Lady Indians play March 3 in State Basketball Tourney

The Chipola Lady Indians are headed to the FCSAA/Region VIII Florida State basketball tournament for the fourth straight year under head coach Greg Franklin.

The defending state and national champion Lady Indians (22-4) will play Eastern Florida State College (20-9) Thursday, March 3, at 5 p.m. CST, in the tournament at the College of Central Florida in Ocala. The brackets are set up for a possible rematch of Chipola vs. Gulf Coast (24-1) if both teams advance to the finals. Chipola handed formerly undefeated Gulf Coast its only loss of the season, in a 78-64 win on Feb. 6.

The Lady Indians’ state tournament games will be broadcast on WJAQ Radio (100.9) with a live webcast on www.youtube.com/channel/UCI4ZLoE4lxeA2bJbZmug/featured

Chipola (10-2) finished second in the league after conference champion Gulf Coast (11-1). Northwest (5-8) defeated Tallahassee (4-9) in a Feb. 24 playoff game to send the Lady Raiders to the tournament as the third seed from the Panhandle.

The Lady Indians finished the season with a 75-42 win over Pensacola in the final game of the season. Aisha Edwards led Chipola with 19 points. Raven Baker had 13. Chipola scored an 81-59 win on Feb. 16.

The Lady Indians are ranked third in the FCSAA State Poll behind top-ranked Gulf Coast and second ranked Daytona (28-1). Chipola is sixth in the NJCAA National Poll.

The Chipola men’s team finished the season at (17-13) overall with a 90-84 win over Pensacola in the final game of the season. Patrick Rooks led Chipola with 25 points. Antwain Johnson and Mehdy Ngourama each scored 10 points.

Men’s Panhandle Conference champion Northwest (9-3) and runner-up Tallahassee (8-4) will represent the Panhandle in the state tournament, March 2-5. Other league records are: Gulf Coast (5-7), Pensacola (4-8) and Chipola (4-8). For information, visit www.chipolaathletics.com.

Course Evaluations on Canvas

Students are asked to complete course evaluations online in Canvas from Feb. 29—Mar. 14, 2016. Confidential feedback provides information on effective instructional practices and instructional needs.
Chipola's Addams Family runs through Sunday

The Chipola Theatre production of The Addams Family Musical runs at 7 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 25-27, with a 2 p.m., Sunday matinee on Feb. 28. Tickets—$8 for adults and $6 for ages 18 and under—are on sale at the Center Box Office one hour before each show and online at www.chipola.edu/boxoffice or call 718-2420.

RIVERWAY SOUTH AGRITOURISM CONFERENCE MARCH 2-3

RiverWay South Apalachicola Choctawhatchee (RWSAC) will host an Agritourism Seminar, March 2 & 3.

Jane Eckert, world renowned agricultural tourism expert, will lead off the seminar at Chipola College at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 2. Eckert, a sixth generation farmer’s daughter was the presenter at the RWSAC 2014 seminar, an event given to a standing-room only audience of interests from across north Florida.

The second day, to begin at 8 a.m. on March 3, will be a drive-through of acreage fronting U.S. 231, south of Campbellton. The land, owned by Ladd and Meredith Tharpe, will enable Eckert to reveal the potential for development of tourism attractions, ranging from corn mazes and U-Pick opportunities to gift shops, petting zoos and exploration trails. The seminar will end at noon.

It is anticipated that the University of Florida’s IFAS staff will be on hand to discuss specialty crops.

For more info, contact Homer Hirt at 850-272-0643, hirttam@gmail.com or P.O. Box 506, Sneads, Fl. 32460.

Ignite the Night 5K Fun Run/Walk

All runners and walkers are invited to participate in the Ignite the Night 5K Fun Run/Walk, Friday, March 11, at 6 p.m., at Citizens Lodge.

The Jackson County Take Stock in Children Program along with the Lighting the Way for Kids Foundation of Jackson County are the co-hosts.

Mary Helen Smith, Take Stock Program Manager, says, “Come get your glow on and help us raise dollars for scholars. The race is meant for everyone, not just avid runners. If you can run, jump, walk, skip, or even crawl, we’d love for you join us wearing your glow-in-the-dark gear.” The entire race will be run inside the Citizens Lodge Park to ensure safety. Award medals will be given for first, second and third places overall and in each age division.

All money raised will go to Chipola scholarships to help low-income/at risk students in Jackson County. Cost is $20 for adults, $15 for students and free for kids under five. Participants who register by Feb. 26 get a long sleeve t-shirt. Registration will also be held at the race.

For information, contact Smith at (850)718-2428 or email: smithm@chipola.edu. Visit www.chipola.edu/tsic or on Facebook at Take Stock in Children-Chipola College.

Chipola ACE offering Teacher Certification Exam review

The Chipola ACE Lab is offering review sessions for the General Knowledge Florida Teacher Certification Examination.

Review sessions for the various tests are scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. on the following dates: Reading/Writing, March 14 and 16; Mathematics, March 15 and 17. For information, 850-718-2312.
The Boys Choir of Tallahassee to perform at Chipola on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

Open seating tickets are $10 at the Chipola Box Office 718-2420 or online at www.chipola.edu/boxoffice.

Cross Country Runners named NJCAA Scholar-Athletes

Three members of the Chipola women’s cross country team have been named Scholar All-American athletes by the NJCAA.

Recipients and their GPA’s, are: sophomore Margaret Wiedeman of Wakulla County (4.0), freshmen Jayde Smelcer of Chipley (4.0) and Lydia Wiedeman of Wakulla County (3.5). Only those athletes with a 3.5 GPA or higher earn the Scholar All-American award for the semester in which they compete in their sport.

The Chipola Women’s Cross Country team offers scholarships up to full tuition and board.

For information, contact Coach Rance Massengill at 850-718-2420, or email massengillr@chipola.edu

Porter Awarded Efurd Scholarship

Leigh Porter of Sneads has been awarded the Railey Efurd Memorial Nursing Scholarship to Chipola College. Porter is a second semester nursing student. Here, Marthe Efurd (right), presents the scholarship to Porter. More than $16,500 has been donated to the Efurd Scholarship Endowment. Marthe Efurd has offered to bake one of her famous homemade, 12-layer chocolate or coconut cakes for anyone making at least a $100 donation to the fund. Those wishing to make contributions, may send checks to: Chipola College Foundation, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL, 32446.

Chipola Artist Series will present a return performance of the Golden Dragon Acrobats Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.
Chipola Science students study Conservation—

Billy Bailey, Florida Caverns State Park Specialist, and Diana Sue Bryant, Wildlife Rehabilitator, recently made presentations to Chipola College environmental science students concerning the protection and preservation of Florida wildlife. Both speakers discussed the importance to biodiversity and the maintenance of ecosystems through interactive zoological presentations. Dozens of fossils which included Loggerhead, Eastern Box and Aquatic turtles, and the Gopher Tortoise were brought from Caverns Park. Bryant brought live animals, including Ceytan Magi, the Red Tailed Hawk; Greta the Great Horned Owl; and Bard and Screech Owls from her Wildlife Sanctuary.

ACE

Having trouble with a class? Get free help in ACE

The Chipola ACE (Academic Center for Excellence) provides free tutoring for all Chipola students. ACE is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mon. through Thurs., and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday. ACE is a full-service lab which offers individual tutoring, test-prep sessions for specific courses, study group organization, study skills development and high-speed computers with course software. ACE offers Reviews, Study Sessions, and Instructor-led sessions. ACE is located in the Z building. For information, call 718-2312

Chipola SSS visits FAMU

Students in the Chipola College Student Support Services (SSS) program recently toured the Florida A&M University.

During Fall, SSS students visited FSU and UF. SSS also provides workshops on college transfer requirements and financial aid guidelines.

SSS is a TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education to assist first generation and students with varying social-economic classifications succeed academically in college. The Chipola SSS program is funded to serve 140 students.

High school or Chipola students interested in the SSS program should call 850-718-2417. For more information, visit the Chipola SSS website at chipola.edu/SSS.

Government Contracting Seminar set at Chipola

Chipola will offer a free small business Seminar “Introduction to Federal Government Contracting,” Friday, March 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building (M).

Laura Subel, Government Contracting Specialist, will lead the seminar which will cover topics such as: doing business with the government, growing sales, and government contract business for long-term growth.

The seminar is sponsored by the Small Business Development Council (SBDC) at UWF in Panama City. There is no cost for the seminar. Pre-registration is recommended. Participants may register online at www.sbc.uwf.edu by clicking on Training Opportunities (Panama City). At Chipola, contact Katrina Griffin at 718-2441 or email griffink@chipola.edu.