Marianna Rotary helps Brain Bowl

Marianna Rotary on Sept. 17 announced the establishment of the Chipola College Brain Bowl Support Fund.

Rotary president Eddie Hopkins presented Brain Bowl coach Stan Young with an initial contribution of $500 to be administered by the Chipola Foundation.

Rotary also agreed to invite Brain Bowl team members to attend at least one annual meeting. Rotarians invite other civic clubs, local organizations as well as individuals to add to the Chipola Brain Bowl Support Fund.

Chipola captured the school's first ever Brain Bowl State championship in March and finished second in the NAQT National Tournament in St. Louis in April.

Chipola’s biggest wins at the National Tournament were against Wake Forest and Toronto, which helped Chipola advance to play for the JUCO National Championship. The team scored wins over Faulkner, Wake Forest and Gulf Coast and played against several prestigious universities, including: Harvard, Dartmouth, Stanford, MIT and Brandeis.

The Chipola 2007-08 team members were Mark Hodge, Jantzen Whitehead, Chuck Bryant, Trey Paul and Mitchell Whitehead. Three members of last year’s team—Hodge, Bryant, and Mitchell Whitehead—are currently practicing with the Florida State University Brain Bowl team.

United Way kicks off Jackson County campaign

Nearly 50 community leaders and volunteers attended a meeting on Sept. 24 to kick off the United Way of Northwest Florida’s annual Jackson Community Campaign. The group hopes to raise some $50,000 locally to support the 21 United Way affiliated non-profit agencies in Jackson County. Pictured are Chipola President Dr. Gene Prough (right), UW Community Campaign Chairman, and Immediate Past-Chair and 2008 Vice-chairman, Art Kimbrough, President and CEO of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. For information about United Way, call Tommy McDonald, Jr. at 850-832-2919.
CRAA contributes $11k to Chipola arts programs

The Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) recently contributed $11,000 to Chipola College for support of arts programs.

CRAA president Jo-Ann Anderson presented two checks to college president Dr. Prough, one for $9,000 to support the 2008-09 Chipola Artist Series and a $2,000 donation for children’s programming in the district which included recent performances of Little Red Riding Hood presented by the Jacksonville Lyric Opera Company.

The Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) exists to develop the appreciation and enjoyment of cultural arts in the five-county Chipola College district. In addition to sponsoring performances for children, the CRAA sponsors the annual Sunday Afternoon with the Arts, set for Nov. 2 in the Chipola Arts Center. CRAA also awards mini-grants to public and private teachers in the arts and is a major contributor of the Chipola Artist Series. The group also awards arts scholarships and contributes to other arts related projects. The public is invited to attend CRAA’s monthly program meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at Jim’s Buffet in Marianna.

For information, contact Joan Stadsklev, Chipola Director of Fine and Performing Arts at 850-718-2301, or stadsklevj@chipola.edu

Red Riding Hood comes to Chipola

The Chipola Regional Arts Association and the Chipola Fine and Performing Arts Department recently sponsored two performances of “Little Red Riding Hood,” - an opera for young audiences. Here Golson Elementary students Natalie Sims (left) and Gannon Davis (right) pose with Red Riding Hood Ellen Marini. More than 700 elementary students from Calhoun, Jackson, and Washington counties enjoyed the interactive production performed by the Children’s Opera Theatre of Jacksonville.

Chipola FACC marches for babies

Chipola’s FACC, in partnership with the Chipola clubs and organizations, recently raised over $600 to help in the March of Dimes fight to end birth defects. Students organizations participating included the Student Ambassadors raising $171, the Student Government raising $167 and the Future Educators Club raising $112. Pictured are FACC members and future members (left to right), Christen Bennett with her daughter Camden, Sandra Harrell with her granddaughters Reanna and Nadalyn, Rebecca Davis, Evelyn Ward, Rachel West and Lillie Hamil with her son Dakota.
Continuing Education courses set

Chipola College will offer a variety of short courses.

The following Mandatory training for Child Care Facility Personnel and Family Child Care Home are scheduled: **Pre-School Appropriate Practices**, Oct. 4, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Special Needs Appropriate Practices**, Nov. 1, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Child Abuse and Neglect**, Feb. 6, 6 to 10 p.m.; **Child Growth and Development**, Feb. 7, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Behavioral Observation and Screening**, Feb. 9 & 11, 6 to 9 p.m.; **Rules and Regulations (center)**, Feb. 16 & 18, 6 to 9 p.m.; **Health, Safety and Nutrition**, Feb. 21, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Costs range from $17 to $43 depending on length of course.

An **Internship** course will meet Thursdays, Jan. 8 through April 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is $191. A **Curriculum for Young Children** course will meet Mondays, Jan. 12 through April 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is $191. An **Early Care & Education Administrative Overview** course will meet Tuesdays, Jan. 13 through April 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is $191.

A **Real Estate Sales** course will meet Saturdays and Sundays, Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 14, 15, 28 & March 1, 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $250.

**Chipola and school districts propose free bus transportation**

Chipola College is joining with four local school districts to determine interest in offering free school bus transportation to Chipola College.

If determined viable, bus service would begin in January of 2009. All Chipola College students would be eligible to ride the buses free of charge.

The program is a joint project between Chipola and the Liberty, Calhoun, Washington, and Holmes County School Districts.

If the project is initiated one bus will originate in Holmes County and travel east to Chipola via U.S. Highway 90. A second bus will originate in Liberty County and travel north to Chipola via State Road 71. The buses should arrive at Chipola by 7:30 am and depart Chipola after 3:30 pm, Monday through Thursday of each week. No bus service will be provided on Fridays.

In an effort to determine the viability of providing the free service, interested students are asked to complete a survey on the Chipola website at [www.chipola.edu/bus](http://www.chipola.edu/bus).

Surveys may also be registered by phone by calling Alice Pendergrass at (850) 718-2270, e-mailing at PendergrassA@chipola.edu.
Fall Festival slated for Oct. 1

Chipola’s annual Fall Festival will be Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Health center. If it is raining, it will be in the Health Center. Students will be excused from classes to participate in this fun event.

SGA has some great activities lined up including soft play blow up games, music, door prizes, and hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone. There should be several universities attending that day to display recruiting tables for people that are interested.

Don’t forget about the match up between campus clubs. There will be relay and tug of war competitions to see which club rules the campus. Everything is FREE and everyone is invited.

Marianna’s automobile dealers will display vehicles that are fuel efficient or incorporate fuel saving technologies. The Chipola Conservation Biology class and the Natural Science department invite students and employees to explore new ways to save gas and the environment - from Chrysler, Ford, GM, Nissan and Toyota.

Corrections course set at Chipola

Application deadline is Nov. 6 for Chipola’s next Basic Corrections course.

A day class is scheduled to begin Nov. 12. The course meets weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applicants must be at least 19 years of age, be of good moral character, possess a valid driver’s license, earn a passing score on the Florida Basic Abilities Test (FBAT) and meet FDLE requirements. Students are encouraged to apply before Nov. 6 due to the extensive application process. For information, call 718-2394.

Sunday Afternoon with the Arts

Art enthusiasts throughout the area are working to bring to the community the annual free, family-oriented Sunday Afternoon with the Arts at Chipola College on Nov. 2. The educational exhibit features professional entertainment, hands on-educational experiences for people of all ages and an excellent art exhibit of work created by local and regional artists. “This year, Chipola College graduates are invited to participate in the exhibit as well as regional artists from the 5 county area Chipola College serves”, announced Nancy Zurenda, event Chairperson. Entry deadline is October 4. Artists interested in volunteering to demonstrate can contact Michele Tabor Kimbrough at 482-4225.

Entry forms for participating artists are available at 526-5977. There are no fees. The Exhibit reception is November 2 from 1 to 3:30 in Building A. All proceeds will go to Chipola’s United Way campaign.

All students and employees are invited join the fun and to support United Way.

FACC 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.

FSU pre-health information available

Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), the pre-health honor society at FSU, has announced Dean’s Day to be held Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008.

This day pre-med students are able to hear presentations from Deans of the Florida Medical Schools, attend workshops geared towards volunteering opportunities, learn about the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation, get help for your AMCAS Application, and meet other pre-med and medical students.

Dean’s Day will be held at the FSU College of Medicine. Registration is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and there is a $5.00 registration fee which includes lunch and much more.

Students who would like more information may contact aedfsu@yahoo.com or go to www.aedfsu.com.