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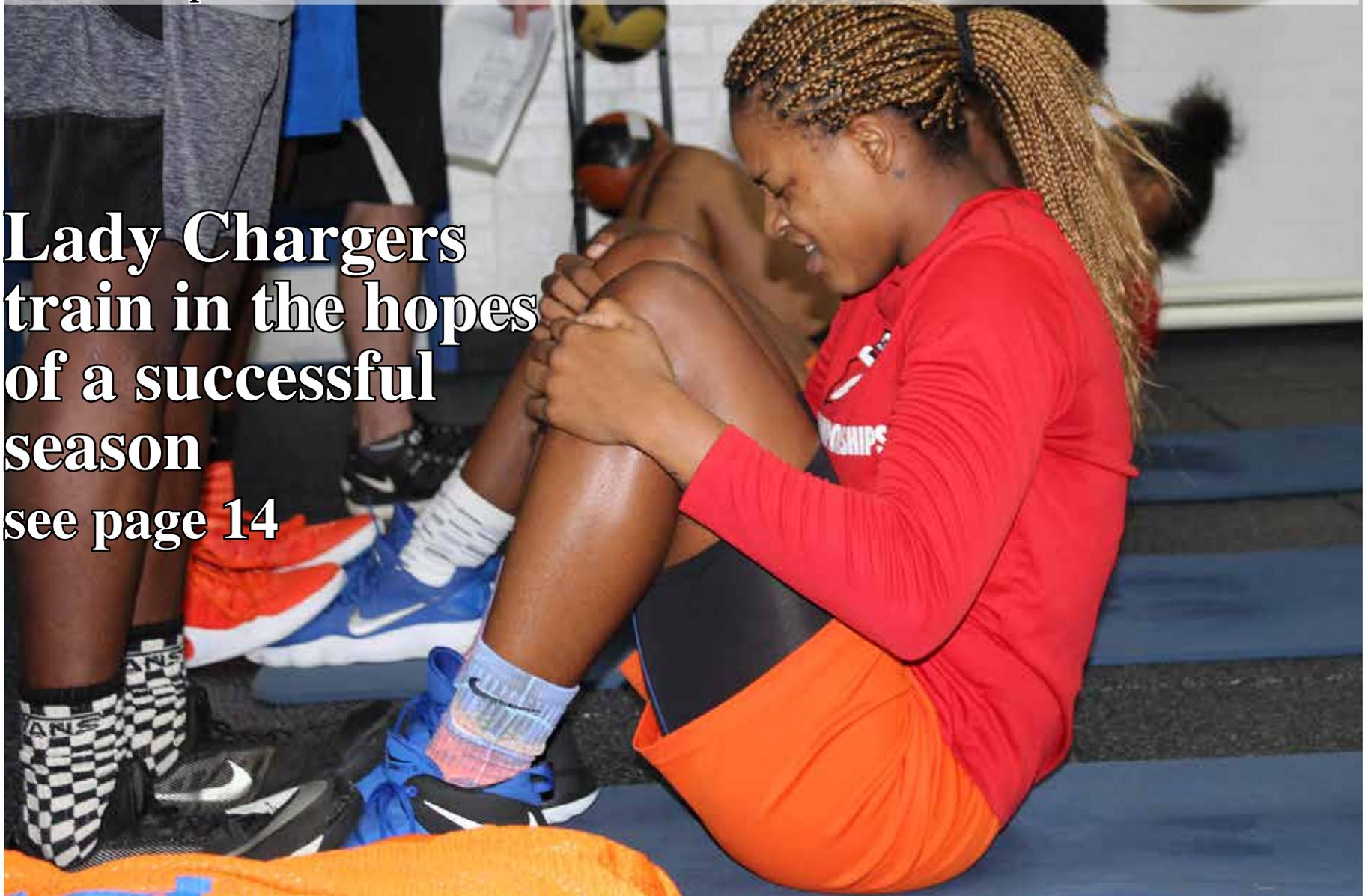


Photo by Lindsay Hamby

Lady Chargers' Ciara Thompson does timed sit-ups as part of her pre-season workouts.



Police Academy trains officers on Floyd campus

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Try some Halloween movie trivia

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Chargers practice for the upcoming season

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GHC holds ribbon cutting and guided tours of new STEAM building for campus, community

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the \$22.5 million STEAM building was on Oct. 16 at 4 p.m.

GHC President Don Green welcomed the over 300 attendees to the ceremony.

The ceremony was followed by an open house reception on the second floor and guided tours of the STEAM building to all who attended.

The first floor of the new building will be used by the mathematics and computer science divisions. Divisions that have space on the second floor include social science, business, education and humanities and the third floor houses health sciences, natural science and P.E.



Photo by Isaac Johnson

From left, Jeff Davis, vice president of finances and administration, Dana Nichols, vice president for academic affairs, Todd Jones, vice president of student affairs, Leslie Johnson, Cartersville campus dean, Don Green, president of GHC, Steve Wrigley, chancellor of the University System of Georgia, Mary Transue, vice president of advancement, Danielle Griesemer, SGA president and Phillip Kimsey, director of plant operations, participate in ceremony.

GHC has lost funding for work study students

By Danielle Griesemer
Staff Writer

Where are the student workers?

For many students, federal work study is the only way to pay off their education.

According to Vice President of Student Affairs Todd Jones, due to an error in the 2016/2017 annual report, GHC was not allotted any money for federal work study. This error happened when the section for work study spending was accidentally left blank. The form was automated, resulting in a blank box being the same as a zero. Several departments have been affected by this error, such as the library, IT, science labs, gyms and student life offices.

According to Jones, these departments were asked which

positions were mandatory to fill. Filling these positions has proven to be more difficult due to the lack of funding.

To make up for this deficit, student workers are being paid from funds received from increased enrollment. Coincidentally, the departments that normally have student workers are having issues filling their vacancies. Because of this, there are still positions open and other jobs being posted year-round.

Student work study is a beneficial way for students to begin building a resume as well as avoiding student loans.

It is an opportunity to receive funding for education without having to pay it back. The Business Office and the Office for Student Affairs are making efforts to correct this mistake and ensure that fu-

ture GHC students can receive federal work study benefits.

It will take a couple of years for the number of work study students to increase. This is due to the fact that the federal work study money allotted to the school every year depends on the number of student workers GHC. The college in turn is able to hire more students when more funding is received.

It will be a process to work up to the over 50 work study students the college previously had spread out across all campuses.

Floyd campus librarian Jeannie Blakely said, "We depend on our student workers and when we didn't get any we really had to scramble to find workers and get finances to pay them because of the loss of federal work study students."

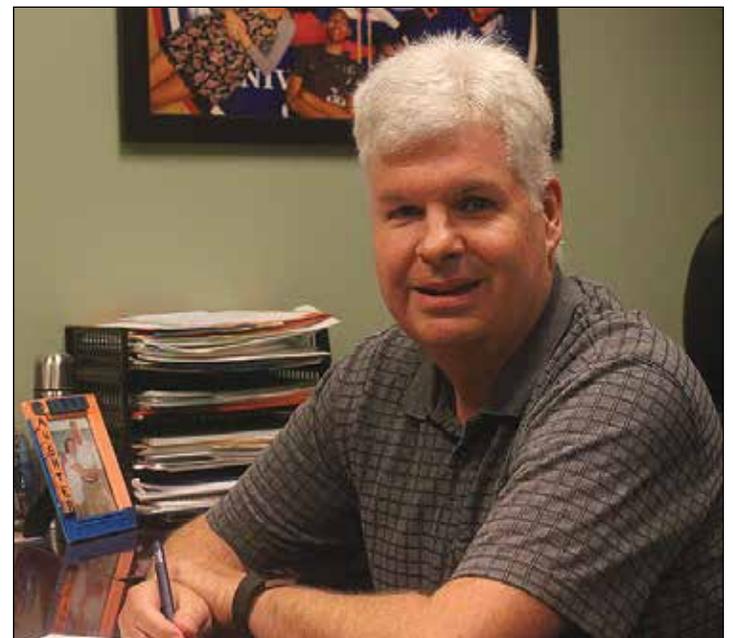


Photo by Lucas Caylor

Todd Jones, vice president of student affairs

Criminal justice bachelor's program is in the works

By Kara Ledbetter
Staff Writer

Students will now have the opportunity to graduate from Georgia Highlands with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

At this time the program is pending and waiting the approval of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Alan Nichols, dean of division of social sciences business and education said, "Our goal is for these new classes to begin in the upcoming spring semester."

Since GHC is partnering up with eMajor for this unique addition, the program will be held completely online.

Although there will be no in person classes for this bachelor's program, students still have the option of online or physical classes for their associate's degree in criminal justice.

Coming together with Dalton State College and Georgia

Southwestern State University, professors from all of these schools get together to teach the criminal justice classes. Therefore, a Georgia Highlands student might be taught by a professor from one of the other two schools.

One professor in particular, Greg Sumner, is the program coordinator for this new addition. Sumner has been teaching for 18 years, and he said, "It's nice after all of these years to finally get to a point where we too are now offering a bachelor's degree."

Perfect for an individual who is either finishing their associates or who is transferring from another school, this is a great opportunity for students to receive their bachelor's degree with tremendous flexibility but also the level of expertise they would have at a bigger university.

Thomas Boylan received his associates in criminal justice from GHC in the spring of 2018 and is looking to receive

his bachelor in criminal justice through the new program next year.

"I am looking forward to the more advanced classes offered in the bachelor program and I'm interested in learning about criminal investigation."

-Thomas Boylan
GHC graduate

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Photo by Catie Sullivan

Thomas Boylan, a GHC graduate, is looking to work on his bachelor in criminal justice through the new Criminal Justice bachelor's program next year.

tigation."

Seeing how rare this truly is, Sumner said, "I wish I had this opportunity years ago when I completed my undergraduate."

In addition to the classes required for the bachelor's degree, students will also have to complete an internship in their junior or senior year.

Allowing students to get

their foot into the door to wherever they would like to go in the future, this internship can be in anywhere relevant to the criminal justice field.

Just like with any other classes, Financial Aid is an option with these eMajor classes.

To learn more about eMajor, visit <https://emajor.usg.edu>.

D'ville partners with West Georgia in 2plus2 program

By Michael McClain
Staff Writer

The GHC Douglasville campus has a brand-new partnership with the University of West Georgia called the 2plus2 program.

This is for communication pathway students that have been thinking of a career in public relations.

How this program works is when students complete year one and two of their Associate of Arts Communication Degree at Georgia Highlands. They continue on to UWG for

year three and four to achieve a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication with a public relations concentration. There will be UWG classes held at the GHC Douglasville campus.

Chief Administrative Officer & Executive Director of Academic Affairs for UWG, Camilla Gant, believes there are multiple crucial benefits that this program brings to the Georgia Highlands Douglasville Campus.

Gant said, "The program provides affordable access to a four year degree for Douglas County students and resi-

dents.

She said, "Because UWG and GHC faculty work closely to align program requirements and advising to ensure a seamless transfer process, students avoid unnecessary courses, graduate on schedule and get an earlier jumpstart on earning power."

Steve Stuglin, a GHC assistant professor, worked closely with UWG faculty members, admissions specialist and deans to make this program a reality. He said it took about six months to draft and go through several rounds of

reviews.

Stuglin also said that he expects this program to bring the institutions closer together and that each partnership provides a high-quality education pathway that meets the needs of the GHC students.

He also expects these partnerships to bring additional benefits to help strengthen our southern instructional sites.

Stuglin said, "More program options means more students, which means more faculty offering more course variety, which means more students!"

As for now the only major offered through the 2plus2 program is public relations.

However, Stuglin said several majors have been discussed for the next partnership.

Those majors include criminal justice, technical writing and an interdisciplinary written and oral communication programs. Students or local and regional employers who want to request consideration to add specific 2plus2 degrees and professional programs should contact Gant for more information.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Kathleen Gibbons lectures on banking at #Adulthood event.

#Adulthood comes to GHC

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief

#Adulthood is a series of programs that Student Life started providing to students in the fall of 2017 and aims at helping students begin their adult lives.

The #Adulthood series is being offered free to students in all campuses throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

The series of programs teach students about finances, mental and physical health, organization and other skills adults need.

Programs have included bankers coming to talk to stu-

dents about building credit, lessons in etiquette and how to grocery shop smart.

Kathleen Gibbons is a banker from Wells Fargo who taught students about debit and credit as a part of the #Adulthood series this semester.

Gibbons said, "When you are young you make a lot of mistakes, and those mistakes can be expensive. We want to help students avoid expensive mistakes."

Floyd campus student Kenechi MgBodile said, "The people that come to talk to us for the #Adulthood series are very informative and straight

to the point, and they seem very willing to help."

Upcoming in the #Adulthood series for the fall semester is a session on taxes in November and in the 2019 spring semester the #Adulthood series will include a cooking on a budget class taught by the famous Chef Egg, as well as sessions on insurance and cleaning hacks.

Student Life Director, John Spranza said, "Adulthood is hard. Being out on your own and living with your parents, there is a lot you are expected to know that you don't know yet, and it can be hard to find help."

Highlands Happenings

BBA program sponsors drive to help kids

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief

The Bachelor of Business Administration program is putting on a donation drive from which all proceeds will go to Advocates for Children. Through the drive, 12 children will be helped, six boys and six girls. The drive began Sept. 24 and will last until Nov. 13.

The drive is run through students in the operations management class, and they are completely in charge of setting the drive up, collecting products and delivering them.

Denie Burks, assistant professor of business, said, "The donation drive allows the entire GHC community to be part of giving back to the larger community."

The BBA program is looking to collect food such as bak-

ing mixes, soups, canned vegetables or fruit and snacks.

They also want bathroom products such as razors that are three blades or more, feminine hygiene products, white towels, white washcloths and toilet paper.

Donation locations vary, but generally students can donate in the student center, Business Office and at advising offices on all campuses.

Gail Vaughn, a Floyd campus student who is involved with the business administration program running the drive said, "Our goal is to get as many donations to help the children."

Poetry Night returns

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-chief

The Creative Writing Club members as well as any other students, faculty or alumni of GHC are welcome to read po-

ems at Southern Mugs Coffee Shop in downtown Cartersville on Poetry Night.

Poetry Night takes place on the third Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. September-November and picks back up February-April.

The Creative Writing Club adviser Jeffrey Kozee, assistant professor of English said, "The event allows GHC and Southern Mugs to work together to provide a quality cultural enrichment opportunity for the community, and it showcases the talented students and faculty at GHC."

Cartersville High School students are also in collaboration with GHC's Creative Writing Club and also read at Poetry Night.

Students wishing to join the Creative Writing Club at Cartersville can just show up at the club's meetings every Thursday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. on the second floor balcony of the academic building unless weather is inclement. Then they meet in front of the

fireplace in the student center.

Yoga classes scheduled

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief

Relax and unwind once a week at GHC's free yoga classes. Yoga classes are available on every campus except Marietta.

Each campus has a different local yoga instructor to provide students with beginner based yoga lessons.

Yoga mats are provided, and the class lasts about an hour.

Student Life Director John Spranza said, "Anyone can do yoga no matter what shape you are in. It is a good beginning form of exercise, and it is very calming as well as a good stress relief."

On the Floyd campuses classes are on Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the solarium. Cartersville classes are on

Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the student center yoga room. Paulding classes are on Mondays at 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the room above the library. Douglassville classes are on Wednesdays at 12:30-1:30 p.m. in room 112. At Heritage Hall, classes alternate between being on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon until 1:30 p.m. in room 137.

Students go on Atlanta trip

By Scott Rosario
Managing Editor, Sports

Student Life organized a field trip to the Atlanta History Center on Oct. 12 as part of Hispanic Heritage Month. Students at all campuses were invited to participate.

See a slideshow of photos from the trip at sixmilepost.com.

German student anticipates dressing up for Halloween for the very first time

By Lucas Caylor
Staff Writer

Studying abroad is a prospect many college students are intrigued by. As many students who call any of GHC's campuses home prepare to fulfill that dream later in the academic year, one GHC student is getting her first taste of life in the USA.

Germany's Lena Walter-Helk is a 19-year-old participant in the CBYX program, a joint venture of the U.S. and German governments meant to provide young adults with the opportunity to experience life abroad.

CBYX, short for Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange, requires those selected to take college courses for six months before spending another six

months in the work force.

"I haven't heard from them," Walter-Helk said about the jobs for which she has applied. Her ideal job would be "an office job, or front desk in a hotel."

Walter-Helk is enjoying classes at GHC, particularly history. "It's interesting to see where it all came from," says the Schweinfurt, Germany, native. She is excited about local history and a planned trip to the Chickamauga Battlefield.

Having a longtime fascination with American culture through movies and television, Walter-Helk said, "I haven't experienced culture shock." She added that she loves American candy, saying, "I want to try all the candy, I love candy."

She couldn't wait to expe-

rience well-known American chain restaurants. "One of the first things I wanted to do was go to Panera Bread," she said.

A singer in worship bands, both in Rome and her hometown in Germany, Walter-Helk looks forward to her first holiday season in the United States.

She particularly looks forward to Halloween because of her love of "pumpkin everything," as well as the excitement of getting to dress in costume for the very first time. Her ideal costume? "Disney Princess. I love Disney," she said.

When it comes to traveling, Walter-Helk said, "I want to encourage everyone to travel. This country has so many faces, life isn't about material things. It's about memories."



Photo by Lucas Caylor

Lena Walter-Helk

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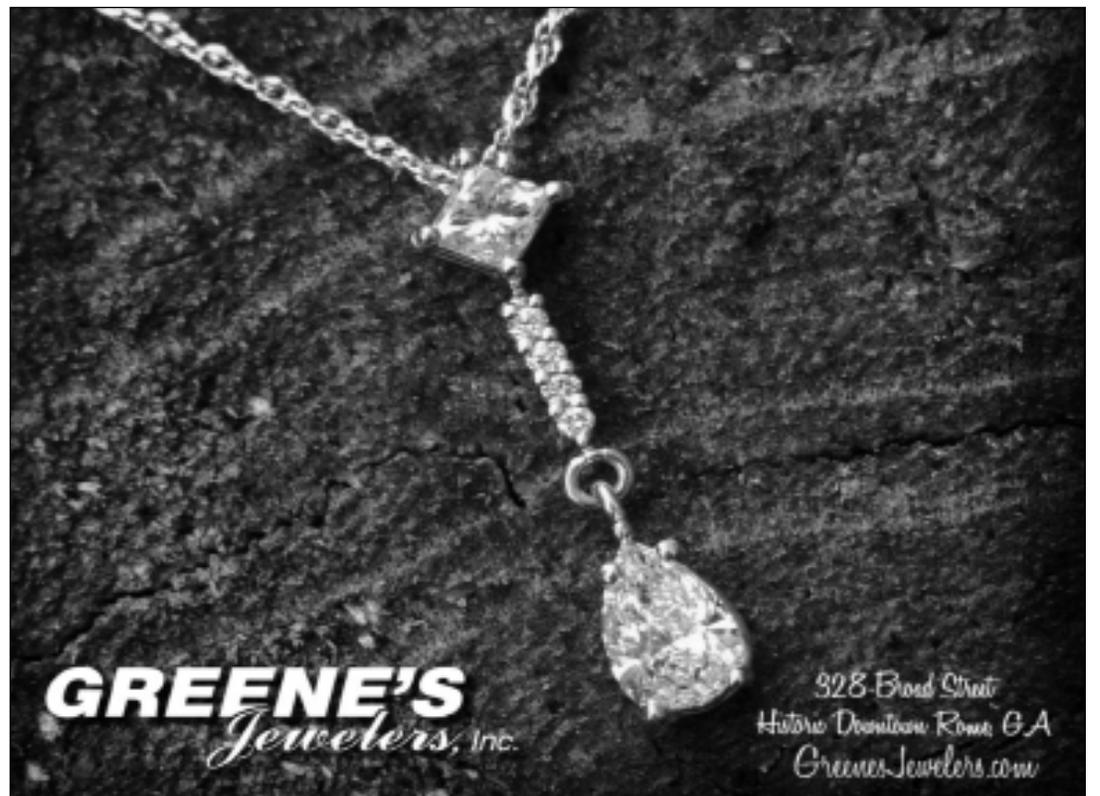




Photo by Lindsay Hamby

Officers from agencies all over northwest Georgia take a break from their basic law enforcement class outside on the Floyd campus.

Police officers attend police academy on Floyd campus

By **Catie Sullivan**
Editor-in-Chief

GHC's Floyd campus rents out two classrooms and seven offices to the Georgia Police Academy, which is an extension of the Georgia Public Safety Center.

The academy trains and teaches basic law enforcement to people who are working to become certified police officers. Agencies all over northwest Georgia send their new employees to the academy on the Floyd campus to receive basic police officer training.

The academy receives students from sheriff's offices, jails, city police and county police departments as well as those straight out of the military from 10 different counties.

Ninety-five percent of students in the police academy program will become patrol officers.



The academy also teaches officer school.

Photo by Lindsay Hamby

A student from the Rome Police Department studies the police academy's textbook and prepares for class to start following a break.

basic jail officer training to prepare students to be correctional officers in prisons throughout the state. Jail school is a different session of training from basic police offi-

Police Academy Instructor, Kevin Morang said, "We are laying the foundation down for what they are going to have to do, trying to prepare them for what they will see on

the outside."

The police academy works with a new group of officers every couple of weeks. Morang said, "We teach them two semesters of criminal procedures in one week." In two weeks the students take notes on over 600 pages of PowerPoint slides.

The officers learn about criminal cases, Supreme Court cases, the Constitution, laws, and criminal cases and watch videos that show crime scenes, interrogations, burglary, sex offenses and robbery.

The classrooms and offices that the police academy rent are located in the Pullen Annex of the McCorkle Building. Morang said, "We have a great working relationship with the college, and we are happy to be here. GHC couldn't be more accommodating."

The police academy needed more storage for equipment last year, and the college built

storage areas by the lake for the academy to use.

The academy also takes the officers to a firing range in Polk County to learn about firearms. Students are also taught how to drive as a police officer in an official police car at a driving course in Forsyth County. Here they reenact traffic stops and how to operate all the controls in the vehicle.

The officers do calisthenics every morning. They run at 7 a.m. around Paris Lake, located behind the Floyd campus, as well as around the Lakeview building.

At around 9 a.m. the class marches out to the flagpole in the front of the McCorkle building to raise the flag for the day.

Linda Tibbits, a student of the police academy, said, "The program teaches discipline and prepares us for real-life scenarios."

Allen Dutch runs for office in Gordon County

By Olivia Fortner
Assistant Online Editor

A lot of people are concerned with school safety and the idea that many high-schoolers struggle with transitioning to post-secondary educational institutions. Gordon County Board of Education candidate and GHC assistant professor Allen Dutch, is willing to bring his experiences and ideas to the table in helping resolve these issues.

With 15 years of college level teaching and much experience with dual enrollment students, Dutch believes he can present something new and valuable to the Gordon County B.O.E. According to Dutch, "Sometimes we try to make good changes, and sometimes we just make fast changes, which may not be a good change."

Dutch believes that putting more focus on the sociological side of things has the ability to increase the success of students. He believes faculty shouldn't be reacting as much as they should be acting in advance and then improving. Dutch said, "Early intervention is an important aspect. I wish we would spend more time identifying factors in students that might be problematic later." He plans for more faculty to be focusing on behavior and listening to students.

To improve the experience and performance of students at school, Dutch wants to increase participation in extracurricular studies like the fine arts, FFA and other programs that get students involved with each other outside of the classroom. In his public speaking classes, Dutch has encouraged students to be involved

in their community. "And voting is a wonderful way to do that," he said.

In his own words, "If you want to be a part of the solution, you've got to make your voice heard... be involved in the process." Acting as a part of the community is important to Dutch. He wants to compel young people to put their ideas out there and become more involved in the decision making process.

During this first time running for a political office, Dutch is a democratic candidate for the Gordon County Board of Education. His goals are to "work between the systems," bridging the gap for students seeking higher education. Dutch wants to be involved in the discussion on school safety and has richly enjoyed campaigning and meeting people in his area.



Photo by Lindsay Hamby

Allen Dutch

All information taken from Stacey Abrams' campaign website



STACEY ABRAMS GOVERNOR

Education: Abrams is committed to investing in education, from quality, affordable childcare to opportunities that will lead to a lifetime of success.

Jobs and Economy: Abrams is striving to make Georgia to be the number one place to work, raise a family, and retire. Our state will deliver high-quality employment by investing in small businesses and the assets they need.

Health Care: Abrams believes ensuring access to affordable health care for each and every Georgian is absolutely essential.

Stacey Abrams was born in Mississippi but her parents soon led the family to Georgia. Abrams and her younger siblings attended DeKalb County Schools, and she graduated from Avondale High School. Abrams received degrees from Spelman College, the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, and Yale Law School. In 2010, Abrams became the first woman to lead either party in the Georgia General Assembly and the first African American to lead in the House of Representatives. She believes that if we have the vision to strive – and the courage to confront our challenges – our potential is boundless.

Guns: Believes it is time for sensible gun policies that keep firearms away from people who would use them to harm us or ourselves.

All information taken from Brian Kemp's campaign website



KEMP GOVERNOR

Education: Kemp supports early childhood education, and will fight to safeguard the Hope Scholarship so it is available to all Georgians.

Jobs: To spur economic growth and opportunity for all Georgians, Kemp will slash regulations, taxes, and mandates that crush local businesses, trying to make our state #1 for them.

Healthcare: As governor, Kemp will craft a Georgia-focused healthcare solution while increasing access for Georgia families.

Brian Kemp was raised in Athens and attended Clarke Central High School. Kemp worked his way through college. After graduating from UGA, he went to work in construction full time and started his first business with just a shovel and a pick-up truck. Kemp ran for public office because he was fed up with government overreach. In the State Senate, he cut taxes, slashed regulations, and prioritized public safety. As Secretary of State, he streamlined government, safeguarded our elections, and fought for his values. Kemp is running for governor to make sure that all Georgia families are safe and prosperous.

Guns: Opposes new gun restrictions and backs "constitutional carry," which would let gun owners carry handguns without a permit

Graphic by Joseph McDaniel

Gates of Misery provides fun scares

By Joseph McDaniel
Managing Editor, Design

The exact sort of scares that an individual might want from a haunted house can vary from person to person. But Rome's Gates of Misery should provide at least something for everyone.

Gates of Misery isn't a haunted house that one simply walks into and is out in a few moments. It's an entire 30 minute ordeal that keeps going until the victim is absolutely exhausted, but in a good way.

In total the building itself where Gates of Misery is hosted is 12,000 square feet. Not only are there constant jump scares, but the horrors inside also show great variety in what they represent.

The set design is fantastic, and it quickly shifts from genre to genre of horror flawlessly. Most things that are scary or can traditionally be made creepy are all repre-



Photo by Nick Whitmire

Monster statues stand in front of the Gates of Misery.

sented here.

The layout is used creatively with many confusing elements to hype up ones paranoia inside this building packed to the brim with spooks.

In terms of negatives, maybe the line was rather long and crowded, as the wait can be up to 20 to 30 minutes. All there is to do is patiently listen to the distant sounds of the attraction soon to be entered. However, the wait does

help build up suspense before entering.

The Gates of Misery is in Rome at 174 Chatillon Road, near the Braves stadium. It will be operating Oct. 26-27 and Oct 31st through Nov. 3rd. Tickets are \$20 and go on sale at 7 p.m. The haunted house is open from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Gates of Misery is highly recommended for the Halloween season even if one comes from out of town.



2018 Halloween Costume Predictions

According to what is currently trending in popular culture, here are some of the possibilities for Halloween Costumes in 2018.



Fortnite Skins



Pennywise the Clown



The Incredibles



Black Panther

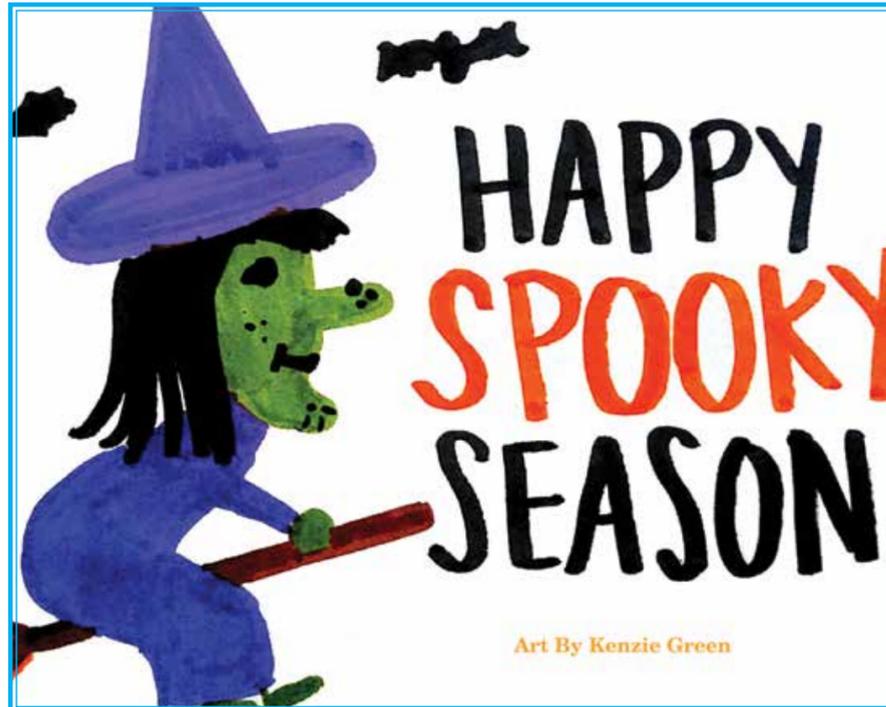


Wonder Woman



Spider-Man PS4

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTESTS WILL BE HELD ON EACH GHC CAMPUS ON OCT. 31.



HALLOWEEN MOVIE TRIVIA

- Which of the following directors created the modern notion of Zombies as resurrected corpses?
 - William Freidkin
 - George Romero
 - Tommy Wiseau
 - Sam Raimi
- Which of the following lines is heard in "The Exorcist?" (1974)
 - "This Exorcism is gonna be great."
 - "The Power of Christ compels you!"
 - "Your Mother is dead in hell"
 - "Oh no! She's possessed!!"
- Which of the following films went into the public domain after an accident with copyright on the title screen?
 - "Night of the Living Dead"
 - "The Evil Dead"
 - "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre"
 - "Halloween"

- In which region of Earth does John Carpenter's "The Thing" (1982) take place?
 - The Arctic
 - Alaska
 - Russia
 - Antarctica
- Which of the following bizarre things does Wendy Torrance see through an open door in the finale to Kubrick's 1980 adaptation of "The Shining"?
 - A man in a dog costume on his knees
 - A giant ferret smoking a pipe
 - Clones of her son Danny
 - Dracula

- In "A Quiet Place" (2018) where can they talk without being overheard by the monsters?
 - The shower
 - The Forest
 - The waterfall
 - The Town Hall

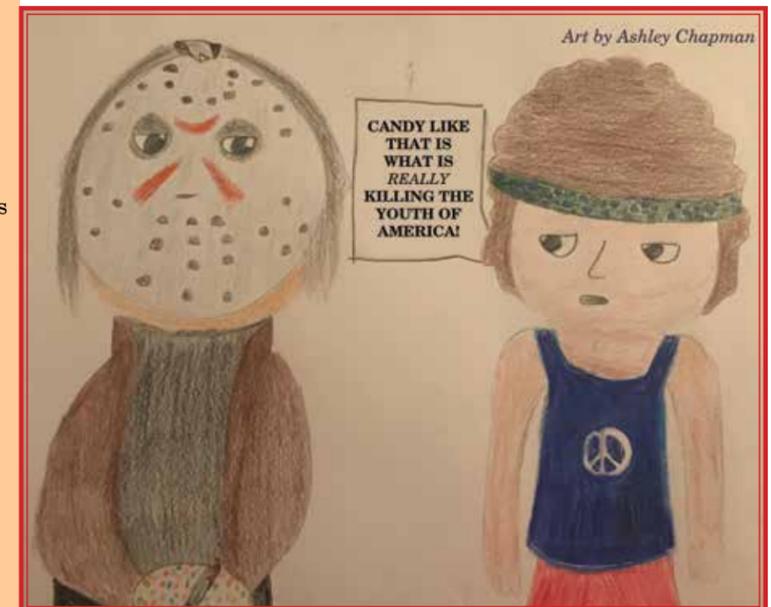
- What year did the first "Nightmare on Elm Street" come out?
 - 1979
 - 1981
 - 1982
 - 1984

- In the original "Halloween" (1978) who plays Laurie Strode?
 - Nancy Kyes
 - Jamie Lee Curtis
 - Carrie Fisher
 - Donald Pleasance

ANSWERS:

1-B, 2-B, 3-A, 4-D, 5-A, 6-C, 7-D, 8-B.

Trivia by Joseph McDaniel



Safe spaces inhibit personal growth

On many college campuses “safe spaces” are becoming a more common term. People are beginning to use them to duck out from some of the more hurtful or uncomfortable things that are in the world. Anxiety and depression might emanate from these things, but the problem with safe spaces on college campuses is that they are stopping people from going into the world prepared.

Of course everyone should be safe from physical violence and direct threats. There are awful people that might try to inflict something terrible on certain groups. But many times the concept of safe spaces unfortunately goes beyond that. It deals with being sheltered from words and ideas themselves that might be foreign and perhaps not as cozy to students. It deals with the term “hate speech” being blurred until it practically means “any statement I happen to dislike.” This signifies something drastic for open free speech.

College is when one should transition from an immature teenager into an adult heading out into the real world. In reality, people should



be prepared to face what's ahead because there won't be any safe spaces to slink back into. Safe spaces and getting used to the notion that everything should be comfortable can make college students into sheltered infants hiding from scary ideas.

College students are beginning to protest speakers who might have messages they disapprove of or even standup comedians whose jokes aren't completely innocuous. Going forwards in life we need to learn how

to ignore or confront things we face as opposed to running and hiding from problems. We need to be able to open up our minds to new concepts.

Not everyone can be liked by all, and that's ok. Not everything others say will be something we agree with. This generation should be able to face the music without retreating into a soundproof coffin.

**-Six Mile Post
Editorial Board**

Voting has become even more vitally important

Voting is the ultimate statement of freedom. Voting is especially important even in divisive times like today. As history has shown, when the people want change, the best place to have their voices heard is at the voting booth.

With the midterm elections coming up on Nov. 6, voting has become more important than ever. During the November midterm election, 35 of the 100 seats in the U.S. Senate will be ready to be filled. Voters will also be helping to fill out the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. The election of Trump has proven one of the most controversial in American history. In that election less than half of registered voters voted. Whether the Democrats can take control of the Senate and



Editor's Box

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House of Representatives or if they stay in the hands of the Republicans, these midterm elections could affect Trump's ability to govern.

In order to take control of the House of Representatives, the Democrats need 23 seats and they need a net gain of two seats to win back the Senate. So no matter which side of the political spectrum someone is on, it is of the utmost importance that every citizen votes in the election. In these modern times, it has become

so much easier to not only be a registered voter, but a well-informed registered voter. With news coming to us faster than ever with the rise of technology and social media it has become so much easier for the younger generation to stay informed about the world of politics.

On the other hand, it is these new innovations that have made people more vulnerable to political bias and the infamous fake news. But this can be dealt with, as long as the registered voter has an

open mind. All voters have to do is look for the most reliable sources, read past the headlines and do a little research in looking into political issues and deciding who to vote for.

Voters can think about which issues concern them the most, look to see where each candidate stands on those issues and then decide which candidate represents the views closest to theirs.

While some may think voting does not really matter, it can shape the entire future for us and our country.

Whether we want change in the Congress or if we are satisfied with the direction Congress and the current administration has taken so far, we all need to cast a ballot at the voting booth during the midterm elections on Nov. 6.

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Ford's claim did not alter Kavanaugh's fate



Soap Box

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Staff Writer

Upon the recent news of the official confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, many people are left wondering one question, what happened? There is a significant amount of doubt found on both sides of the debate. On one hand, there is

the group that believes every woman and allegation should be taken seriously. On the other hand, there is the group that not only believes in Kavanaugh's innocence, but the innocence of countless other men as well.

In recent years, the rate of

false allegations has risen at a rapid pace. While some studies suggest that the rates are as low as eight percent, many have reason to believe otherwise. For instance, the Pentagon reports that it averages about 18 percent every year since 2009, while some studies suggest that it has reached as high as 40 percent.

Even still, many people worry about the validity of the three claims made against the Supreme court nominee at the time. In July 2018, a letter was received by Senator Dianne

Feinstein from a Democratic congresswoman in California. The writer of the letter asked to remain anonymous. Despite this, before the accuser had even come forward, the letter had been leaked to the media. Since then, two other women have come forward as accusers, but their claims were so salacious and uncorroborated that they were viewed as unfounded. In an attempt to allow the victims to be heard, a seventh FBI investigation was done.

Amidst the process, Kava-

naugh stated that the allegations were "a calculated and orchestrated political hit." Upon completion, Kavanaugh's appointment was voted on and confirmed.

Today, all three of the allegations continue to lack evidence that could incriminate Kavanaugh. To conclude, valid or not, these claims are from three decades ago. Society begs the question, where was Christine Blasey Ford's testimony in the months following the occurrence in the first place?

Poll: What is your favorite fall activity?

All students polled are on the Floyd campus



Michael Peters

"Hunting"



Georgia Steele

"Drinking apple cider"



Gray Spencer

"Playing tennis"



Poll conducted by Catie Sullivan, Editor-in-Chief

Letters to the Editor

Exciting article on where GHC players are now

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed your section titled "Former Chargers continue their basketball careers." Noticing former basketball players from your local college furthering their career is exciting. When you know someone that transfers to a bigger college, it can be very interesting. You may get the opportunity to watch them on television or go to their new college. If you are friends with

them and go watch them play, they may introduce you to famous athletes from their new school. This part of the Six Mile Post caught my eye because most athletes who transfer typically go further with their career.

Katelyn Detko
Dental Hygiene
Floyd Campus

Basketball is the number one sport in China

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article about Georgia Highlands College students visiting China and the influence of the NBA in the country. I do not believe the National Basketball Association is strictly an American organization. Basketball is a culture. Every day basketball is becoming more of a global sport and it's the number

one team sport in China. In the article the writer states, "This expanded the mindset of the Chinese people towards Americans." How can America be spreading influence into China if it is already the top played team sport?

David Greer
Business Analytics
Floyd Campus

Wanna share an opinion with the Highlands community?

Email a letter to the editor to 6mpost@student.highlands.edu

Cross-platforming now available to Fortnite players

By Nick Whitmire
Managing Editor, Online

After many requests and much patience from the gaming community, Sony has decided to put aside its restricting policies and has allowed cross-platforming. This means that the PlayStation 4 with its competing consoles, the Xbox One from Microsoft, the Nintendo Switch, Windows, iOS and for mobile phones.

The first game to receive this feature will be the new phenomenon that has recently taken the gaming world by storm, the online video game Fortnite.

John Kodera, the president and global CEO of Sony Interactive Entertainment said on PlayStation Blog, "The first step will be an open beta beginning today for Fortnite that will allow for cross platform gameplay, progression and commerce across PlayStation 4, Android, iOS, Nintendo Switch, Xbox One, Microsoft Windows, and Mac operating systems."

At first cross-platforming was only available for gamers that played Fortnite on the Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, Windows and iOS and mobile phones. Through an analysis of their business mechanics, Sony still plans to ensure that



Fortnite has become one of gaming's biggest phenomenons, with 40 million players playing each month and making \$1.2 billion in the process.

the PlayStation experience for its users remains intact today as it opens up its platform to other gamers with other consoles.

For 24 years, PlayStation has advertised that its console is for the players. The console has strived to provide a unique experience unlike any that from other consoles.

But now, despite competition on the business side from the consoles, Sony now sees that cross-platforming is quickly becoming part of the future.

Kodera said, "Today, the communities around some games have evolved to the point where cross-platform experiences add significant value to players."

So far, Sony's decision to allow cross-platforming with other consoles has been well received by the gaming community.

Bethesda, one of the gaming studios that has pressured Sony to allow cross-platforming, has praised Sony for bringing cross-platforming to the PlayStation.

Also, gamers themselves have praised Sony's new stance on cross-platforming, as they see it as a way to bring the gaming community closer together.

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-John Kodera
President and Global CEO of Sony Interactive Entertainment

Kenechi MgBodile a member of the GHC gaming club, said, "I think pretty well of how PlayStation is opening their borders to other platforms, and I think it can help people who cannot afford the other consoles and it's a way to bring the gaming community together."

Sony also plans to bring cross-platforming to select third-party content in the near future.

Drug abuse continues to take the lives of celebrities

Commentary

By James Alewine
Staff Writer

Lil Peep was found dead on his tour bus by his manager on Nov. 15, 2017. He had overdosed on fentanyl and Xanax.

On July 24, 2018, Demi Lovato was rushed to the hospital after over-dosing on heroin, and was resuscitated in the

hospital.

On Sept. 7, 2018, Mac Miller died from a drug overdose at the age of 26.

These high tier music artists all overdosed in the span of a single year.

How has Hollywood handled the need to recognize and address mental health disorders and drug abuse problems?

On Feb. 27, John Lavitt wrote an article for www.

fix.com and it covered the Conscious Recovery by CLARE discussion panel called "State Of Addiction: Hollywood" in Santa Monica.

During the discussion, there were three main points made to combat and address drug abuse in Hollywood.

The first point was to prevent before intervene. The need to prevent drug abuse comes before the need to inter-

vene, and the point can be argued that it is more important.

The second point was to change the story and representation that is the glamorization of drug use within Hollywood.

The last point was to not coddle those in need of intervention.

We can no longer excuse the drug addictions of our favorite artists, but rather need

to force them to change before it is too late.

If we can recognize the need for change and take steps to make that change, maybe we can begin to save these stars and not have to say goodbye to stars such as Heath Ledger, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, Amy Winehouse, Chris Farley, Elvis Presley and Phillip Seymour Hoffman.



Photo by Sarah Belcher

Dorothy Morgan, Student Support Services counselor, invites students to visit the food pantry and clothes closet.

SSS has what students need

**By Hannah Vande Zande
Staff Writer**

Student Support Services offers multiple resources that can greatly benefit students.

College students have to deal with many struggles at once. Between grades, work and maintaining a social life, life can get hectic.

It is very hard to focus on mental health when it costs so much money to see a therapist, but GHC students no longer need to worry.

Student Support Services provides mental health counseling, for free. Counselors will help students with time management skills and help students cope with stress and anxiety.

October is also mental health awareness month, so there is no better time to spread the news to fellow classmates.

While Student Support Services focuses on students' mental health, they also provide disability support for stu-

dents. This allows students who qualify to access the campus as independently as possible.

Students with disabilities could be provided with audio recorded lectures, preferential seating, adjustable tables and seating.

All students are equal at GHC and Student Support Services make sure that every student feels that way.

On top of all the services that are provided, there is also a Charger Food Pantry.

College students have so much to deal with and sometimes food is scarce. The Charger food pantry is here to help. The pantry provides snacks, coffee and toiletry items.

Another aspect of Student Support Services is the Career Clothes Closet. This is for students looking for proper attire to wear on speech day or to a job interview.

Students can find a Career Clothes Closet on both the Paulding and Cartersville campus.

Perks of having a GHC I.D.

**By TJ Parker
Staff Writer**

It is important for students to take advantage of student discounts that are available to them through their student I.D.

Megan Simmons, the student life coordinator at Marietta, said, "I don't think students take advantage like they should. It's a good way for students to take part in events that they might not be able to."

Simmons elaborated, "Students can have discounted Six Flags ticket, they can get the password and everything they need through GHC website. They can go to places and have fun at a cheaper rate."

Ken Reaves, the GHC Dean at Marietta, when asked why more students should take advantage of discounts with their student I.D.s, said, "They can use it for food purposes in places like Zaxby's, students can use the B.O.B with their KSU I.D. cards, also to eat on campus in the student cafeteria."

GHC student Kamraun



Photo by Lindsay Hamby

With a student I.D., students can receive various discounts.

Sorhaindo said, "Students should take advantage because they can use it for school and it is rewarding for staying in school."

He is aware of some places for discounts such as the Gold Gym and Six Flags.

A short list where students' I.D.s are useful are for the movie theaters in the Mar-

ietta area, for discounted play tickets in the Marietta Square Playhouse and much more.

Student Life has a calendar on the GHC website where students can keep up with the latest events on campus in addition to using their I.D.s for discounts on events such as trips as well as other opportunities.



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Ladies are focused, ready for the season

By Scott Rosario
Managing Ed., Sports

The Lady Chargers finished the 2017-2018 season with 19 wins and 13 losses. This year's team is full of sophomore players and three players returning from last year's team, Sharai Lay, Ja'lyn Reese and Cierra Perdue.

According to Brandan Harrell, head women's basketball coach, "This year the team is very focused, and they are a little bit tougher too."

When asked if there are any star players this year, Harrell said, "We are sophomore heavy, so we have a lot of

players who can play at a high level. We really are not centered around one or two players who can score the ball."

Harrell also spoke of the long term and short-term goals of this team. "Our biggest one is graduating everyone, of course. After that, I would say to get to the conference championship then to the national tournament," Harrell said.

He offered one small but important short-term goal: "To get better and better every day is really important, and so far, I think we have done that."

The Lady Chargers' first home game is Nov. 14 against South Crescent Tech.

Chargers hope to be a top ten team this year

By Scott Rosario
Managing Ed., Sports

The 2017-2018 Chargers finished the season with 20 wins and 10 losses. The Chargers also finished 13 and 3 in the conference as well. The team reached the playoffs only to lose in the semifinals to South Georgia Technical College.

This year's team is brand new with many transfers and with only Khalyl Waters returning.

"The difference from last year's team to this year's team is we are a lot more mature, talented and taller," said Phil Gaffney, GHC's men's head basketball coach.

Gaffney added, "Basketball Times' has the men's team ranked number 12th and 'Street and Smith' has the team ranked 14th in the top 25 junior college basketball teams in the country."

Gaffney thinks the team can be a top team this season. He said, "Last year we



Photo by Lindsay Hamby

From the left, Destiny Marshall, Sharai Lay and Ciara Thompson finish sit-ups during conditioning to get ready for this season.

were ranked 18th but I did not think we deserved to be. This year I think we can be a top ten team."

Gaffney said, "To be 12 and 14, really your only goal is to get to the national champion-



Photo by Lindsay Hamby

Jalen Knight shoots a three point during practice.

ship. Last year we won the regular season, but we did not win the playoffs which gets us to the national tournament."

Gaffney said the team is focused on getting through the regular season successfully and especially focusing even more to win the playoffs.

Gaffney feels the team is ready for the next level. He said, "We are feeling good about ourselves, but we want

to take that next step. Maybe be a top ten team and then compete for the national championship."

Gaffney then said how there is not really a specific stand out player. He said, "I do not think we have a stand out player. I think we have a lot of depth."

The Chargers first home game is Friday, Nov. 9 at the Floyd campus gym.



Photo by Lindsay Hamby

From left, Dominic Ham and Jalen Knight practice three point shots.



Photo by Lindsay Hamby

Gaffney coaches guard Carl Johnson.

Former Charger Ty Toney plays pro for Portuguese team

By Trevor Gonzales
Staff Writer

Former Georgia Highlands Chargers men's basketball player Ty Toney has signed a professional basketball contract for Portuguese team Esqueria Basket. The team is playing in the top level of professional basketball in Portugal.

Toney played high school basketball at Alpharetta High School in Alpharetta, Georgia, where he was a 1,000 point scorer and averaged over 30 points a game.



File Photo

Ty Toney

Toney went on to play at Appalachian State his freshman year.

He then transferred to

Georgia Highlands, where he played the 2014-2015 season.

Toney averaged 17.8 points per game during his lone season with the Chargers, and he earned NJCAA All American Honorable Mention accolades while going to the Final Four of the NJCAA Division I Men's National Basketball Championship.

After having a breakout season at Georgia Highlands, Toney then accepted a scholarship offer to Eastern Michigan University.

Toney played the remainder of his college basketball eligibility at Eastern Michigan, he was a full-time starter during his two years.

According to Eastern Michigan's website, Toney averaged 11 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.6 steals per game.

"I'm happy for Ty. He's a great kid, and it's wonderful when kids reach their dreams. He got his degree from Eastern Michigan. So after he's done pursuing his dream of pro basketball, he can go use his degree and get a regular job," said Georgia Highlands Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball coach Phil Gaffney.

David Mathis, assistant director of athletics for Georgia Highlands, said, "Ty was a tremendous player while at GHC and led us to our first NJCAA



File Photo

Ty Toney, right, grabs a rebound.

Region XVII championship. He graduated and had a great career at Eastern Michigan University. All of us at GHC are proud of his success on and off

the court."

Toney is the second former Georgia Highlands basketball player to sign a professional contract.



File Photo

Ty Toney, left, drives to the basket against Cleveland State.

Unlikely Hikers take monthly walks in Bartow and Floyd counties

By Levi Hughes
Assistant Sports Editor

The Highlands Unlikely Hikers is a group of GHC employees that go on a monthly hike from September to May. The group was started by Andrea Mathis, a support specialist in IT, and consists of around 10 employees.

The Unlikely Hikers was formed as part of the University System of Georgia wellness initiative. "We are a group of GHC employees looking to experience the joys of hiking while lightly challenging our bodies..." said Mathis.

In September the group hiked Sweet Gum trail at the Red Top Mountain State Park.

Every month is a different hike. October's hike will be at Berry College, and the group will be hiking to the House of Dreams.

All hikes alternate between Bartow and Floyd counties, with hopes of expanding in the future.

The Highlands Unlikely Hikers name comes from an

Instagram community called "Unlikely Hikers." The Instagram community is run by Jenny Bruso, a blogger. The Unlikely Hikers represents the "under-represented outdoorsman."

Bruso said, "At Unlikely Hikers, I want to show there are many ways of getting out for all kinds of people."

While the group is not open to students, Mathis said "I would love to see a student hiking group get started, especially one that features diversity and body positivity to encourage anyone to join." Mathis also said she would help in any way she could to make it an official school club.

GHC soccer teams begin play

By **Catie Sullivan**
Editor-in-Chief

GHC's soccer fall league men's and women's teams are playing soccer against teams from all over Georgia as well as from other states.

Student Life Director John Spranza coaches both the women's and men's teams.

He said, "I started the soccer fall league because there was such an increased interest in soccer. I knew we had a lot

of students who played in high school, in local leagues and for fun. I wanted to give them an opportunity to keep playing."

The GHC soccer fall league teams are affiliate members of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association. The teams must play at least three games this fall to be eligible to become full members of NIRSA.

Once the GHC soccer teams become full members of NIRSA, in fall 2019 teams will

have their schedules set up for them by NIRSA, will be able to play in post-season games and will have the opportunity to compete in championships'.

The women's team has 16 players from four campuses. The men's team has 24 players from three campuses.

The men had an away game on Oct. 12, against Bryan College in Tennessee, which they lost 1-0, and a home game against Jacksonville State University on Oct. 14, which GHC lost 5-4.

Scorers for the men's team were Cartersville's Julio Medina with three goals and Marietta's Amadou Touray with one goal in the JSU game. Alejandro Cornejo, Floyd, made two assists and Charlie Cruz, Floyd, made one.

The men's team goalie, Brandon Romero, Cartersville, had 10 saves in the game against JSU and 13 saves against Bryan College.



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GHC men's soccer team huddles during halftime Oct. 14.



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Women's soccer team at KSU tourney: (bottom row from left) Ashley Solorio, Barbara Mata, Grace Wooley, Madelyn McAmish, Liz Arias, Mikayla Goulding; (middle row from left) Coach John Spranza, Olivia Nix, Maria Lopez, Maria Lawrence, Francisca Rodriguez, Haley Pittman, Maria Acosta; (top row from left) Denisa Reyes, Savannah Varner, Chloe Cochran; (not pictured) Esmeralda Hernandez.

The women's team has played two games against Kennesaw State University and the University of Mississippi at a tournament at KSU Oct. 14. The women lost 3-0 to KSU and 7-0 to Ole Miss.

Liz Arias is the goalie for the women's team. She had seven saves in the KSU game

and four saves against Ole Miss.

Denisa Reyes, Floyd, plays for the women's team. She said, "Soccer is a very fun sport, gets you very active and I'm glad I can continue to play soccer in college because I played in both middle and high school."

Dates set for annual ski and snowboard trip

By **Kara Ledbetter**
Staff Writer

This year's ski/snowboard trip will be Dec. 31 to Jan. 4, 2019.

It will be held at Appalachian Ski Mountain in Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

Students attending the trip, whether they are beginners, experts or in between, will receive ski and snowboard

instruction with the acclaimed French Swiss Ski College.

When in need of warming up from the cold, students will stay at the Super 8 motel in Boone.

Once the student decides between skis or a snowboard he or she will receive five full day sessions, lift tickets, equipment rental, motel charges and even their course textbook included in their trip fee.

Students who want the option to earn credit while having fun can sign up for PHED 1420.

It is a two-hour elective physical education class.

Having attended for the past 39 years, Ken Weatherman, the program director said, "It's gratifying to end the week skiing with students who began the week never being on skis or boarding in their lives."

Allowing high school players to skip college is a terrible idea

There have been many notable players from high school who have moved on to the pros. Players like LeBron James, Kevin Garnett, Mike Leake, Kobe Bryant, Xavier Nady and Tracy McGrady are all players that have played basketball since high school. The MLB is the only sport now that allows players straight out of high school to play for them, but



Rosario's Rebound

Scott Rosario
Managing Editor, Sports

the NBA has had a recent past with high school players.

The first obvious advan-

tage of skipping college is the money. The quicker a player can get through a rookie con-

tract, the better because that brings the bigger and better contracts. The next advantage is time. In college many student-athletes have to balance school with their practice time. If the player decides to skip college, they have all the time to practice.

On the other hand there are also disadvantages to skipping college. Young players

may lack the level of maturity that is needed in the pros.

There needs to be a level of maturity to handle situations in the pros that do not really occur in high school. Also, the work ethic from high school and the pros is vastly different.

When a player decides to attend college they can grow their maturity and work ethic.

TURKEY DAY
WALK/RUN

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 14

WHERE: Floyd Campus Pavilion

TIME: 1:45 for registration
(2:00 for Starting Time)