Chipola coaches and officials chill for cancer

The weather is hot, but the latest trend is ice cold. Sports teams across the country are dousing their coaches and college officials in ice cold water for charity.

It’s called #Chillin’4Charity, a friendly challenge in which coaches are called out by their peers before passing on the favor and receiving their arctic bath. All proceeds go to the Kay Yow Foundation, helping raise awareness for breast cancer and funds for research.

The rules are simple. A coach calls out another coach before they receive an ice water shower. Called out people have 48 hours to respond by taking on the cold water challenge or paying up in donations. Those who fail to do so owe the Kay Yow Foundation $250. Assistants owe $100.

To help the cause, those who take the ice bath are still asked to pony up a donation of $50 or $25 to the foundation.

Chipola women’s basketball coach Greg Franklin was the first Chipola coach to take the challenge. He called out Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst, Athletic Director Dr. Steve Givens, Assistant Athletic Director Joc Calloway and Cross Country Coach Rance Massengill.

Chipola personnel issued challenges to Northwest Florida State president Ty Handy, Chipola Workforce Dean Darwin Gilmore, local high school coaches Travis Blanton, Steven Welch, Matt Anderson, Chris Obert and Pensacola AD Bill Hamilton.

The Chipola Cheerleaders also recently raised $200 in the challenge.

Chipola Board approves salary increase

The Chipola College District Board of Trustees on June 17 approved a 3% salary increase for career, professional and administrative employees filling positions on the table of personnel at the college.

The increase of 3% or $750, whichever is greater, is effective July 1. The Board also approved an overall faculty increase of 3% to the base salary, step included, contingent upon ratification by the Chipola Faculty Association, the faculty’s collective bargaining unit.

The board also agreed to continue to fully cover the cost of individual health insurance premiums and retirement contributions. Health insurance premiums increased 8% in January. Full-time employees of the college receive Blue Cross health insurance coverage as part of their benefits package. The college pays $453 a month for individual insurance premiums which totals $5,436 annually. Employees also have the option of purchasing health insurance for spouses and children.

The college also contributes 7.37% of each full-time employee’s annual salary to the Florida Retirement System which reflects a .42% increase over last year.

Chipola President Dr. Jason Hurst said, “I am so thankful for the great work that our employees do every day to make a difference in the lives of our students. I look forward to a great future as we continue striving for excellence.”

The College will be closed July 3rd & 4th in observance. Have a happy & safe holiday.
New computer networking and I.T. Programs

Chipola will offer several new programs of study in Computer Information Technology and Network Systems this Fall.

Computer Information Technology Certificates are available in: Geographic Information Systems, Help Desk Support and IT Support Specialist.

Network Systems Technology Certificates include Digital Forensics, Network Support Technician, Network/Cyber Security and Server Administration.

Students holding current IT certifications may be awarded credit for selected courses based on certifications. Programs emphasize various industry certifications including the CompTIA A+, Security+, and Network+ as well as various Microsoft network certifications.

All courses taken may be counted towards an AS degree in Computer Information Technology. Students who plan to pursue an AS or AA degree will need additional credit hours. Students may complete general education requirements concurrently while completing the courses in these programs.

July 30 is the deadline to have Financial Aid files complete to pay Fall 2014 tuition And fees. The college application deadline for the Fall semester is Aug. 6.

For information about the computer programs, visit www.chipola.edu or call (850) 718-2441.

ROUHAC SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is accepting applications for the Judge Roy L. Rouhac, J.Y. and Gehazel Rolack Scholarship. Applications must be received by Aug. 15.

The $1,000 scholarship is renewable, provided a 2.5 GPA is maintained.

Applicants must be African American students from Jackson County who recently graduated or are currently enrolled at Chipola. Applicants must have a 3.0 high school GPA or 2.5 Chipola GPA.

The application must include a 500-word essay detailing the contributions of a Jackson County African American during Reconstruction or the early 20th century. The application also requires two letters of recommendation, transcript, a completed Scholarship Application and photo.

Mail application to
Maurice Clay
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
P.O. Box 143
Marianna, FL 32447.
For information, call 718-2445.

BIRTHDAYS

30 Jun Elvin Batson
30 Jun Joyce Mitchell
3 Jul Sammy Efurd
3 Jul Charles Sirmon
5 Jul Johnny Meredith

SWIMMING LESSONS

Chipola College will offer Children’s Swimming lessons for ages four and up on the following dates: Session 2: July 14–24, with a registration deadline of July 10; Session 3: August 4–14, with a registration deadline of July 31. Classes are available at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Sessions include eight 45-minute classes which meet Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally-recognized methods.

Cost of each two-week session is $55. Pre-registration is required, with a $5 late registration fee.

For information, call 718-2473 or visit www.chipola.edu.

Candidates in Chipola College’s Firefighting Academy recently practiced their skills on the college’s Liquid Petroleum Gas training system and vehicle fire simulator. The LP system simulates a fire in a residential gas tank. For information about the Firefighting program, call 850-718-2483.

Firefighters learn on LP gas system