians defeated Santa Fe, 8-5, in the championship game of the FCSAA/Region VIII Softball Tournament on May 5.

Karissa Childs was the winning pitcher for Chipola. Jasmine Tanksley was three for four. Mya Anderson had four RBI’s, two hits and one run.

Chipola made it to the championship game by winning the Gulf District bracket.

Chipola scored a 10-2 win over State College of Florida on May 3. Eva Voortman was the winning pitcher for the Lady Indians. Stephanie Garrels was two for three and scored two runs. Chandler Seay went two for two with one run scored.

Chipola beat Pensacola 11-6 also on May 3. Voortman was the winning pitcher. Mya Anderson was two for three with three runs scored. Katie Harrison was two for two with three runs scored and three RBI’s. Chandler Seay was two for three with two runs.

Chipola beat Polk, 11-0, on May 4. Voortman was the winning pitcher. Katie Harrison was two for three with two runs and four RBI’s. Stephanie Garrels was three for four with two runs. Meghan Borak was two for three with two runs and two RBI’s. Chipola also beat Polk again on May 5, 7-1.

Chipola (40-8) will play in the NJCAA National Softball Tournament, May 15-18, in St. George, Utah.

The Lady Indians are ranked fourth in the FCSAA State Poll. In the final league standings, Gulf Coast (12-4) leads the league. Chipola (11-5) is second. Northwest (10-6) is third. Tallahassee is (4-12). Pensacola is (3-13).

Retirees honored at Chipola

Chipola College honored four of its retirees at the recent end-of-year luncheon.

Pat Barfield, Departmental Staff Assistant, was honored for 17 years of service. Dr. Rose Cavin, Associate Dean of Mathematics and Natural Science, was recognized for 16 years of service. Geraldine DeFelix, Professor of English, was honored for 16 years of service. Wanda Pope, custodian, was recognized for 11 years of service.

Retirees were presented resolutions from the college board of trustees citing each of their accomplishments. Retirees were presented Chipola Gold Cards which provide lifetime admission to college events. All were awarded lifetime memberships in the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC).

The event was sponsored by AFC, Council of Chipola Educators (CCE), Chipola Faculty Association (CFA) and Career Employees Association (CEA).
Chipola to face Miami-Dade in state baseball tourney

The Chipola Indians (35-19) will face Miami-Dade College (35-8) in the first round of the FCSAA State Baseball Tournament, Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m. (EST) at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland.

A win would move the Indians to a 7 p.m. game on Saturday against the winner of State College of Florida and Seminole. A loss would put the Indians in the consolation bracket to face the loser of State College of Florida and Seminole at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The tournament continues Sunday and Monday with the championship game set for Tuesday, May 14, at 10 a.m. Chipola is ranked seventh in the FCSAA State Coaches Poll. Tallahassee is first. Gulf Coast is eighth. The Indians captured second place in the Panhandle Conference to earn a spot in the State Tournament. Tallahassee is the conference champion.

Chipola to host high school baseball showcase

Chipola College’s annual High School Baseball Showcase is set for Saturday, May 18, at the Chipola field.

The event is open to all high school unsigned seniors who are current members of a varsity baseball team.

Chipola head coach Jeff Johnson says, “This is a great opportunity for players to showcase their skills and to gain national exposure while being evaluated by JUCO and Division I coaches, as well as professional scouts.” Johnson says he is expecting from 50 to 100 pro and college scouts to attend.

Check-in opens at 9 a.m. on May 18. The event will continue rain or shine with indoor facilities available. Skill evaluation for running, hitting and fielding begins at 10 a.m.

For information about all Fine and Performing Arts events, visit www.chipola.edu, or call 850-718-2257.

Small-Yang Duo set for May 19

The Chipola Spring Into Summer Concert Series will present The Small-Yang Duo, Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., in the Experimental Theatre of the new Center for the Arts.

The Small-Yang Duo comprises two outstanding artists, flutist Dr. Heather Small, and pianist Dr. Hui-Ting Yang. Prize winners of numerous competitions, the duo members frequently perform throughout North America, Asia, and Europe.

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Chipola helps United Way

Chipola College employees donated $3,976 to United Way of Northwest Florida’s annual campaign. Pictured from left, are: Ron Sharpe, United Way; Bryan Craven, Chipola Director of Public Relations; and Royce Reagan, Chipola Television director.

Hinson is top employee

Stacey Hinson is Chipola College’s Career Employee for May. Hinson serves as Departmental Staff Assistant in Student Affairs and has worked at the college since 2008. Here, congratulated by (left) Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, Stacey Hinson, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Jayne Roberts.