Chipola students believe in Miracles

More than two dozen Chipola College student-athletes participated in a Miracle League double-header at the Rotary Miracle Field at Westgate Park in Dothan on Nov. 4. Chipola baseball and softball players and cheerleaders partnered with special kids for the two games. Chipola Athletic Director Dr. Steve Givens and Assistant Athletic Director Joc Calloway also attended. The Rotary Miracle Field Foundation was formed to provide assistance to children and adults with disabilities, primarily through the development and maintenance of the Miracle Field and Miracle League.
Indians win season opener; Host two Nov. 15-16

The Indians opened the season with 92-89 win over East Georgia State College Nov. 1 in the Johnson Center.

The Indians fell behind 20 points early in the first half, but pulled to with four at the break (45-41). Torian Graham led Chipola with 34 points. Carlos Morris had 21. Sam Cassell, Jr., scored 18 with 5 assists and 5 steals. Jamaar McKay added 10.

“It was just a good, hard-fought win,” Indians coach Patrick Blake said after the game. “We kind of struggled finding a rhythm and finding our identity early, but we switched things up and went to a full court press and were able to get some easy buckets in transition and cut into their lead and that gave us some momentum.”

“It was a big win, but we’re still growing as a team and still figuring out who we are,” Blake said. “But I was really happy with our energy and our effort and our ability to overcome such a large deficit in the first half.”

The Chipola men’s next home games are Nov. 15, when they host Snead State at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 16, against Darton at 6 p.m.

Chipola to host Girls Report Classic

Saturday, Nov. 9 games include: Tallahassee vs. Santa Fe at 10 a.m.; Northwest Florida vs. Georgia Perimeter at noon; East Florida State vs. Darton at 2 p.m.; Pensacola vs. South Georgia Tech at 4 p.m.; Gulf Coast vs. Georgia Highlands at 6 p.m. and Chipola vs. Broward at 8 p.m.

Last season, the Lady Indians finished second in the Florida/Region VIII Basketball Tournament and went on to finish in the Elite 8 in the NJCAA National Tournament. In his second year at Chipola, Coach Greg Franklin has reloaded with a recruiting class that is garnering national attention.

The Collegiate Girls Basketball Report named four Chipola players among the Top 35 NJCAA players: Khadijah Ellison, Ebony Wells, Rahni Bell and Treyvonna Brooks. The list is coordinated by analyst and former college coach Dan Olson who publishes the Girls Report.

Khadijah Ellison is a sophomore transfer who sat out last year at Chipola. She is ranked as the number one point guard in the country and the number three player overall.

Ebony Wells is a 6’2 transfer from Florida State. She is ranked as the number four center and 22nd player overall.

Rahni Bell averaged 7.9 points per game for Chipola last season. She is ranked as the number four shooting forward and 30th overall.

Treyvonna Brooks averaged 5.6 points and 5.5 rebounds per game last year. She is ranked as the number nine power forward and 33rd overall.

“The individual ratings are a testament to the work ethic they have demonstrated throughout the summer and preseason workouts,” said Coach Greg Franklin. “The key will be for us to continue to improve as a collective unit.”

This weekend’s games are the Lady Indians’ only home games in the pre-conference schedule. The team travels to Jacksonville to take on Indian River and Florida State College, Nov. 15-16. Chipola plays three games at Midland College (TX) Nov. 21, 22 and 23. The Lady Indians will play Santa Fe and Miami Dade, Nov. 29 and 30, at the Rick Flores Classic in Niceville.

Chipola College will be closed Monday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran’s Day.
Alana Hearn named Florida college system student of the month

Chipola freshman Alana Hearn of Vernon has been named the Florida College System Student of the Month by Chancellor Randy Hannah.

Well-rounded is the best word to describe Hearn. At Vernon High School, she was the 2013 valedictorian, a Sunshine State Scholar, captain of the volleyball team and a top performer in the JROTC.

Hearn was selected for the Chipola Honors program. She is majoring in Microbiology/Cell Science and recently joined the college’s award-winning Brain Bowl team. She also has maintained her connection to athletics by serving as a volunteer assistant coach for her old high school team.

Chipola Honors adviser Bonnie Smith says, “Alana drives 45 minutes to classes every day because she felt Chipola would better prepare her for medical school. She also works in the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) as a tutor for advanced mathematics and chemistry. She is working on service projects for the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is a member of Pre-Med Society and the Science Club. She is quite remarkable.”

CRAA meeting to feature holiday designs by local florist

Michael Smith of Artistic Designs Unlimited in Marianna, will be the guest speaker at the Nov. 19 meeting of the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA).

CRAA meets at Jim’s Buffet, with a Dutch-treat luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and program beginning at noon.

With 14 years in retail design experience, Michael Smith is committed to offering the finest floral arrangements and gifts. Smith’s presentation of holiday arrangements is guaranteed to inspire CRAA attendees just in time for the holidays.

The shop on Jefferson Street serves all of Jackson County and specializes in contemporary and traditional arrangements, fresh flowers, tropica ls and live plants, silk arrangements, gifts and gourmet and fruit baskets.

For information about CRAA, contact Anita Price at pricea@chipola.edu or (850) 718-2277.

Regional Career Fair is Tuesday, Nov. 19

Thousands of area high school students are expected to attend the Annual Regional Career Fair Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., at Eastside Baptist Church located at 4785 Highway 90 in Marianna.

The Career Fair is a one-day event for 9th, 11th, and 12th grade and local private school students. The Fair is sponsored by Washington-Holmes Technical Center, Chipola College and the counties of Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington Counties

The Career Fair provides opportunities for students to interact with representatives from different career fields to explore career and educational opportunities beyond high school.

For information, contact Alice Pendergrass at 850-718-2270 or email pendergrassa@chipola.edu.

Cleveland is Top Employee

Dr. Lou Cleveland has been named the Chipola College Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional of the month for November. Dr. Cleveland serves as the Dean of the School of Education. Here, senior vice president Dr. Sarah Clemmons (left) presents the award to Dr. Cleveland.

Early registration for the Spring 2014 semester is open through Nov. 12. New and returning student registration is Nov. 7-8 and 12. Call 526-2761 for information.
Chipola Softball 5K and Fun Run is Nov. 16

Chipola Softball will host their second annual Show Your Indian Spirit 5K and One-Mile Kids Fun Run, Saturday, Nov. 16.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the Chipola Softball Complex. The 5K race starts at 8 a.m. with the one mile Fun Run at 9 a.m.

Entry fee for the 5K is $20 for pre-registration by Nov. 15 and $25 on race day. The Kids run is $10 in advance or $15 on site.

For information, contact Kelly Brookins, Chipola Assistant Softball Coach, at (850)718-2468. Information is available on Facebook at Chipola College Softball 5K/ Fun Run.

Restaurant seminar set

Chipola will offer a small business seminar “Restaurant Fundamentals” on Friday, Nov. 15.

Participants will learn how to start and grow a successful restaurant. Presenter Johnny Branch has been in restaurant business for decades. He is a CPA and an experienced business consultant.

Topics in the seminar include: analyzing food costs, develop a winning menu, incorporate cost-saving strategies, and loss prevention. These are tools specific to the food industry but are used by most business owners on a daily basis.

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

Cost is $15. The first six Chipola students to sign up receive free admission. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 or sign up in person in Building M, Office 108. www.northfloridabiz.com.

The Dollar Smart Coalition and United Way of Northwest Florida will meet Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m., in the Chipola Continuing Education building. The agenda will highlight issues involving income initiatives including financial literacy and stability programming.

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