Chipola Officials Cut Ribbon to open New Building

The Chipola College District Board of Trustees hosted a Ribbon-Cutting and tour of the college’s new Workforce Development building on Tuesday, May 17.

The facility will provide space for the college’s Cosmetology and Automotive Technology programs, labs, meeting rooms and a new home for the college’s Barnes and Noble Bookstore. The 27,000 square foot facility also includes a computer staging area and shop for the college Information Systems Department. Space also is available to add new programs in response to workforce demands.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, said, “This is a great new learning facility for our students. I’m also excited about the potential this building offers to add new programs in the future.”

Bud Riviere, Chipola’s Dean of Workforce Development programs, led board members and other guests on a tour of the new facility. He said, “This new building will greatly enhance the educational opportunities for our students and provide the latest technology to ensure that our curriculum is in line with current industry standards.”

The $3.3 million project was designed by the architectural firm of Donofro and Associates. Southern Triad was the contractor.

Board members also toured the college’s new Centralized Chilled Water Plant which will provide more efficient heating and cooling for several buildings on campus. The on-demand system is expected to greatly reduce energy consumption.

Boosters raising funds for National Baseball Tournament

The Chipola Indians begin their quest for a second national baseball championship on May 29, and the college’s athletic booster club is already at work raising $20,000 to contribute toward the team’s week-long trip to Grand Junction, Colorado.

Appreciation Club president Robert Trammell says, “It is a great honor to have the Indians in the national tournament, and we are counting on the entire Chipola family to help our team. Support from the community is the primary reason Chipola is one of the very best programs in the nation.”

College president Dr. Gene Prough says, “I am so thankful to our friends and alumni who always step up when we need them. The Appreciation Club provides the additional support needed to keep Chipola athletics on the national stage.”

Tax-deductible contributions to Chipola’s national tourna-

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Florida Workforce Board to meet at Chipola, Thursday, May 26

The Florida Workforce Board of Directors will meet in Marianna, May 25 and 26.

The Finance and Administration Council of the Workforce Board will meet Wednesday, May 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. (CST) at the Jackson County Agriculture Conference Center on Penn Avenue. The group also will tour the Family Dollar Distribution Center from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (CST).

On Thursday, May 26, the Florida Workforce Board of Directors will meet in the Chipola College Arts Center, from 8:30 a.m. to noon (CST). Workforce Florida’s Board of Directors is a diverse group of leaders in business and community-based organizations charged with overseeing the entire state workforce system. For information, visit www.workforceflorida.com.

SUMMER PROGRAMS.

Chipola will offer programs for all ages this summer.

A Parent/Infant swim class (ages 3 and under) is May 23-26 with classes available at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Registration deadline is May 16. Cost is $30.

Swimming lessons for ages four and up will be offered during the following sessions: Session 1: June 6-16 with registration deadline May 31; Session 2: June 20-June 30; Session 3: July 11-21; and Session 4: Aug. 8-18. Classes are available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Sessions are Monday through Thursday for two weeks of 45-minute lessons. Cost is $45. Pre-registration is required. For information, call 718-2473.

Baseball Coach Jeff Johnson will offer three camps. A Pitching Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 13-14. A Hitting Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 15-16. A Skills Camp for ages 7-8 will meet June 20-21. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is $100 per camp. Call 718-2243.

Softball Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer two camps for all ages. A Fielding, Hitting, and Hustling Camp will meet June 20-21, from 1-4 p.m. A Pitching Camp will meet June 22, from 1-4 p.m. Cost is $50 per camp. Call 718-2358.

**THIS WEEK**

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

27-May Nancy Johnson
29 Lou Cleveland
29 Becky Davis

**CHIPOLA POOL HOURS**

Mon. - Thurs. 11 - 5 p.m. 
Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. 1 - 6 p.m.
Closed on holidays