Chipola to host Tallahassee in Jan. 13 Conference matchups

Chipola hosts Tallahassee in a pair of Panhandle Conference games Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Johnson Center. The women tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Indians improved to 2-0 in league play with a 75-67 win at Gulf Coast on Jan. 7. Though Chipola led 45-19 at the break, Gulf Coast mounted a comeback and pulled to within seven, 65-58, with four minutes remaining. Kendra Martin connected a big three-pointer for the Lady Indians which sealed the deal for Chipola.

The Lady Indians trounced Pensacola, 79-37, in the conference opener on Jan. 3. Evelyn Akhator led Chipola with 28 points, 23 rebounds, 8 blocks and 7 steals. For her performance she was named FCSAA Player of the Week for the third time this season. Suettetrica Key also scored 22 points for Chipola and pulled in 7 rebounds in the game.

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Chipola on the Warpath
Homecoming 2015
January 26-31

The Indians will host Northwest Florida State College Raiders on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21st in the Cafeteria. Voting for the candidates will take place on Jan. 21st and 22nd, in the Student Activities Office in the Cafeteria (K-105). On Jan. 21st students may vote from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and voting will continue on Jan. 22nd until 12 Noon. Students must be currently enrolled to vote.

CC’s 2015 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned at halftime of the men’s basketball game on January 31st. More about Homecoming will be coming soon...
Chipola invites area school choirs to Music Festival

Chipola will host an all new choral festival on Saturday, Jan. 24, to spotlight the talents of area choral programs.

Designed for middle school and high school choirs, the festival will give talented vocal ensembles the chance to perform on the Center for the Arts stage with other ensembles from schools across the Chipola district and beyond. The Chipola Music Festival is open to choral ensembles and show choirs. Deadline for registration is Friday, Jan. 9.

“This is not a competition, but the up-tempo environment and positive adjudication process is sure to light the flame needed for ensembles to prepare for the upcoming competition season,” said Evelyn Ward, Chipola Director of Fine and Performing Arts. “Our goal is to spark that extra drive and determination needed at the beginning of the competition season, and to provide valuable experience in preparing for district, regional, and state festivals. The Chipola Music Festival guarantees to offer these students an outstanding choral experience.”

The Chipola Music Festival will be held in conjunction with the Winters School of Music at William Carey University. Specially selected adjudicators from William Carey University will provide detailed, positive feedback to all ensembles through written comments, as well as a personal feedback clinic. In addition to adjudication, students will participate in an afternoon workshop with voice and music instructors preparing for a large joint choral performance that afternoon.

The day will culminate with an afternoon performance at 4 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Theatre. The concert will include performances by the Chipola Show Choir, the William Carey University Chorale and show choir, Carey Company, and the middle school and high school Joint Student Choruses.

Concert admission is $5 per person. Proceeds from this concert will be used to cover the costs of the Music Festival, including of music, royalties, and personnel expenses.

Deadline for registration is Friday, Jan. 9. Interested schools should contact Evelyn Ward by email at warde@chipola.edu or 850-718-2277 as soon as possible.

Broadway talent performs on Chipola stage for Jan 22 Artist Series

The Chipola College Artist Series will present Embraceable You: The Music of George Gershwin, Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Center for the Arts.

The show will feature American standards “They Can’t Take That Away from Me,” “I Got Rhythm,” and “Let’s Call the Whole Thing Off.” The music of George and Ira Gershwin is musical comedy at its finest. Embraceable You features two of today’s most talented young artists singing, dancing and falling in love. If you like Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Lena Horne, with a little extra modern flair and pazzaz, then you’ll LOVE Embraceable You!

Hailing from Canada, Dean Balkwill began performing professionally at the age of 14. His credits include RENT on Broadway where Dean thrilled audiences as Roger, the heart broken romantic lead. THE LION KING then welcomed Dean as Ed the Hyena in this Broadway smash hit. Dean now makes his living in Atlanta recording vocals for commercials, performing for hundreds each week, and writing original musical works for the stage. What began as a dance partnership in TOMMY became a lifelong partnership between him and wife Lisa. They have three daughters and live to love their family.

From Broadway to the silver screen, Lisa Balkwill also has quite an impressive resume. In 2002 she was cast singing and dancing alongside Catherine Zeta Jones in the film CHICAGO working with Oscar-winning director Rob Marshall. Marshall was so impressed with Lisa that he personally cast her in his Broadway production of CABARET, where she understudied Teri Hatcher as the show stopping lead, Sally Bowles. Lisa was seen in the Tony-winning show, TOMMY where she performed as the show’s featured dancer in Germany and across Canada. Other shows include Broadway’s BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, shows abroad Europe and several cruise ships for a number of years.

“This would be a wonderful Valentine surprise for that special someone.” encourages Chipola College Director of Fine and Performing Arts, Evelyn Ward, “Why not surprise them with dinner and a Broadway show at Chipola?”

Tickets are $18 for adults, $10 for children under 18, with special pricing for Chipola students and employees. Online tickets are available now at www.chipola.edu/boxoffice. Tickets may be printed at home, or with an order confirmation, will-call tickets will be available at the box office the night of the show. Tickets also are available for purchase at the Center for the Arts Box Office with hours Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. The Box Office is also open one hour prior the event.

The Artist Series season continues April 2, 2015 with its final show of the season Unsinkable Women, Stories and Songs from the Titanic. Deborah Jean Templin stars in this one-woman play in which she portrays nine women who survived the 1912 tragedy. For more information, call 850-718-2277 or visit www.chipola.edu/boxoffice.
Firefighter courses set at Chipola College

Chipola College will offer several Firefighting classes in early 2015. Firefighter I and II classes in day and evening formats.

Daytime Firefighter I and II classes will begin in February. Both classes will be offered Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Firefighter I will run Feb. 16 through March 26. Firefighter II will run March 30 through May 14. Orientation for Day classes is Jan. 13.

Evening classes for Firefighter I and II will meet Monday through Thursday, from 5 to 10 p.m. Firefighter I will run Feb. 16 through May 11. Firefighter II will run May 12 through July 29. Orientation for night classes is Jan. 20.

Cost is $1,800 each for Firefighter I or Firefighter II classes. Firefighter I price includes: 225 hour class, book, Drug and Background Test and (5) T-shirts. Firefighter II price includes: 225 hour class, Forestry S-130/180/L-190, use of SCBA and bunker gear.

Pre-requisite for both courses is First Responder (EMT or higher certification). A daytime First Responder class will meet Jan. 26-30, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An evening First Responder class will meet Feb. 2-12, from 5 to 10 p.m. Cost is $150. Some financial aid is available.

For information, contact Martin Fowler at (850) 718-2483, e-mail www.fowlerm@chipola.edu or visit www.chipola.edu.

Law Enforcement classes now forming at Chipola

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class beginning Jan. 26, 2015. Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Completion of either of these programs will prepare candidates to take the State Board Examination and become certified by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission upon becoming employed with a law enforcement agency. Prior to admission, all candidates must earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) offered at the Public Service Building every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. The next opportunity to take this exam is Jan. 6. Cost of the test is $45. Application deadline is Jan. 21.

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.

Chipola PBL members help the community

The Chipola Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) business fraternity is participating in many community service efforts.

Over the past few months, members assisted the Habitat ReStore with the setup for Christmas. Members collected more than 5,000 food items for the Jackson County BackPack for Kids Feeding Program. The group also collected more than $700 worth of clothing for the Family Intervention agency.

PBL adviser Glenda Bethel says, “Thanks to the generosity of Chipola’s employees and students, these community service projects provided much needed assistance to many individuals in our area.” For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/ChipolaPBL1 and www.facebook.com/BackpackForKidsFeedingProgram

Here, members load items for the BackPack for Kids Feeding program. They are, from left: Dustin Graham, Deborah Graham, Alex Anderson and Brittany Brooks.
Chipola to host FBLA district competition

Chipola’s Business and Technology department will host the annual FBLA District Competition and Awards Ceremony Friday, Jan. 16.

The competition will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Building Z with the Awards Ceremony at noon in the Prough Center for the Arts.

Approximately 115 area high school students will compete in qualifying events for the FBLA state competition in Orlando. Chipola faculty and staff will serve as judges and will offer their advice and insight.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is the high school version of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), a business-centric organization that works to improve students’ leadership skills and confidence, while guiding students into community service and competitions at the state and national level.

Chipola’s PBL organization will help host the competition which will provide members with valuable experience as they prepare for state competition. Members will serve as timekeepers and room coordinators. For information, visit www.floridafbla-pbl.com/

Teacher workshop set at Chipola College

The Chipola College Future Educators Club will host its seventh Annual Teacher Workshop, Saturday, Jan. 24, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend.

Future educators currently enrolled at Chipola with the assistance of the education faculty, staff, and education graduates will present the free workshop. The day will include various sessions for elementary, middle, and high school teachers. The students will present hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom along with samples for teachers and education majors to use in their own classrooms. Sessions will include resources and strategies in Math, Science, Reading, English, ESOL and ESE. There will also be drawings for several door prizes.

Guest sessions will include: Whole Brain Intermediate (K-6) — Heather Bailey; Text-Based Writing Strategies (3-5) — Carmen Riviere and Tiffany Steverson; and Science You Can Eat — Heather Hall and Drew Chalker; Classroom Economics (2-6) — Anna Beth Rackley; Teach with Movies (6-12) — Mackenzie Willis; Using Children’s Lit as Model Text (K-2) — Heather Pilcher; and Comprehending Expository Text Using Graphic Organizers (K-2) — Adrienne Barnes.

Other session topics include: Making Sense of Math (K-6); Music With Movement (K-6); Doing “The Daily 5” (K-3); Hands On Social Studies (K-2); Real “Real-World” Math Problems (6-12); “Brain Breaks” That Won’t Get Boring (K-3); Social Studies Without the Textbook (3-6); Hands on Science Minus a Long Supply List (K-4); The Wonderful World Of Readers (5-12); How Does the Interactive Notebook Fit in the Classroom? (3-5); “Whole Brain Teaching” for Primary Grades (K-2); and “Whole Brain Teaching” for Intermediate Grades (3-6).

The workshop will be held in the Literature/Language (Building Z) on the Chipola campus. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the first session at 8:15 a.m.

To ensure sufficient materials are available, please RSVP to FEC Sponsor Casey Bush at bushc@chipola.edu or phone 850-718-2449.

All Students Welcome: SSS Financial Aid Literacy Workshop January 21st, 1-3pm, Z-118

Recieve important fiancial aid & scholarship information and get your FAFSA completed!