Chipola Homecoming activities announced

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming beginning Jan. 27 and culminating with the Homecoming Game Saturday, Feb. 6. This year’s theme is “Year of the Spear.”

Candidates for Homecoming will be introduced Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 10:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria. Voting will be Jan. 27-28. The top two freshmen vote winners (women and men) and the top three sophomore or upper classmen vote winners will make the Homecoming Court. The sophomore or upper classmen winners with the most votes will be the Queen and Mr. Chipola. The court will be posted by 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, on the college website.

Student Activities for Homecoming week include, Dress up days: Monday, Feb. 1: Sports Day – wear the colors of your favorite sport or team; Tuesday, Feb. 2: Tacky Day – dress tacky; Wednesday, Feb. 3: Blue & Gold Day – show your Indian spirit by wearing our school colors; Thursday, Feb. 4: Pajama Day; and Friday, Feb. 5: Nerd Day. There will be a building decoration contest between the clubs, with decorating Monday, Feb.1 and judging, Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m.

The Homecoming Talent Show is Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 10:30 a.m., in the Chipola Cultural Center (Old Arts Center). Any currently enrolled Chipola student may enter. Performances are limited to 4 minutes or less. Cash prizes will be awarded to: Best Overall, 2nd and 3rd places and Category Winners: Best Solo, Best Group, and Best Band. Register in the Student Activities Office in the Cafeteria by Monday, Feb. 1.

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TEACHER WORKSHOP SET AT CHIPOLA COLLEGE

The Chipola Future Educators Club will host its Eighth Annual Teacher Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 6, 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.

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

Chipola hosts Tallahassee Jan. 26

Both Chipola basketball teams host Tallahassee, Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the Johnson Center. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m. The men’s game begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Indians improved to 16-3 overall and 3-1 in conference play with a 65-46 win over Pensacola, Jan. 16. Cynthia Petke led Chipola with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Raven Baker had 15 points and 3 steals. Aisha Edwards had 13 points, 7 assists and 4 steals. Barbara Johnson added 10 points.

As of Jan. 21, Gulf Coast (5-0) leads the women’s conference race. Chipola (3-1) is second. Northwest (2-3) is third. Tallahassee (1-4) is fourth. Pensacola is (1-4).

The Lady Indians are ranked third in the FCSAA State Poll behind top-ranked Gulf Coast and second ranked Daytona. Other Panhandle teams in the state ranking include: Northwest (4) and Tallahassee (6). Chipola is sixth in the NJCAA National Poll.


The Lady Indians are the defending NJCAA National Champions, and back-to-back State and Panhandle Conference champions.


Chipola slipped to 0-4 in conference after a 75-65 loss at Pensacola, Jan. 16. Eric Turner led Chipola with 13 points. Junior Saintel had 12.

Chipola suffered a narrow 92-84 loss to Northwest, Jan. 12. The Indians led 40-35 at the half, and maintained the lead until late in the final period. Antwain Johnson led the Indians with 26 points. Eric Turner had 23 points. Patrick Rooks added 12.

As of Jan. 20, the men’s Panhandle standings are: Northwest (5-0), Tallahassee (4-1), Gulf Coast (2-3), Pensacola (1-4) and Chipola (0-4).

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Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend is Feb. 5-6

The annual Chipola College Baseball Alumni Weekend is set for Feb. 5-6.

Major league baseball stars and other former Chipola players will return to their alma mater for the weekend which will include live college baseball action, a Homerun Derby, great food and the chance to rub elbows with the pros, including two-time MLB Homerun champ Jose Bautista and his Toronto Blue Jays teammate, All-Star catcher Russell Martin. Honorary Chipola alumnus Jeff Mathis of the Marlins, Braves catcher Tyler Flowers and Diamondbacks pitcher Patrick Corbin also are expected to attend.

An Alumni Dinner and Auction is set for Friday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. Big-leaguers have donated thousands in memorabilia for the auction. Tickets are $100, with table sponsorships available for $1,000. Sponsors earn recognition at the dinner, 8 tickets, an autographed baseball and a group photo with MLB players.

A full day of activities is set for Saturday, Feb. 6, at Chipola Field. At 10 a.m., the Chipola Indians will face Walters State. An MLB Alumni Homerun Derby starts at 12:30 p.m. with guest prizes and MLB memorabilia for sale.

The MLB autograph and photo session runs from 2:30 to 3:30. For $10, fans can get one item signed by each professional. Player photos and MLB baseballs will be available for purchase.

Passes to the day’s events are $10 per person for all ages. Fans are also invited to purchase fresh grouper lunch plates for $10.

For information about alumni happenings, email Nathan Marks at nathan@marksinsurance.com, visit www.chipola.edu or 850-718-2237.

Chipola offers Law Enforcement & Corrections Courses

A daytime Corrections class begins Jan. 19. The course will meet weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through April 27.

An evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class will be offered beginning Feb. 8. Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Completion of the Corrections class 420 clock-hour program prepares candidates to take the State Examination to become a certified correctional officer. Starting annual salary is estimated at $32,000.

Prior to admission, all candidates must earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test offered at Public Service every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the test is $45. Application deadline is Feb. 4. Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical examination, background check and drug screening.

For information on Corrections classes contact Jamie McAllister, Corrections Coordinator, at 718-2212. For Law Enforcement information, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 850-718-2286.

Starting a Business Seminar set at Chipola

Chipola will offer a small business Seminar “Steps to Starting a Business in Florida,” Friday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building (M).

CPA Johnny Branch, Growth Business Specialist, will lead the course which will focus on organizational requirements, location, licensing, financial assessments, insurance, marketing, loans, defining customers and employee requirements.

The seminar is sponsored by the Small Business Development Council (SBDC) at UWF in Panama City. Cost of the seminar is $35 for the public and free for Chipola students and employees. Pre-registration is recommended. Participants may register online at www.sbdc.uwf.edu by clicking on Training Opportunities (Panama City).

At Chipola, contact Katrina Griffin in Building M (108), phone 850-718-2441 or email griffink@chipola.edu.

Diane Timmons is Chipola College’s Career Employee for January. Timmons serves as a Senior Staff Assistant for the Human Resources Department and has worked at the college since 1985. Pictured from left, are: Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Equity Officer, Karan Davis, Diane Timmons and Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst.
FIRST FEDERAL HELPS CHIPOLA—First Federal Bank of Florida recently became a Corporate Sponsor of Chipola College athletics. Funds were raised through First Federal’s Community Rewards Program. Every time a First Federal customer who is enrolled in the program, uses their debit card to make a signature-based transaction, the bank donates money to a participating organization.

IDENTITY THEFT SEMINAR IS JAN. 26
First Commerce Credit Union will host a personal finance workshop on Identity Theft, Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 1:30 p.m. (CST), in M-108 of the college Business and Technology Building.

The workshop, entitled, “ID Check: Protect Your Identity from Scammers and Stealers,” will be presented to students in the Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity. According to the Federal Trade Commission, Florida has the highest per capita rate of reported identity theft complaints, and the highest percentage of identity theft victims were age 20-29.

First Commerce’s seminar offers tips to help deter, detect, and defend yourself from identity theft. Topics will include recognizing scams, protecting yourself from fraud, steps to take if you become a victim, resources and referrals, as well as a question-and-answer session.

All students, employees and interested persons are invited to learn about identity theft and to enjoy refreshments and door prizes.

For information, call PBL adviser Glenda Bethel at bethelg@chipola.edu 850-718-2262.

PAGE LEAVES CHIPOLA BOARD—Jan Page is leaving the Chipola College District Board of Trustees after eight years of service. Here, Page (right) is congratulated by Chipola president, Dr. Jason Hurst.

Firefighter courses set
Chipola will offer Firefighting I and Firefighting II evenings beginning in early 2016. Orientation is set for Thursday, Jan. 21, at 5 p.m.

Firefighter I runs Feb. 2 through May 5, and meets Monday through Thursday, from 5 to 10 p.m. Firefighter II will run May 9 through July 27.

Pre-requisite for both courses is First Responder (EMT or higher certification). A daytime First Responder class will meet Jan. 25-29, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is $130.

Cost is $1,700 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. Some financial aid is available for both classes. For information, contact George Gay at (850) 718-2483, e-mail gayg@chipola.edu.

GALAPOGOS PRESENTATION
Bob Weinstein, a retired civil engineer and oceanographer, presented a talk on the Galapagos Islands at a recent meeting of the Chipola College Honors program. Here, Honors student Isaac Guettler is pictured with Weinstein.