



Jacksonville ALABAMA

Winter 2015



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ON THE SQUARE

November 30th
6:00 PM

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CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 3rd
6:30 PM



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Coliseum Gets A Facelift

COLISEUM UNDERGOES RENOVATIONS

In September 2015, Jacksonville State University completed a \$2.4 million renovation to Pete Mathews Coliseum that included new seating and flooring as well as other improvements. This follows \$1.5 million of improvements last year that added air conditioning and improved lighting in the arena. All 2,300 seats located along the sides of the court will feature chair backs with new bleachers behind each baseline. The coliseum's updated seating capacity totals 3,600.

The renovations will result in a better game experience for the fans, players, and coaches. Fans will notice improved sight lines with unobstructed views due to increased elevations and concourses located under the stands for entering and exiting. Several handicap seating and viewing areas have been added around the coliseum. Players and coaches will experience a new world-class playing surface as well as new locker rooms and film/meeting rooms.

Along with securing Jacksonville as the continuing location of the Calhoun County and Northeast Regional Basketball Tournaments, the renovations will allow the University and City to market the facility as host for other events. Several area high schools have already scheduled to use the coliseum for upcoming graduation ceremonies. City Council President Mark Jones, who also serves as JSU's Director of Recreational Sports, says, "Being responsible for this facility since 1984, these upgrades are like a dream come true. It is almost like having a new facility."

Be sure to check out the JSU Men's and Women's home basketball schedules and make plans to attend.



Go Gamecocks!



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JSU HOME BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

MEN'S TEAM

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Sunday, November 15, 2015 | Fort Valley State | 2 p.m. |
| Monday, November 16, 2015 | Oakwood | 7 p.m. |
| Tuesday, November 24, 2015 | Alabama A&M | 8 p.m. |
| Tuesday, December 1, 2015 | Samford | 8 p.m. |
| Saturday, December 5, 2015 | Jacksonville (FL) | 7 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 13, 2015 | Alabama State | 3 p.m. |
| Monday, December 21, 2015 | Northern Colorado | 7 p.m. |
| Thursday, December 31, 2015 | Southern Illinois Edwardsville | 3:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, January 2, 2016 | Eastern Illinois | 4:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, January 16, 2016 | UT Martin | 12 p.m. |
| Thursday, January 28, 2016 | Belmont | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, January 30, 2016 | Tennessee State | 4:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, February 06, 2016 | Tennessee Tech | 4:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, February 25, 2016 | Eastern Kentucky | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, February 27, 2016 | Morehead State | 4:30 p.m. |

WOMEN'S TEAM

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Thursday, November 19, 2015 | Kennesaw State | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, November 24, 2015 | Samford | 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, December 1, 2015 | Alcorn State | 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 13, 2015 | Tuskegee | 1 p.m. |
| Tuesday, December 15, 2015 | Savannah State | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, December 31, 2015 | SIU Edwardsville | 2 p.m. |
| Saturday, January 2, 2016 | Eastern Illinois | 2 p.m. |
| Saturday, January 16, 2016 | UT Martin | 2 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 20, 2016 | Belmont | 11:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, January 30, 2016 | Tennessee State | 2 p.m. |
| Saturday, February 6, 2016 | Tennessee Tech | 2 p.m. |
| Wednesday, February 17, 2016 | Eastern Kentucky | 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, February 27, 2016 | Morehead State | 2 p.m. |

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JACKSONVILLE CITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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| 12/01/15 | 6:00 PM CST | Weaver High School |
| 12/03/15 | 6:00 PM CST | Piedmont High School |
| 12/04/15 | 6:00 PM CST | Alexandria High School |
| 12/08/15 | 6:00 PM CST | Etowah High School |
| 12/11/15 | 6:00 PM CST | at White Plains High School |
| 12/14/15 | 6:00 PM CST | at Piedmont High School |
| 12/15/15 | 6:00 PM CST | at Etowah High School |
| 12/18/15 | 6:00 PM CST | Saks High School |
| 12/28/15 | TBA | at Logan Martin Shootout (Girls) |
| 1/05/16 | 5:30 PM CST | at Saks High School |
| 1/08/16 | 6:00 PM CST | Cleburne County High School |
| 1/11/16 | 6:00 PM CST | Oxford High School |
| 1/12/16 | 6:00 PM CST | Spring Garden High School |
| 1/15/16 | 6:00 PM CST | White Plains High School |
| 1/16/16 | TBA | Calhoun County Tournament at JSU |
| 1/25/16 | 5:00 PM CST | at Cleburne County High School (Girls) |
| 1/28/16 | 7:00 PM CST | Alexandria High School (Boys) |
| 1/29/16 | 6:00 PM CST | at Oxford High School |
| 2/01/16 | 7:00 PM CST | at Weaver High School (Boys) |
| 2/04/16 | 6:00 PM CST | Central High School of Clay County |
| 2/05/16 | 7:30 PM CST | at Spring Garden High School (Boys) |

What's Happening with JACKSONVILLE PARD

DECEMBER 2015 - MARCH 2016

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Look for the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department float in the Jacksonville Christmas Parade. We are proud to be a part of this annual event.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Chief Ladiga Half Marathon begins at 8 a.m. at the Piedmont Welcome Center and ends 13.1 miles later at the Jacksonville Community Center. This annual event is open to the public. Pre-registration is \$20 (on or before Nov. 25) and day of registration is \$25. Finisher medals awarded as well as overall winners and age group winners.

BEGINNING DECEMBER 2

Home School Fitness Fun

PARD is pleased to be able to provide a physical education styled class for children of the area that are home schooled. Instructors for the class are students studying to be Physical Education Teachers from the JSU PE Department. We are proud to be able to work with JSU to provide this service to the community. Class dates are Dec. 2 and 16, Jan. 13 and 27, and Feb. 10 and 24. These Wednesday classes are from 1:30-3 p.m.

DECEMBER 8

Youth basketball teams have games beginning Dec. 8. Games are played on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings through the end of February. Come by the Jacksonville Community Center to watch these exciting games and to support the youth of the community.

DECEMBER 18

Christmas Movie at the Community Center

Come join the Parks and Recreation Dept. staff for a family-friendly Christmas movie guaranteed to start the week of Christmas off on the right foot. Movie will begin at 6 p.m., and concessions will be available. A review of the movie will be available at the front desk inside the community center two weeks prior to the showing of the movie.

FEBRUARY 8

Baseball, softball, T-ball and wee-ball registration will be held at the Jacksonville Community Center Feb. 8- Feb. 29. Children ages 4-14 are eligible to register. Call (256) 435-8115 for more information.

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Applications for lifeguards (must have current certification prior to work start date) and Summer Day Camp Counselors will be accepted during the months of January and February. Applications may be picked up from the Jacksonville Community Center.

JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**ALL
FREE!**

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Preschoolers' Storytime (ages 2-6)
Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Tiny Tots Storytime (ages 0-24 months)
Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Afternoon Adventure Club (grades K-6th)
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 4 p.m.
(resuming in January)

Wii Gaming (Teens/Young Adults)
1st Thursday of month at 4:30 p.m.
(resuming in January)

ADULT CLUBS

Aspiring Writers
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

JPL Photography Group
1st Wednesday of month at 1:30 p.m.

SEASONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE FAMILY

Lifesize Candyland Board Game
Thursday, Dec. 10 • 4 p.m.

Valentines from the Heart
(making valentines for seniors)
Thursday Feb. 4 • 3:30 p.m.

COMING IN APRIL...

Living History Museum: Fair on the
Square and Jacksonville Public Library
Spring Book Sale

2016 "BLASTS FROM THE PAST"

Brought to you by the Jacksonville Arts Council and
Jacksonville Public Library. Some events are free, some
are fundraisers, but all are great fun!

English Tea: Downton Abbey Style

WHAT: JPL presents a fun, not stuffy Edwardian experience.
1910s/20s costume (requested) or Sunday Best

WHERE: Jacksonville Train Depot

WHEN: Jan. 23, 3-5 p.m.

COST: \$15 tickets available at JPL; limited seating

Antebellum Alabama & Its Lost Treasures

WHAT: JPL presents Jim Phillips' examination of 1818-60 Alabama life:

What: Learn about stagecoach/steamboat travel, tragedies,
plantations, hauntings, antebellum relics

WHERE: Jacksonville Public Library

WHEN: Feb. 6, 1 p.m.

COST: FREE!

Grandma's Treasures: Antiques/Collectibles Valuation Fair

WHAT: JAC presents a chance to find the potential money value of your treasures!

WHERE: Jacksonville Community Center Gym

WHEN: March 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

COST: \$8 tickets available at JPL through March 4; \$10 at the door

GRANDMA'S TREASURES Antiques/Collectibles Valuation Fair

Join us on March 5, 2016, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the
Jacksonville Community Center Gym, as we answer
your question: "What could it be worth?"

Don't miss out on this unique
adventure to meet valuation specialists
and get learned opinions on your
antiques and collectibles. Bring your
items and see what others have lurking in
their attics! Find out what that mysterious
object is that Uncle Albert left you! Learn
the possible value of that special item
you discovered at a yard sale! Show off
your family heirlooms!

Gather with other citizens from our
area for fun and fellowship as we watch
the professionals evaluate our glassware,

pottery, coins, art, books, toys, and
military items.

Item Valuation Tickets are \$8 per item
if purchased at Jacksonville Public Library
by the end of day, March 4. At the door,
tickets will be \$10 per item. Participants
will be limited to two items to ensure
that everyone has time to talk with the
experts. Admission with items only.

For more information on this great
event, please contact Dawn Trainer
at (256) 504-3781 or Fran Byrd at
(256) 239-1162.

Sign up for the library's e-newsletter,
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JSU WELCOMES DR. JOHN M. BEEHLER AS PRESIDENT



On July 1, 2015, Dr. John M. Beehler assumed the presidency at Jacksonville State University, bringing with him more than 20 years of higher education leadership experience.

A certified public accountant, Beehler has significant experience in college and university accounting

and auditing. He is a graduate of the Harvard Institutes of Higher Education Management Development Program and the American Academic Leadership Institute's Executive Leadership Academy. He earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting from The Pennsylvania State University and an MBA in finance and Ph.D. in accounting and taxation from Indiana University.

Prior to taking the helm at JSU, Beehler served as dean of the School of Business at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, founding provost and vice president for academic excellence and student success at the University of North Texas at Dallas, associate provost for economic initiatives and dean of the College of Business at Northern Kentucky University, dean of the School of Business at Wichita State University, and associate dean at the University of Texas at Arlington.

President Beehler and his wife, Dr. Pamela Beehler, have been married for 38 years. Mrs. Beehler has had a distinguished academic career in her own right. She holds a Ph.D. in human performance from Indiana University and has more than 30 years of university teaching and research experience. She is a former Penn State basketball and softball player. The Beehlers have one daughter who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and serves as a Captain in the U.S. Army.

Dr. Beehler is excited to serve JSU, the city, and the region.

"My tagline is 'It's not all about me, it's not all about you, it's about all of us – the Jacksonville State University Gamecock Family.' I truly believe this and would hope that all of us would adopt this mantra and work for the betterment of all."



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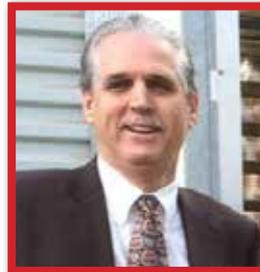
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PETERSON TAKES HELM AS JCS SUPERINTENDENT



On Oct. 22, 2015, Dr. Mark Petersen was approved as superintendent for the Jacksonville City school system, bringing with him 14 years of superintendent leadership experience.

Prior to coming to Jacksonville, Petersen served as superintendent in Greenwood School District 52 in South Carolina, as well as in McDuffie County and Lanier County in Georgia. He served as principal and assistant principal in Georgia for 12 years as well as taught at high school and elementary levels in Georgia for nine years.

He has an earned Ed.D. and specialist degree from the University of Georgia in educational leadership. He earned a master's degree from North Georgia College in middle grades education and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. He is a graduate of the Georgia Superintendent Development Program.

Dr. Petersen has been married to his wife Brenda for 33 years and they have a 15-month-old English bulldog, Boots. Mark and Brenda are excited for the opportunity to relocate to Jacksonville and are looking forward to be involved with the school family as well as the community.