Chipola Rocks the Rim - Feb. 17-22

Chipola College will celebrate Homecoming 2014, Feb. 17-22. This year's theme is “Chipola Rocks the Rim.”

SGA will sponsor a Building Decoration Contest among campus organizations to be judged at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Dress up days for the week include: Monday, Feb. 17, Pajama Day; Tuesday, Feb. 18, Superhero Day; Wednesday, Feb. 19, Blue and Gold Day; Thursday, Feb. 20, Sports Day; and Friday, Feb. 21, Harry Potter Day.

The Homecoming Talent show is Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m. in the Chipola Cultural Center (formerly known as the Arts Center). The contest is open to any campus group or individual currently enrolled. Cash prizes will be awarded to: Best Overall - 1st, 2nd and 3rd; Best Solo, Best Group and Best Band. Performances are limited to 4 minutes. Sign-up deadline is Feb. 17 in the SGA Office.

The Homecoming games between Chipola and Northwest Florida are set for Saturday, Feb. 22. The women game tips off at 5:30 p.m. Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and his wife, Priscilla, will host an Alumni Reception in the Hospitality Room beginning at 6 p.m. All alumni, college retirees and friends of the college are invited.

The homecoming court will be presented during halftime of the men's game which begins at 7:30 p.m. The Homecoming Court, selected by the student body, includes: freshmen Tierra Campbell of Malone and Sara Kaye Compton of Chipley; sophomores Alexandria Nong of Marianna, Tatum Skipper of Malone and Tiara Sorey of Campbellton. Mr. Chipola candidates include: freshmen Will Glover of Greenwood and Qron Mullins of Panama City; and sophomores John Eubanks of Bonifay, Frankie Murrell of Blountstown and sophomore Micah Ruiz of Bascom. The Queen and Mr. Chipola will be selected from the sophomore candidates. For information about Homecoming, call Nancy Johnson at 718-2314.

Chipola officials will host an Open House and Ribbon-Cutting, Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., to celebrate the college’s new Welding program.

Members of the Chipola District Board of Trustees, welding students and college personnel will be on hand for tours of the lab. The public is invited.

Chipola has 20 students currently enrolled in the 1,170 clock-hour course which can be completed in approximately one year.
**Tickets on sale for Chipola’s Sound of Music**

Tickets are now on sale for the Chipola College theatre production of “The Sound of Music,” which opens a five-day run Feb. 26. The show runs nightly Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets—$8 for adults and $6 for 18 and under—are available online at www.chipola.edu and at the Center for the Arts Box Office, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, and one hour before each show.

Opening Night Gala dinner tickets are $30. Show tickets must be purchased separately. Deadline for dinner reservations is Feb. 19.

The Sound of Music cast includes: Lindsey Wheatley as Maria, Colton Day as Captain von Trapp, Keith Watford as Max, Seth Alderman as Rolf, Kate Burke as Liesl, Evan Barber as Friedrich, Meredith Saunders as Louisa, Chandler King as Kurt, Gracie Wallace as Brigitta, Clara McCallister as Marta, Catherine Lewis as Gretl, Elaine Barfield as Mother Abbess, Cherie White as Berthe, Amy Cloud as Margaretta, Jamie Gibson as Sophie Gibson, Kayla Todd as Elsa Schraeder, Cody Ball as Franz and Odra Chapman as Frau Schmidt. Nuns are Victoria Taylor, Kayla Pickron, Olivia Black, Audrey Earnest, Baylee Earnest, Mary Ann Earnest, Patria Clark, Dianna Glaze, Deanna Bailey, Mandy Deese, Odra Chapman, Kelli Todd, Gayle DiBenedetto and Chris Lauen. Neighbors of Von Trapp, Nazis, contestants and guests include: Clyde DeClouet, Will Spencer, Joseph Concovan, Veronica Taylor, Deanna Bailey, Lee Shook, Victoria Taylor, Baylee Earnest, Hugh Black and Diana Glaze.

The play is directed by Charles Sirmon and designed by Connie Smith. Musical directors are Dale Heidebrecht and Dr. Josh Martin with choreography by Chris Manasco.

The Sound of Music will be playing at the CRAA meeting coming up on Tuesday, Feb 18. During the program, there will be a drawing for free tickets to this historically sold-out musical series which opens Feb. 26.

CRAA’s annual mini-grant program recently awarded a new record of 24 grants this season for applications from art, music, and theatre teachers across Chipola’s five counties.

CRAA is now seeking talented music, art, and theatre students from Calhoun County to apply for their rotating scholarship program. Information and applications are available on the Fine Arts - Scholarships link at www.chipola.edu. Application deadline is March 7.

The Partner in the Arts campaign has just been launched to support next year’s CRAA programs. Contributors to this campaign not only have the opportunity to help support the arts in the community, but also are recognized as contributors on the Artist Series programs.

For information on the CRAA meeting, call (850) 718-2277. For ticket information, call 850-718-2420.

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**Chipola proud- Baseball Player of the Week & Softball Player of the Week**

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Chipola retires Russell Martin’s jersey on Alumni Weekend

Former Chipola baseball players returned to their alma mater for the annual Chipola College Baseball Alumni Weekend Feb. 7-8.

The college officially retired MLB All-Star Russell Martin’s number 12 Chipola jersey in a Feb. 8 ceremony. Martin hit a pair of solo home runs to lead his Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds in a season-ending wild card game on Oct. 1, 2013, to lead the Pirates to their first post-season appearance in 21 years.

A native of Ontario, Canada, Martin led Chipola to a second place finish in the 2002 Florida College System State tournament. He was drafted by the Dodgers in the 17th round that year. The three-time MLB All Star has won the Gold Glove and Silver Slugger Awards. He spent five years in LA, before moving on the Yankees where he was starting catcher in 2011-12. He was catching for the Yankees when Mariano Rivera broke the all-time save record in 2011. In November, 2012, the Pittsburgh Pirates signed Martin for two years and $17 million.

Mat Gamel, now a member of the Atlanta Braves, was the winner of the annual Alumni Home Run Derby. Jeff Mathis of the Miami Marlins, Jose Bautista of the Toronto Blue Jays, and former Chipola player Charlie Dees captained teams for the derby. Visiting big-leaguers also donated thousands in memorabilia to support the Chipola program. Several returning players participated in an MLB/ MiLB autograph session.

An Alumni Social was hosted by Jason and Kim Barber at Circle S Ranch. An alumni dinner featured special guest speakers FSU assistant Mike Martin, Jr., and Troy head coach Bobby Pierce. Chipola head Coach Jeff Johnson and members of the Baseball Alumni Committee—Nathan Marks (00’), Andrew Gay (07’), Jason Barber (06’)—organized the weekend’s events. Coach Johnson, says, “We appreciate all the fans and former players who came out to support our program. These guys are so generous with their time and resources. It means a lot to our program.”

Lady Indians win Panhandle basketball title

The Lady Indians captured their first Panhandle Conference title since 1990 with a 69-30 win over Gulf Coast on Feb. 11.

Evelyn Akhator led Chipola with 18 points, 15 rebounds and 4 steals. Khadijah Ellison had 11 points with 5 assists. The Lady Indians are headed to the FCSAA State Tournament, March 5-8 in Ocala.

The Indians held on for an 83-82 overtime win over arch-rival Gulf Coast. Chipola had a 19-point lead in the first half, but Gulf Coast came back to pull ahead in the second half and push the game into overtime. Jamaar McKay’s layup gave Chipola an 80-76 lead with 18 seconds left in OT, but Gulf Coast made a free throw to cut the lead to 3. With 13 seconds left, Sam Cassell, Jr., broke free against the full-court press and was fouled while scoring on a layup. His three-point play gave the Indians an 83-79 lead with eight seconds left.

Chipola (6-4) is tied with Pensacola (6-4) for second place in the league, a half-game behind Northwest (6-3). The top two teams earn a berth to the FCSAA State Tournament in Ocala beginning March 5.

The Indians lost to Pensacola 68-64 on Feb. 8. Carlos Morris poured in 27 points and pulled down seven rebounds for the Indians. The loss at Pensacola was the second for the week after falling to Northwest 90-83 on Feb. 5.

Chipola is off this Saturday before heading to Tallahassee on Feb. 18. Chipola’s final games of the regular season are Saturday, Feb. 22, when both teams host Northwest for Homecoming. Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and his wife, Priscilla, will host an Alumni Reception beginning at 6 p.m. Alumni, retirees and friends of the college are invited. The homecoming court will be presented, and the Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned, during halftime of the men’s game.

All Conference games will be broadcast on WJAQ-100.9 FM and on the web at PSBLIVE.com. For the latest news about Chipola Athletics, visit www.chipolaathletics.com.
Three Chipola teams qualify for National Brain Bowl

Three Chipola College Brain Bowl teams have qualified for the 2014 Community College National Championship Tournament in Atlanta on Feb. 28–March 1.

The Chipola teams earned bids to nationals by performing well at the Community College Sectional Championship Tournament hosted by Chipola on Jan. 24-25. Eight sectionals across the nation were held with 65 teams competing for 24 spots.

Chipola A will enter the national tournament as the number one seed based on their performance at the sectional. Chipola A averaged the most points per game of all 65 teams across the nation. Chipola A also had the top three individual scorers at the sectional, with Jacob Leff, William Singleton, and Wesley Chevillot, placing first, second and third respectively. Team A regular Rebecca Delgado was unable to play because of a prior commitment, but will play with the team at nationals.

Chipola B will enter nationals as the number 15 seed. Chipola C is the number 21 seed. Vallen Driggers from Chipola C was fourth in overall scoring. Trenton McDaniel from Chipola B was sixth overall. Chipola B team members are: Trenton McDaniel, Caroline Nichols, Alana Hear and Fletcher Dilmere. Chipola C team members are: Vallen Driggers, Masha Yaroshenko, Ashley Delameter and Will Glover.

Chipola Brain Bowl coaches are Stan Young, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, and volunteer assistant coach Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Corrections and Cross-over Law Enforcement to Corrections Course

A new course begins this month with program meeting weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Completion of the program prepares candidates to take the State Board Examination for entry into the Corrections field.

To learn more about the program, requirements and testing, contact Jamie McAllister, Corrections Coordinator, at 718-2212.

Term ‘C’ registration-Feb. 26

Registration for Chipola College Spring Term C is Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classes begin Feb. 27.

Term C courses are offered in a condensed format of approximately seven weeks compared to the traditional 15-week semester. Late registration is Thursday, Feb. 27, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Term C is open to current students and to new students who have never enrolled at Chipola. Current students may add Term C courses to their existing schedules.

Term C courses include: (ENC 0025) Develop Writing II, 5:30-9:30, Tuesday and Thursday; (AMH 2010) American History to 1865 (online); (PSY 2012) General Psychology (online); (SLS 1101) Orientation (online) and (SYG 1010) Contemporary Sociology (online).

Business Finance Seminar

Chipola will offer a small business seminar, “Business Finance,” Friday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, in Room M-108 of the Business and Technology building (M).

The seminar will cover grants, personal loans, lines of credit, small business loans, SBA guaranteed loans 7(a), SBA 504, building and long-term equipment loans.

The first six Chipola students to sign up will receive free admission. Cost of the seminar is $15. Participants may register online at www.northfloridabiz.com. Contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 seversone@chipola.edu or sign up in Building M, (108).