Tickets on sale for Chipola’s Sound of Music

Tickets are selling quickly 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.

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 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 Margareta, 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 Baily, 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. For ticket information, call 850-718-2420.
Chipola hosts Northwest for Homecoming

Chipola hosts arch rival Northwest for Homecoming Saturday, Feb. 22, in the final games of the regular season.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and his wife, Priscilla, will host an Alumni Reception beginning at 6 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Alumni, retirees and friends of the college are invited. The homecoming court will be presented, and the Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola crowned, during halftime of the men’s game.

The homecoming game is a must-win for the Indians who are locked in a three-way tie for first with Northwest and Pensacola, all at 7-4. But the Indians control their own destiny. A win over Northwest will give Chipola the men’s conference championship and the number one seed from the Panhandle in the state tournament.

A Chipola loss to Northwest on Saturday creates two scenarios. If Chipola loses to Northwest and Pensacola beats Gulf Coast, Chipola will finish third in the league and miss the state tourney. If the Indians lose to the Raiders and Gulf Coast wins Saturday, the Indians would face Pensacola in a one game playoff to decide second place in the league and a berth in the state tournament.

Chipola and Northwest split their first two meetings this season. The Indians won 86-78 on Jan. 18 in Marianna, but fell to the Raiders 90-83 on Feb. 5 in Niceville.

The Indians scored a big 67-64 win over Tallahassee on Feb. 18. Sam Cassell, Jr., led Chipola with 26 points. Carlos Morris scored 18 and pulled down 7 rebounds. The Indians held on for an 83-82 overtime win over arch-rival Gulf Coast on Feb. 11. Sam Cassell, Jr., led all scorers with 34 points.

The men’s league race is knotted with Chipola (7-4) tied with Northwest (7-4) and Pensacola (7-4). Gulf Coast is (4-7). Tallahassee is (3-9). The men’s and women’s FCSAA State Tournament will move to Ocala this year after being held at Chipola for 17 years.

The Lady Indians (11-0) have already earned a berth to the state tournament and their first Panhandle Conference title since 1990 with a 69-30 win over Gulf Coast on Feb. 11.

The Lady Indians also cruised to a 55-38 win over Tallahassee on Feb. 18. Diamonisha Sophus and Rahni Bell each scored 14. Evelyn Akhator had 11 points and 7 steals.

The Lady Indians are headed to the FCSAA State Tournament, March 5-8 in Ocala, as the top seed from the Panhandle. Second year head coach Greg Franklin took last year’s team all the way to the Elite Eight of the NJCAA Women’s Basketball National Tournament.

The Lady Indians (27-7) won two of three games in the tournament before falling to number two seed Central Arizona (32-1), 84-67, on Thursday, March 21.

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.

You are Invited

The public is invited to celebrate the retirement of Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and Joyce Traynom, his Administrative Assistant, at a drop-in reception, Monday, March 31, from 3 to 5 p.m. The reception will be held in Lobby of the Chipola Center for the Arts.

No gifts please. Those wishing may make donations to the Dr. Gene Prough Presidential Challenge Scholarship Fund in the Chipola Foundation.
Auto and Cosmetology programs win at Skills USA

Chipola College students in the Automotive Technology and Cosmetology programs picked up several awards in the recent Skills USA competition.

In Automotive, Michael Bramblett won first place and Brandon Evers came in third. The students completed a 100-question exam and performed a live demonstration on automotive diagnostics and repairs. The students are all ASE Certified. They will compete in the state competition for a chance to go to the Skills USA Nationals.

In Cosmetology, three Chipola students won awards. Jocelin Sukanec finished first in Nail Care. In addition to a written exam, she completed a set of sculptured nails, nail wraps and a nail art design.

Alice Rabion won first place in Esthetics. Her competition included a basic facial with massage, a day-time make-up look, and an Avatar fantasy themed make-up on a live model.

Kaleigh Clark finished second in women’s haircutting and long hair design. From a photograph, she was asked to recreate a design by cutting and coloring on a manikin head.

The Chipola students will compete at the Skill USA state competition in April. Pictured above are front: Alice Rabion, 1st place Esthetics; Kaleigh Clark, 2nd place Haircutting & Long Hair Design; Jocelin Sukanec, 1st place in Nail Care (back) Michael Bramlett 1st place Automotive and Brandon Evers 3rd place Automotive.

Teachers learn at Chipola workshop

More than 150 teachers and future teachers participated in the recent Chipola Teacher Education Workshop. Florida’s Teacher of the Year Dorina Sackman ESOL Language Arts teacher at Westridge Middle School in Orange County, was the featured speaker. Chipola education majors, education faculty, staff, and Chipola graduates led the workshops highlighting hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom.

Public Service Class

Jackson County Sheriff’s employees Deputy Jessica Weathersbee and Sgt. Sammy Efurd practice their CPR skills at a Chipola College Public Service class for local officers.

The class included training in CPR, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), First Aid and Hazardous materials. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement requires officers to update these skills on a regular basis. Chipola offers the course at a minimal fee to help officers meet their mandatory training requirements.

The Chipola Organization of Student Nurses will celebrate Student Nurses Week beginning Monday, Feb. 24, from 8 a.m. to noon, with refreshments in the lobby of the Health Sciences Division. Members will be selling raffle tickets for various items and Nursing student t-shirts. Nursing instructor Amber Bruner is faculty adviser to the newly-formed Chipola Organization of Nursing Students which is designed to promote and encourage students to actively seek ways to serve as change agents in their college and community as students, and later as nurses.
Chipola’s literature/language winners

Some 125 students from 10 area high schools competed on Feb. 14 in the Twenty-fourth Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival.

Contest winners from participating schools are listed below.

President’s Reading Award—Faith Plazarin of Blountstown High.

Writing: first- Andrew Goff of Liberty County High; second- Sarah Peterman of Marianna High, third- Gabrielle Simpson of Marianna High; honorable mentions- Brooke Coleman of Altha Public and David Horton of Graceville High.

Speech: first- Maddie Craven of Marianna High; second- Brianna Morris of Graceville High; third- Mallory Myhill of Sneads High; honorable mentions- Kourtnie Richardson of Cotondale High and Jabe Rosier of Liberty County High.

Oral Interpretation: first- Elyn Sapp of Marianna High (pictured above); second- Mark Thrower of Graceville High; third- Shayli Tharge of Marianna High; honorable mentions- Ashlyn Jeffries of Chipley High and Haley Hales of Bethlehem High.

Literature: first- Faith Plazarin of Blountstown High; second- Rachael Spouner of Vernon High; third- Hunter Powell of Sneads High; honorable mentions- Turner McCroan of Cotondale High and Emaleigh Munn of Chipley High.

Humanities: first- Jerryd Perry of Vernon High; second- Joelina Armke of Graceville High; third- Tristan Edenfield of Sneads High; honorable mentions- Genny Kunkel of Vernon High and Patrick Fortunato of Cottondale High.

Grammar: first- Cole Hamilton of Sneads High; second- Brianna McCaffrey of Sneads High; third- Roseanna Moore of Liberty County High; honorable mentions- Katy Gramling of Cotondale High and J. P. Leonard of Blountstown High.

Spanish Language Contest: first- Blanca Bescos of Graceville High; second- Milli Beall of Bethlehem High; third- Cristina Ramirez of Graceville High; honorable mentions- Andy Faria of Sneads High and Elizabeth Martinez of Chipley High.

Term ‘C’ registration

Registration for 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 new students. Current students may add Term C courses to their existing schedules.

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