Chipola men and women finish third in national tournament

SALINA, KS – The Chipola Lady Indians made school history defeating Kaskaskia College (IL), 81-74, to finish third in the National Junior College Athletic Association Women’s Basketball Tournament in the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kansas. This is the highest finish in the history of the women’s program at Chipola.

Chipola finished fourth in 2006 and fifth in 2007. Marneshia Hall led Chipola with 23 points and 5 rebounds. Latoya Williams earned a double with 12 points and 16 rebounds. Lenita Sanford added 9 points and 5 rebounds.

WBCA All American Latoya Williams finished third in the tournament in scoring with 71 total points and an average of 19.5 points per game. Williams finished first in three point scoring hitting 7 of 8 for an 87.5 percentage. Lenita Sanford took fourth in most blocks with 10 for the tournament. Ashlie Billinslea had 13 steals to rank third.

Latoya Williams and Marneshia Hall were named to the NJCAA All Tournament Team.

The Lady Indians lost their bid for the title with a 78-59 loss to Jefferson College (MO) in the semi-final round. Latoya Williams led Chipola with 19 points and 5 rebounds. Marneshia Hall added 10 points and 6 rebounds. Pearl Johnson, Jamia Akins, and Lenita Sanford had 5 rebounds each.

The ladies won their first two games in the tournament defeating Walters State (TN), 66-53, in the quarter-final game and Sheridan College (WY), 86-47, in the first round.

The Lady Indians finish their season at 30-6. Central Arizona College defeated Jefferson College (MO) for the NJCAA Championship, 78-71.

HUTCHINSON, KS—The Chipola Indians defeated Connors State College (OK), 102-70, to take 3rd place in the National Junior College Athletics Association Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 21, in the Hutchinson Sports Arena.


The Indians fell to Salt Lake Community College, 78-73, in the semi-final game on Friday, March 20. Casey Mitchell led Chipola with 38 points. Torye Pelham added 16 points.

The Indians won their first two games in the tournament defeating Lamar Community College (CO), 82-66, in the quarter-final game and Southwest Tennessee Community College, 81-70 in the first round.

Chipola’s overall record stands at (34 – 2).

Salt Lake Community College (UT) defeated Midland College (TX) for the NJCAA Championship, 67-60.
Area high schools compete in Chipola High School Brain Bowl competition

Fourteen area high schools participated in the Chipola High School Brain Bowl Invitational, Friday, March 20.
The Blountstown High team won the championship. Marianna High finished second. Sneads was third. Holmes County was fourth and Vernon was fifth.
Dallin Kelson of Marianna was the top individual in the competition. Other top individuals are: Daniel Leonard of Blountstown (second); Brittany Stephens of Altha (third); William Davis of Chipley (fourth-tie); Michael Roberts of Sneads (fourth-tie); David Leonard of Blountstown (fifth); Gary Moore of Holmes County (sixth); Steven Jackson of Vernon (seventh); Paul Kelson of Marianna (eighth) and Annemarie Nichols of Graceville (ninth); and Michael Janik of Holmes County (tenth).

Chipola Theatre to hold auditions for children’s show

Chipola College Theater will hold auditions for the children’s show, “Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine,” Monday, March 23, at 6 p.m.
Written by Bob May, Christopher Tibbetts and Roy C. Booth, the play tells the story of Beanie Boren, a science wiz who is not keen on reading. Beanie has designed a book reading machine for the science fair which can read three books at once. Unfortunately, the machine is neither user friendly nor bug free. When Beanie turns it on, lights flash, thunder booms, and out pop the witches from Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, and the Wizard of Oz, each set to wreak havoc. Beanie must get them back into the books with the help from the good guys. Afterward, he is eager to read the old fashioned way.
Daytime performances for local elementary schools are May 13-15, with a public performance, Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m. Contact sirmomc@chipola.edu for availability and times.

Chipola Cross Country named Academic All-American Team

The Chipola College’s Women’s Cross Country team has been named an Academic All-American team by the NJCAA Cross Country Coaches Association.
The Chipola team was ranked fifth in the nation with a 3.697 cumulative grade point average.
Team members are, from left: Taylor Dover, Laura Day, Taylor Guy, Ellen Manor, India Hatcher and coach Rance Massengill.
Chipola’s Cross Country team was established in 2007. For information about the team, contact coach Massengill at 850-718-2440.
Chipola Arts Association awards mini-grants

The Chipola Regional Arts Association recently awarded 14 mini-grants of $200 each for the Improvement of Instruction in the Arts in Schools in the Chipola District (Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington counties).

Chipola Regional Arts Association President Jo-Ann Anderson announced the following recipients: Marianna High, Craig B. Bean; Cottondale Elementary, Norma Bean; Graceville Elementary, Karen Bouton; Chipley High, Richard Davenport; Blountstown High, Janet Edewaard; Liberty County High, Kimberly Everett; Bethlehem School, Leesa Lee; Ponce De Leon Elementary, Tammy Long-Godwin; W.R. Tolar School, Gayle Grissett; Poplar Springs High, Heather Howell; Sneads High, Jenny Parmer; Graceville Elementary, Roberta Newell; Blountstown Middle, Gretchen Reiter; and Bonifay Elementary, Vicki Steverson.

CRAA is made up of volunteers who support and encourage arts education. Officers hope to be able to continue to offer these Mini-Grants each year to encourage continuation and improvement of arts programs and activities in the schools. Additionally, CRAA awards Chipola College scholarships to talented students in Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington Counties. The group also supports the Chipola Artist Series and underwrites special cultural programs for area school children. Funding for these many projects comes from public fund-raising efforts in the five-county district.

CRAA officers will begin the annual fund-raising campaign in February and sincerely hope that local businesses and individuals will include CRAA in their charitable contribution plans. For information, call 850-718-2277.

According to The Nation and the Arts, a Presidential briefing prepared by the Independent Committee on Arts Policy, “Well-developed programs of making and studying art help students better articulate their perceptions and shape coherent responses to their experiences. When children learn to appreciate form and color and when they learn the importance of fashioning their own images of the world around them, they achieve greater discipline and self confidence.”

Spring Frolics slated for April 8

Spring Frolics will be held Wednesday, April 8, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Chipola Pool (Health Center in case of rain).

Students will be excused from their classes to participate in this fun event.

SGA has some great activities lined up including soft play blow up games. There will be music, hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone! Door prizes will be awarded after lunch. Students and staff must be present to win.

Several universities will be on hand to offer interested students information about their programs.

The traditional match up between clubs will be a relay competition to see which club rules the campus.

The SGA Spring Elections will also be held, as well as voting for The Distinguished Service Award for a Faculty Member, and The Distinguished Service Award for a Career Employee/Administrator.

If you are interested in running for an SGA position, come by the Student Activities Office, (Q-120 or 121) and pick up the information. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 6.

For more information, call 718-2308.

Chipola to offer free tax preparation

In order to help more local citizens get the most refund due them, Chipola College business instructor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and free electronic filing.

The free service—for individual tax returns only—is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Wednesdays, through April 15. Other times may be scheduled by appointment.

The free service usually takes no longer than 30 minutes. For faster refunds, taxpayers are asked to bring a personal check which has routing information needed for electronic refunds.

To make an appointment for free tax assistance, call Lee Shook at (850) 718-2368.

Chipola auto students learn about electric vehicles

Students in the Chipola College Automotive Technology program recently learned about new battery technology for automobiles. Ron and Fran Fads of the Electric Vehicle Initiative demonstrated their 100 MPG plug-in hybrid which uses a lithium battery bank to greatly improve fuel economy. For information about electric vehicle technology, visit eviblog.floridaeaa.org

Baseball and softball at home this week

Chipola Indians head to Tallahassee Tuesday, March 24, before returning home to host Northwest Florida, Friday, March 27 at 2 p.m. The Indians (17-11-1) are ranked eighth in the FCCAA State poll.

The Lady Indians softball team heads to Pensacola for a pair of games, Tuesday, March 24. Chipola returns home to host Tallahassee, Saturday, March 28, at 1 and 3 p.m. The Lady Indians (23-12) are third in the FCCAA State poll.
The University of West Florida offers several graduate programs in collaboration with the Chipola College University Center.

Courses are offered on Chipola’s campus each semester as well as online.

Programs include: a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership with Certification, Education Specialist in Administration or Certification, and Doctoral Degrees in Curriculum and Instruction.

Registration is April 7 for currently enrolled UWF students and April 20 for new students. Summer classes begin May 11.

For information, contact Dr. Lou Kind at (850) 718-2295 or kindl@chipola.edu.

Public invited to April 16 meeting of Blue Springs Group

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Blue Springs Working Group, Thursday, April 16, in the Continuing Education Building Conference Room at Chipola College.

Presentations begin at 9 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. Chipola science professor Allan Tidwell, Working Group Leader, will direct the meeting.

Speakers will include: Kenneth Stephens, District 5 County Commissioner; Chuck Hatcher, Director of Jackson County Parks and Recycling; Craig Bishop, farmer; Russell Williams, Springs Ambassador; Edd Sorenson, cave diver; Connie Bersok, Springs Coordinator, DEP; Greg Nolin, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA;

Topics for discussion will include: Case Study of the Shangri-La Sinkhole Cleanup and planning for Old Timer’s Day.

Vicki Fuqua will discuss the Reorganization of Millpond Homeowners Association.

John Trott, Vicki Fuqua and Edd Sorenson will provide party barges for tours of the Mill Pond to include all of the springs, weather permitting.

For information, contact Allan Tidwell at 850-718-2761, Ext. 3248 or email tidwella@chipola.edu.

UWF offers graduate programs at Chipola

The University of West Florida is offering scholarships to entering juniors at the University of Florida’s West Florida Research Education Center in Milton, FL. Applicants must have applied, been accepted, and plan to attend the University of Florida at WFREC during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Applications are available in Student Services. They must be completed and mailed directly to the Northwest Florida Gator Club and must be received no later that Monday, April 6, 2009.

The University of Florida Center in Milton offers degrees in Golf and Sports Turf Management, Natural Resource Conservation, and Landscape and Nursery Horticulture (formerly known as Environmental Horticulture). For information, see an advisor in Student Services.

FCA MEETS. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle meets Thursday nights at 7 pm in H-108. All students are welcome.

BCM INVITES. Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) will sponsor a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in A-156.

They will hold a Prayer Meeting on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in the Dorm Lobby.

Everyone is invited.

UCA INFO. Transfer scholarship applications for the University of Central Florida are available in Student Services, room 107A.

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Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, March 25. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
26-Mar Gene Prough
27-Mar Lisa Shores

ATTENTION! Students are cautioned to not leave books and valuables unattended.

ATTENTION ENC 1101 & 1102 STUDENTS. ENC 1101 and 1102 students must have a Chipola photo ID for admission to take the final exam. Students may have a student ID made at Student Services (A107) on Tuesdays, 8-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 8-11 a.m. Students should bring their Spring fee receipt with them. There is a $10 replacement fee for lost IDs.