State JUCO tourney brings thousand$ to Marianna

More than 2,000 visitors are expected to converge on Marianna for the Florida Junior College Men’s and Women’s State Basketball Tournament set for March 4-7 at Chipola College. Advance tickets are now on sale for the four-day event. Some 400 basketball players from 16 teams, along with coaches, cheerleaders and fans will fill nearly 200 hotel rooms during the tourney. Numerous Division I College coaches and recruiters also are expected to scout the talent in the competition. Tournament officials estimate that more than $250,000 will flow into the area during the tournament from food, lodging, recreation and incidental expenses.

Tournament administrator Ronnie Myers, a former Chipola player, said, “The tournament is a huge undertaking which requires many volunteers and tremendous financial support. We could not host this event without the generous support of our fans, sponsors and advertisers.”

The Jackson County Tourist Development Council awarded a $10,000 grant to the Chipola Appreciation Club to help promote and operate the tournament.

Waste Management is official host sponsor for the event. Other sponsors include: the Florida Lottery, Florida Credit Union League, Community South Credit Union, Jackson County Teachers Credit Union, Tyndall Federal Credit Union and FOCUS Credit Union.

Robert Trammell, ticket sales chairman, said, “Chipola has one of the finest junior college athletic programs in the country and our people put on one of the best tournaments anywhere. The great traditions established here by coaching legend Milton Johnson are evident today in the quality of this tournament.”

Chipola students network Jim’s Buffet

The Chipola College Network Administration class recently completed a project for Jim’s Buffet & Grill.

Under the direction of instructor Dean Giles, students installed a new network linking the front and back offices. The new network allows DSL expenses to be cut in half.

Instructor Giles said, “Hands-on experience is a key element to the learning process. Projects like this allow students to apply what they have learned while serving in the community.”

Jim’s Buffet owner Tarek Gad, who was grateful for the help, wishes to extend a 10 percent discount to any Chipola student or employee.

For more information about the Network Administrator program, contact Giles at 718-2392.

Pictured from left, are: Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, tournament coordinator Alice Pendergrass, tournament administrator Ronnie Myers and Chipola athletic director Dr. Dale O’Daniel.

Pictured from left, are: (front) co-owner Maria Andromidas, cook Rachida Belaid, hostess Millie Saylor, (back) Kevin Kimbro, Dean Giles and Christopher Patton.

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Chipola teams clinch spots in state tourney

Both Chipola College basketball teams host Pensacola, Tuesday, Feb. 17, in the final regular season home game of the year.

Both squads have earned spots in the State JUCO Tournament set for March 4-7 on the Chipola campus.

The Indians improved a 25-1 overall and 9-0 in conference play with an 89-56 victory over Tallahassee on Feb. 7. Chipola was led in scoring by Josh Sain and Toruye Pelham each with 14 points. Sain was 4 for 4 from the three point line and made both of his free throw attempts. Gary Flowers added 12 points, 5 assists, 1 block, and 2 steals. Jeremy Jacob and Justin Brownlee had 10 points apiece. Brownlee had 7 rebounds and 5 assists. Jacob had 7 rebounds and 2 steals. Darrell Williams had 11 points and 6 rebounds.

Chipola dominated in the first half following a 33-7 run to go up 45-26. The Indians outscored TCC 44-30 in the second half to set the longest win streak in Chipola history at 24.

The Indians lead the conference race and are ranked first in the state and national polls. They will defend their title beginning March 5 in the state tournament. Gulf Coast (6-4) is in second in the league with a chance to make their first state tournament appearance in several years. NWF is (4-6), TCC is (3-7) and PJC is (2-7).

The Lady Indians (7-2) are just a half game behind Gulf Coast (8-2) in the conference race. Chipola scored a 57-35 win over Tallahassee on Feb. 7. Latoya Williams led Chipola with 20 points and 8 rebounds. Sequoyah Griffin had 11 points and 7 rebounds.

Chipola led 32-21 at the half and outscored TCC by 11 in the second half. Chipola committed only 14 turnovers, marking four straight games with less than 15 turnovers.

The conference standings as of Feb. 12, are: Gulf Coast (8-2), Chipola (7-2), NWF (5-5), PJC (4-5) and TCC (0-10).

Both Chipola squads travel to Northwest for a pair of games on Feb. 14. Chipola returns home to host Pensacola on Feb. 17 before closing out the season at Gulf Coast on Feb. 21.

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Key supporters of Chipola athletics are selling advance tickets. Tournament passes—$25 for adults and $15 for students—will get fans into all 14 exciting tournament games. Single session tickets—two games—are $10 each.

The women’s tournament begins Wednesday, March 4, with the men’s tournament set to tip off Thursday, March 5. Games times are 1, 3, 6 and 8, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The women’s championship is Saturday at 5 p.m., with the men’s championship at 7:30 p.m.

For ticket information, call 718-2220, or visit the official tournament web site at: www.chipola.edu

Chipola theatre majors visit Atlanta

Chipola College Theatre director Charles Sirmon, recently led a group of theatre majors and friends on a Theatre weekend in Atlanta. Chipola majors studied with Atlanta’s number one improv company, “Dad’s Garage Theatre Company.” Students were taught by an improv professional and attended the company show. Students also attended the world famous Cirque Du Soleil production KOOZA at Atlantic Station and visited the High Museum of Art, Piedmont Park and the Coca-Cola museum. Pictured from left, are: (front) Keith Watford, Nathan Houser, Courtney Corbin, Brenna Kneiss; (standing) Kristina Lopez, Garrett Brolund, DR Forrester, Ben Grande, Angela Wiley, Aven Pitts, Angie White, Joan Stadsklev, Austin Pettis, Charles Sirmon, Kydall Covington, Chris Manasco and Aaron Moore.

JUCO Team Hosts

Several local families have volunteered to serve as hosts for the 16 teams which will be in town, March 4-7, for the State Junior College Basketball Tournament at Chipola College. Pictured from left, are: (front) Vickie Curry, Jo Ann Everett, Yvette Pittman, Tracy Dudley, Eddie Hilton, Eulice Bryant, Caretha Everett, (back) John Ellerbee, Patrick Bryan, Leroy Boone, Willie Spires, Hubert Williams, Ralph Harrison and Waymon Moneyham. Not pictured are: Jay Mitchell and Merle Houston.
Chipola hosts Fibercare

The Chipola Indians will host the Fibercare Baseball Classic, Feb. 20-21, at the Chipola stadium.

The Indians play Alabama Southern at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 20, and Middle Georgia at 1:30 p.m. Middle Georgia and Alabama Southern play at 4 p.m. Friday.

Action continues Saturday, Feb. 21, with Chipola and Alabama Southern at 11 a.m., Alabama Southern and Middle Georgia at 1:30 p.m., and Chipola and Middle Georgia at 4 p.m.

For information about Chipola baseball, visit www.chipola.edu

Langston Foundation helps

The Norris D. Langston Youth Foundation (NDLYF) recently donated $15,000 to the Chipola College Foundation. Here, Education Classic Director Aaron Peterson presents the check to Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough as volunteers and students in Langston Youth programs look on. The NDLYF provides a variety of educational services, including mentoring, counseling, motivational seminars, travel to post-secondary institutions, cultural events, and financial support.

Chipola Cheerleader Extravaganza draws giant crowd

Thousands of fans turned out to cheer for the cheerleaders at the Chipola College Cheerleader Extravaganza on Feb. 8.

In the varsity squad competition, Marianna High won first place; Holmes County High finished second; Lyman (Longwood, FL) High finished third; Wicksburg High finished fourth and Chipley High finished fifth.

In the Small Varsity competition Graceville High won first and Sneads High finished second. In the small junior varsity squad competition, Marianna J. V. won first. In the large junior varsity squad competition, Pine Forest (Pensacola) High won first; Holmes County High School finished second; Northview (AL) High finished third and Wicksburg High finished fourth.

In the Large Middle School Division, Marianna Middle Cheerleaders won first place. In the Small Middle School Division, Grand Ridge Middle won first place. Marianna Middle won the Middle School Spirit Trophy. Marianna High won the Junior Varsity Spirit Trophy. Chipley High won the Varsity Spirit Trophy.

In the Dance Competition Graceville won first place and Malone finished second.

Marianna High Varsity was named Extravaganza Grand Champion for receiving the most points in the overall competition. Exhibition squads included: JAGS All Stars: Youth Team and Mini Team and Junior MEGA All Stars.

Hundreds of fans turned out to cheer for the cheerleaders at the Cheerleader Extravaganza on February 8. Here, the Marianna High Varsity squad poses with their Grand Champion and First Place trophies.

More Extravaganza photos can be seen on page 4.
Cheerleader Extravaganza, continued

Here, Graceville High Varsity cheerleader Jessica Baxley receives their Small Varsity First Place trophy from Chipola Cheerleader Courtney Beauchamp and one of the FAMU Cheerleaders.

Here, Marianna JV Cheerleader Ashley Laramore accepts their Small Junior Varsity First Place trophy from Chipola Cheerleader Kaitlyn Burch.

Here, the Marianna Middle School squad poses with their First Place Large Middle School and Middle School Spirit trophies.

GATOR SCHOLARSHIP. The Northwest Florida Gator Club is offering scholarships to entering juniors at the University of Florida’s West Florida Research Education Center in Milton, FL. Applicants must have applied, been accepted, and plan to attend the University of Florida at WFREC during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Applications are available in Student Services. They must be completed and mailed directly to the Northwest Florida Gator Club and must be received no later that Monday, April 6, 2009.

The University of Florida Center in Milton offers degrees in Golf and Sports Turf Management, Natural Resource Conservation, and Landscape and Nursery Horticulture (formerly known as Environmental Horticulture). For further information, see an Advisor in Student Services.

HONORS SPEAKER. Joan Elmore, from the Jackson County extension office, will address the Chipola Honors group on Wednesday, Feb 18, at 1 p.m. in Jackson Hall. She will discuss financial issues, including credit cards, student loans and credit ratings. The talk is intended to help students make sound financial decisions during their college years.

FCA MEETS. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle meets Thursday nights at 7 pm in H-108. Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship. All students are welcome.

BCM INVITES. Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) will sponsor a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in A-156. They will hold a Prayer Meeting on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in the Dorm Lobby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY**

- 24 Night Students Social
- 26 Deadline to Apply for BS Grad
- 26 Music/Theatre Scholar Auditions
- 27 FTCE Reg Deadline for Apr Test
- 28 FTCE Exam

**THIS WEEK**

“Chipola This Week” is a weekly publication of the Chipola PR Office.

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, February 18. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 18-Feb Angie Tyler
- 19-Feb Charles Crawford
- 21-Feb Sonny Wise
- 22-Feb Jeff Bodart

STUDENT IDS. Student ID’s will be made on Tuesdays from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m. in Building A. All students must obtain a student ID. Replacements are $10. Bring the white copy of your Fall fee receipt to get your ID.

CONDOLENCES. Charles Davis, husband of retired English professor Ruth Davis, died Feb. 6.

Charles was a member of the first class of Chipola Junior College in 1947. He also played on Chipola’s first basketball team. Donations may be sent to the Activities Department of Marianna Health and Rehab Center, 4295 Fifth Ave., Marianna, FL, 32446.