Chipola to host Tallahassee Saturday, Feb. 1

Both Chipola College basketball teams travel to Gulf Coast Jan. 25 before returning home to host Tallahassee on Saturday, Feb. 1.


The Lady Indians (5-0) are one game ahead Northwest (4-1) in league play. Gulf Coast (2-2) is third. Tallahassee is (1-4) and Pensacola is (0-5).

Chipola is the top-ranked team in the FCSAA State Women’s Poll. Northwest is second. Gulf Coast is third. Tallahassee is sixth and Pensacola is ninth. The Lady Indians are fourth in the NJCAA National Poll with Northwest at number 11.

Chipola scored a big 55-45 win over Northwest on Jan. 18. Wright shot 7 of 10 from the floor to lead Chipola with 15 points. Tiffany Lewis scored 11 points including three, three-pointers. Sophus had 6 assists for Chipola.


The Lady Indians knocked off arch-rival Gulf Coast 68-61 on Jan 7. Chipola opened conference play Jan. 4 with a 91-76 win over Pensacola.


After the first round of play, Chipola (4-1) leads the conference pack. Northwest (3-2) is one game back. Gulf Coast is (2-2). Pensacola is (2-3), and Tallahassee is (1-4).

The Indians are the top-ranked team in the FCSAA State Poll as of Jan. 21. Northwest is second in the state poll. Pensacola is seventh. Gulf Coast is eighth. Tallahassee is ninth. Chipola is the only Florida team in the NJCAA National Poll at number eight.


Chipola opened league play with a 77-76 win over the Pirates on Jan. 4. 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.
Baseball Alumni Weekend set

Chipola baseball alumni, their families, and fans are invited to participate in the 2014 Chipola College Baseball Alumni Weekend set for Feb. 7 and 8.

The weekend begins with two Chipola baseball games on Friday, Feb. 7. Chipola plays Shelton State at 10 a.m. and Walters State at 1 p.m. An Alumni Social will be held at Circle S Plantation.

A Golf Tournament featuring a four-person, scramble format tees off Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Indian Springs Golf Club. All golfers are invited to tee it up with current and former Major League Baseball alumni, sponsors and guests. A casual Alumni Social is set for Friday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.

Saturday’s events kick-off with Chipola vs. Walters State at 10 a.m. At 12:30 p.m., the annual Alumni Home Run Derby will commence with a Jersey Retirement Ceremony for 2013 MLB All-Star Patrick Corbin. A silent auction of MLB memorabilia will run during the derby with an MLB/MiLB autograph session to follow.

The annual Alumni Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at Citizen’s Lodge with special guest speakers and entertainment to be announced.

Head Coach Jeff Johnson and members of the Alumni Committee—Nathan Marks (00’), Andrew Gay (07’), Jason Barber (06’)—invite all former players and Chipola alumni to join them in supporting and participating in the weekend’s events.

Chipola head coach Jeff Johnson, says, “We want to stay in touch with as many of our alumni and fans of our program as possible. We invite everyone to participate in our Alumni Weekend to have a great time and support our Chipola Indians.”

Anyone interested in participating in or sponsoring the event should email nathan@marksinsurance.com. For information, visit www.chipola.edu or phone Coach Johnson at 850-718-2237.

Chipola to offer firefighter courses

The Chipola Service Department has scheduled several firefighting courses beginning next month.

Firefighter I and II will be offered in a classroom setting weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The course begins March 3 and runs through June 16. Firefighter I and II are required to work as a professional firefighter in Florida. Cost is $1,900 and financial aid is available.

A First Responder course will be offered Feb. 24-28, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily. The 40-hour class offers advanced first aid techniques for emergencies. The course is included in the curriculum for most law enforcement, corrections and firefighter programs.

Online Firefighter I for volunteer firefighters begins March 4 and ends June 26. The course includes First Responder, Forestry $130/190 and Firefighter I. Cost is $500, which includes use of bunker gear and live burn scenarios.

Information about the courses is available at www.chipola.edu/firefighting. Contact Martin Fowler, Fire Science Program Manager, at 718-2483 or email fowlemr@chipola.edu

Chipola to offer hunter safety course Feb. 1

Chipola will host the range portion of the Florida Wildlife Commission’s Hunter Safety Course Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Reddoch Firing Range.

Florida hunters 16 years of age or older must have a hunting license and persons born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass a hunter safety course before purchasing a hunting license.

To take the Chipola range course, youth must pass the online portion of the course available at www.myfwc.com/hunting/safety-education/courses/.

Volunteers from the Chipola Public Service program will teach the free course. Steve Anderson, Director of Chipola Public Service programs, says, “We are glad to offer this course as a community service to help young people learn basic firearm safety.”

There is no charge for the Chipola course, but youth must register in advance. For information about the course, contact Steven Stewart at 850-718-2286 or email stewarts@chipola.edu

Instructors: George Warthen, FWC NW Regional Coordinator; Alton Runew, Instructor; Steven Stewart, Chipola L.E. Coordinator/Rangemaster; David Arnette, Instructor; Leah McAllister, Instructor; and Jamie McAllister, Chipola Corrections Coordinator.
Local children focus on their futures at “Chipola Champs Camp”

Ten area youth in foster care or receiving services in their own homes gained invaluable life experience through many educational and career-focused activities offered at the Second Annual Chipola Champs Camp.

The Department of Children and Families, (DCF), Big Bend Community Based Care, Anchorage Children’s Home and the United Way of Northwest Florida teamed up with Chipola College to host the two-day camp for children ages 11-17.

The camp gave the youth an opportunity to experience a college environment while participating in fun and educational arts, athletics and academic activities.

Chipola employees Dr. Bryan Craven, Joc Calloway and Alice Pendergrass served as hosts for the camp. “We were very happy to have these young people and their mentors on our campus to learn about the opportunities for higher education,” said Dr. Bryan Craven, Director of Public Relations at Chipola. “I am proud of all the students and our faculty who helped make this day a great success.”

Academic activities included Weird Science presented by Chipola Science Club with Dr. Jeff Bodart and Dr. David Hilton. Learning to Learn was presented by the Chipola Future Educators Club and led by Casey Bush and Dr. Lou Cleveland. Cars and Curls was offered by Chipola Cosmetology and Automotive students with instructors Paige Vanderwerf and Ada Scott and John Gardner and Chase Vlieg. Lunch was provided by Chipola President Dr. Gene Prough. Silly College Games was led by Student Activities Director Nancy Johnson. Show Business was presented led by Director Charles Sirmon and Technical Theatre Director Connie Smith. The day concluded with a “College is for Me” presentation by Chipola students Daniel Jackson, Tatum Skipper and Irene Muniz.

The Chipola Champs Camp is offered as one of more than a dozen statewide Camps for Champions (www.campsforchampions.com) providing year-round camp experiences for more than 1,000 children in foster care. The Chipola camp was the first to offer a curriculum focused on post-secondary education and careers. It was also the first to pair the youth with an adult volunteer who will guide and motivate them on an ongoing basis.

“We thank Chipola for designing an incredible curriculum full of hands-on activities that really got our kids thinking about their futures,” said Vicki Abrams, DCF’s Northwest Regional Director. “Through our new mentoring program, adult volunteers will support these youth on an ongoing basis and enable them to achieve their goals and aspirations.”

The camp was designed to allow the youth to learn more about themselves and their future career interests through leadership, professional and growth activities, and applied learning activities.

Chipola College is a DCF Partner for Promise. Since January 2012, the Partners for Promise initiative has recognized more than 2,000 businesses that donate their time, talent and resources to enrich the lives of people in the communities.

For more information, visit www.flpartnersforpromise.com.

The Chipola Future Educators Club will host its sixth Annual Teacher Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 8, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Building Z, Literature/Language. Teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend. To ensure that sufficient materials are available, please RSVP to FEC Sponsor Casey Bush at bushc@chipola.edu or phone 850-526-2761, Ext. 2449.

SSS TRIP TO UF—Student Support Services (SSS) students will visit the University of Florida campus Friday, Feb. 21. Students need to sign up for this trip by Friday, Feb. 14. See Donna Chandler in the TRIO Office, A-119, or phone 718-2431.
The Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy beginning Feb. 3. Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is 770 clock hours in length. Students who have completed the State of Florida, Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program and have passed the state certification exam may petition to have clock hours converted as transfer credit toward the Associate in Science in Criminal Justice Technology Program offered at Chipola College.

Candidates must be at least 19 years of age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT). The Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) is offered at the Public Service Building on Chipola Campus every Tuesday at 12:30. Cost of the test is $45. Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial Assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

For information regarding the application process, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.

Sonny Wise inducted into Chipola’s Order of the Golden Warrior

Chipola athletics honored one of its most loyal supporters during a basketball game on Jan. 18. Sonny Wise, retired Director of Physical Plant at Chipola and long-time Chipola Appreciation Club board member, was inducted into Chipola’s Order of the Golden Warrior.

Sonny and his wife Janet, also a Chipola retiree, received an engraved figure of Native American warriors. The Wises’ names will be engraved on a plaque in the Johnson Health Center Trophy case.

Wise joins the three inaugural members of the Order of the Gold Warrior--Terry Allen of Badcock and More in Graceville, Keith Williams of State Farm Insurance and Mickey Gilmore of the Marianna Wal-Mart.

Retired Chipola athletic director Dr. Dale O’Daniel created the award, saying, “We have lots of chiefs, but the warriors are the ones who fight the battle.”

Plucking the Strings

Harpist Anna Maria Mendietta taught a master class for Chipola College in conjunction with her Jan. 16 Artist Series performance. Here, Mendietta introduces Chipola student Daniel Clubb to the harp.

BIRTHDAYS

21 Jan Shannon Mercer
22 Jan Rose Cavin
22 Jan Chase Vlieg
22 Jan Paige Vanderwerf
23 Jan Tracy Spikes
24 Jan Wendy Pippen
25 Jan Betty S. Broome
1 Feb Belinda Hendrix

OOPS! I made a mistake in the last issue and accidentally posted February birthdays. Below are the ones I missed plus the ones for this week. So Sorry!

FEBRUARY
3 Deadline Spring C changes
7-8 Baseball Alumni Weekend
11 CC Basketball Vs. Gulf Coast Women 5:30, Men 7:30 P.M.
14 Literature / Language Festival
20 Music and Theatre Scholarship Auditions for 2014-15
22 CC Basketball Vs. Northwest FL Women 5:30, Men 7:30 P.M.
26 ACT Fund Opening Night, 5:30
26-28 The Sound of Music, 7 p.m.

Recruiters on Campus:
Rep from Troy University Dothan will be in the cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 21, 2014.
A recruiter for Navy Officer Programs will be in front of the cafeteria on February 11 from 9:00 – 1:00 P.M.
Rep from FSU PC will be in the cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates:
February 5 & 25, March 19, April 9 & 22, May 7 & May 20, 2014.