

## Chipola Brain Bowl teams qualify for state tourney

Both Chipola College Brain Bowl teams will play for the state title in the FCCAA State Championships at Brevard Community College March 26-28 in Cocoa.

Chipola Gold was undefeated through the round robin portion of the Panhandle regional, but lost a close final to North Florida, giving Chipola a second place finish.

Chipola Blue finished third in the region, and earned one of two wild-card spots based on their 311.43 points per game average. This year marks the first time that two Chipola teams have qualified for state. Chipola is the defending FCCAA state champion.

A total of 10 teams from four regions across the state qualified for the upcoming state tournament: Panhandle—North Florida (Champs) and Chipola-Gold (Runner-up); East Central—FCCJ (Champs) and Central Florida (Runner-up); West Central—Pasco-Hernando (Champs) and Valencia Red (Runner-up); Southern—Broward Blue (Champs) and Broward White (Runner-up); and Wild Card teams—Chipola Blue and Brevard.

Chipola Gold team members are: Jordan Belser, Anthony Garrett, Brad Wells, and Ryan Wells.

Chipola Blue team members are: Nathan Hooppell, Ethan Hewett, Drew Padgett, Cody Pickens, and Anthony Berkeley.

Stan Young and Dr. Robert Dunkle coach the Chipola Brain Bowl teams.

Both Chipola teams also have qualified for the NAQT (National Academic Quiz Tournament) Intercollegiate Championship set for Feb. 27-28 in Orlando. Chipola finished second in the 2008 National Tournament.



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## Chipola to host meeting on scholarships

The Chipola College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will host a Scholarship Seminar, Sunday, March 1, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Building.

The meeting is planned for graduating high school seniors and students planning to transfer to a university. Information on

merit-based and need-based scholarships to Chipola and other colleges will be available.

Those planning to attend are asked to call PTK public relations officer Cassie Mitchell at (850) 557-3307.

### THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

#### 23 MONDAY

- ◆ SGA — 2 p.m., Q111

#### 24 TUESDAY

- ◆ BCM Prayer Meeting — 8:15 a.m., Dorm Lobby
- ◆ Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., A156
- ◆ Night Students Social — 7 p.m., D Lobby

#### 25 WEDNESDAY

- ◆ BCM Bible Study — 10 a.m., A156

#### 26 THURSDAY

- ◆ Deadline to Apply for Graduation for Summer or Fall Term for BS Students
- ◆ Music and Theatre Scholar Auditions for 2009-10
- ◆ FACC Executive Board Mtg — 2:30 p.m., Z215

#### 27 FRIDAY

- ◆ FTCE Registration Deadline for April Test
- ◆ ACT Registration Deadline April Test
- ◆ Academic Directors — 9 a.m., A192
- ◆ CC Baseball vs. Grand Rapids—3:00 p.m., BC

#### 28 SATURDAY

- ◆ Florida Teachers Certification Exam
- ◆ CC Baseball vs. St. Johns River—Noon, BC
- ◆ CC Baseball vs. Grand Rapids—6:00 p.m., BC

#### MARCH 1 SUNDAY

- ◆ CC Baseball vs. Grand Rapids—Noon, BC

## Chipola hoops squads make state tournament

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

The Indians captured their sixth straight Panhandle Conference title and improved to 11-0 in league play with a 91-73 win over Pensacola on Feb. 17. Jeremy Jacob led Chipola with 19 points and 4 rebounds. Gary Flowers had 15 points, 9 rebounds and 4 assists. Malcolm Armstead had 13 points and 3 rebounds. Justin Brownlee scored 10 points and pulled in 7 rebounds.

The Indians scored an 83-82 overtime win over Northwest State on Feb. 14. Flowers led Chipola with 31 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 blocks, and 4 steals. Torye Pelham added 14 points and 3 rebounds. Armstead had 11 points and 4 assists. Jon Kreft had 10 points and 6 boards. The Indians scored an 89-56 victory over TCC on Feb. 7.

The Indians close out the regular season at Gulf Coast Feb. 21 with a chance to set a Panhandle record for winning all conference games. Chipola is 27-1 overall, and with 26 straight wins, has broken the college's old win-streak record of 23.

Chipola (11-0) will defend the state title beginning March 5 in the state tournament. Gulf Coast (7-4) is in second in the league and will make their first state tournament appearance in several years. Other conference records are: NWF (5-7), TCC (3-8) and PJC (2-9).



The Lady Indians face Gulf Coast, Saturday, Feb. 21, for the conference title. Both teams are knotted at 9-2. Both Chipola and Gulf Coast have earned spots in the tournament. Three Panhandle teams will play in the state tournament this year. Other conference records, are: NWF (6-6), PJC (4-7) and TCC (0-11).

Chipola scored a 73-59 win over Pensacola on Feb. 17. Latoya Williams led Chipola with 18 points and 5 rebounds. Georgian Williams had 13 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists. Lenita Sanford scored 12 points and pulled in 8 rebounds.

The Lady Indians scored a 65-58 win over Northwest State on Feb. 14. Williams led Chipola with 20 points and 6 rebounds. Carolyn Mills added 11.

Chipola scored a 57-35 win over Tallahassee on Feb. 7. Williams led with 20 points and 8 rebounds. Sequoyah Griffin had 11 points and 7 rebounds.

The women's state 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 state tournament ticket information, call 718-2220, or visit the official tourney web site at: [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu)

## Tickets on sale for state tournament

The local motels will be filled with some very tall visitors when 16 community college basketball teams 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 men's and women's 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.

The Jackson County Tourist Development Council awarded a \$10,000 grant 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, Focus Credit Union, Jackson County Teachers Credit Union and Tyndall Federal Credit Union.

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.

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women's championship is Saturday at 5 p.m., with the men's championship at 7:30 p.m.

The Chipola men's team will play in the tournament as Panhandle Conference champion. Gulf Coast's men are making their first tournament appearance in several years.

The Lady Indians have earned a spot in the tournament, but are still neck and neck with conference rival Gulf Coast.

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## “Back to the 80’s” tickets on sale March 4

Tickets go on sale March 4 for Chipola’s totally awesome musical, “Back to the 80’s,” which opens a five-day run March 18.

“Back to the 80’s,” is straight from the era that brought the world The Rubik’s Cube, Max Headroom and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Join the graduating class of William Ocean High School as they live through their final senior year - as they experience the fun, the heartbreak, the loves and the loneliness of growing up all set to the biggest hits of the 80’s.

Theater director Charles Sirmon says the musical is rated “PG” as some material may not be suitable for younger audiences.

Sirmon cast local actors in the following roles: Keith Watford as Corey Palmer (Senior), Garrett Brolund as Corey Palmer (Junior), Austin Pettis as Alf Bueller, Jonathan Keeman as Kirk Keaton, Kyndall Covington as Tiffany Houston, Madison Wester as Cyndi Gibson, Brenna Kneiss as Mel Easton, Kylee Shores as Kim Easton, Ben Grande as Michael Keaton, Kris Sampson as Lionel Astley, Quintin Beechum as Huey Jackson, Aven Pitts as Feargal McFerrin, Grace Bailey as Eileen Reagan, Courtney Corbin as Laura Wilde,

Emily Harrison as Debbie Fox, Christina Lopez as Ms. Sheena Brannigan and Aaron Moore as Mr. Stevie Cocker. Classmates are: Haley Barfield, Sarah Lovins, Danielle Richardson,

Jacob Beasley and Clint Touchton. The crew includes Angela Wiley, David Reeves Forrester and Brenton Jones.

The show was written by Neil Gooding with additional material by Stuart Smith. Revised orchestrations and arrangements were composed by Brett Foster with original musical adaptation by Scott Copeman.



## Chipola mourns death of beloved coach

Retired Chipola coach Milton H. Johnson died Friday, Feb. 13, at his home in Marianna.

Coach Johnson was among the best to ever coach in community college basketball. From 1961 to 1993, Johnson won 628 games and led the Indians seven national tournaments, finishing second in 1974. He was named Division Coach of the Year nine times, Region VIII Coach of the Year six times and FCCAA Coach of the Year four times.

Johnson’s winning ways didn’t begin in junior college. The legendary coach gained wide recognition during six years at Campbellton High School (1955-61) by winning three state titles and rolling up an incredible 55-game winning streak. His lifetime coaching record includes more than 800 wins.

Johnson played basketball, baseball and football at Bay High in Panama City. In 1947, he joined Chipola’s first basketball team under Coach Roy Beall. Later he transferred to East Central Junior College in Mississippi, where he played basketball and football, and met his wife, the late Evelyn Johnson. Coach Johnson and his biggest fan, Evelyn, had two sons, Jimmy and David.

Johnson finished college at Livingston College where he was an outstanding scorer and defensive star as guard. He earned a Master’s in Physical Education from Florida State. He then served for two years in the Army before taking his first coaching job in Campbellton.

Johnson’s gentle demeanor and professional attitude earned him the respect of players and coaches alike. Chipola hosts the

Milton H. Johnson Classic each year. The Chipola gymnasium bears the name as does the Panhandle Conference trophy.

Johnson is a founding member and long-serving officer of the Chipola Appreciation Club, arguably one of the top athletic booster organizations in America. Club members raise thousands through annual memberships and corporate sponsorships and have amassed some \$1 million in an athletic endowment.

Johnson was a charter member of the Florida Community College Hall of Fame (1990) and was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1993.

Chipola held two major events to honor coach Johnson. Chipola’s Night of Champions in 2007, featured Billy Donovan, coach of the Florida Gators two-time national champions and Chipola alumnus Cliff Ellis, head coach at Coastal Carolina.

In 2008, more than 100 of Johnson’s players, cheerleaders and friends attended a reunion to recognize him for his contributions to their lives. On Jan. 17, several of these players presented a check for \$50,000 to Chipola for the purpose of permanently endowing a scholarship in the coach’s honor. To make a contribution to the fund, contact the Chipola Foundation at 850-718-2445.



*Coach Johnson celebrates his 800<sup>th</sup> career win.*

## Chipola hosts Fibrecare Baseball Classic Feb. 20-21

The Chipola Indians will host the Fibrecare 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.

The Indians continue their homestand with a game against Grand Rapids, Friday, Feb. 27, at 3 p.m. Chipola plays two games on Saturday, Feb. 28, St. John’s River at noon and Grand Rapids at 6 p.m.

Chipola (7-5) is ranked third in the FCCAA state poll, behind top-ranked Gulf Coast and second place Miami Dade. The Indians are the defending conference and state champions.

## Chipola's Literature/Language winners

Some 100 students from 13 area high schools competed in writing, reading, speech, oral interpretation, literature, humanities, grammar, and foreign language contests on Feb. 13.

The occasion was the Nineteenth Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival hosted by Chipola's Letters Department. The purpose of the festival is to recognize and encourage academic excellence.

Prizes were awarded to first, second and third places, as well as two honorable mentions, in each category. The winner of the President's Reading Contest received a special medallion as well as a cash award.

**President's Reading Award**—Patricia Parrino of Vernon High School.

**Writing:** first—Dallin Kelson of Marianna High School; second—Emily Griffin of Bethlehem High School; third—Brittany Stephens of Altha School; honorable mentions—John David Brown of Holmes County High School and Caitlyn Bruner of Altha School.

**Speech:** first—Laura Stoltzfus of Blountstown High School; second—Alisha Killings of Chipley High School; third—Savannah Lipford of Marianna High School; honorable mentions—Stephanie Duggar of Liberty County High School and Alex Anderson of Vernon High School.

**Oral Interpretation:** first—Cora Hawkins of Chipley High School; second—Tristen St. Onge of Vernon High School; third—Haley Walker of Liberty County High School; honorable mentions—Jasmine Lawyer of Vernon High School and Stephanie Calix of Chipley High School.

**Literature:** first—Dallin Kelson of Marianna High School; second—Jamie Waldron of Vernon High School; third—Sarah Best of Holmes County High School; honorable mentions—Sara Gore of Chipley High School and Scott Hayes of Marianna High School.

**Humanities:** first—Ethan Hewett of Sneads High School; second—Steven Jackson of Vernon High School; third—Oley Rosier of Liberty County High School; honorable mentions—Jessie Green of Sneads High School and Jasmine Garrett of Malone High School.

**Grammar:** first—William Davis of Chipley High School; second—Brittany Stephens of Altha School; third—Cody Smith of Chipley High School; honorable mentions—Sakib Rahman of Vernon High School and Caitlin McCaffrey of Sneads High School.

**Foreign Language Contest:** first—Kevin Gutierrez of Blountstown High School; second—Lurdes Simmons of Liberty County High School; third—Cecilia Santana of Sneads High School; honorable mentions—Ricky Elligson of Graceville High School and Gary Moore of Holmes County High School.



Here, Chipola's Sarah Clemmons presents the President's Reading Award to Patricia Parrino of Vernon HS.

**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 than 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.

**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.

Everyone is invited.

**REP ON CAMPUS.** Florida A&M University will have a Recruiter on campus on Wednesday, February 25. Information will be available in the Social Science Building from 9 a.m. until Noon. All students interested in attending FAMU are encouraged to visit the information table.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- 3 Deadline to Apply for Graduation
- 4 Faculty Meeting
- 4-7 FCCAA State Basketball Tourney
- 14 CAAP Exam
- 17 District Board of Trustees
- 18 Caricaturist Steve Gipson
- 18-22 "Back to the Eighties..."
- 20 Last Day To Withdraw from a Class
- 23 Deadline to Apply for McLendon Scholarship for Summer 2009
- 23 Auditions for Children's Show
- 24 Artist Series: Christine Yoshikawa
- 25 Night Students Social
- 26 Music and Theatre Scholarship Auditions for 2009-10
- 30-31 SPRING BREAK

### APRIL

- 1-3 SPRING BREAK

## 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 25.** Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 26-Feb Virginia Baker
- 26-Feb Annie O'Pry
- 27-Feb Dawn Gray
- 27-Feb Carol Saunders
- 28-Feb Sarah Gambill
- 1-Mar Monroe Rhynes
- 1-Mar Bud Riviere

**ATTENTION!** Students are cautioned to not leave books and valuables unattended.

**UCA INFO.** Transfer scholarship applications for the University of Central Florida are available in Student Services, room 107A.

## LOCATOR

A- Student Services/ Administration	I- Arts Center J- Theater	Q- Health Science R- Johnson Health Center
B- Library	K- Cafeteria, Bookstore	S- Continuing Ed/Conf Ctr
C- Social Science	L- ACE Lab	T- Pool
D- Fink Natural Science	M- Business/Cosmetology	U- Foundation
E- Physical Plant Office	N- Workforce Devel Labs	Y- Public Service
F- Residence Hall	O- Workforce Devel / Electronics	Z- Literature/Language
G- Math Annex	P- Automotive Tech	BC/SC - Baseball/Softball Complex
H- McLendon Fine Arts		