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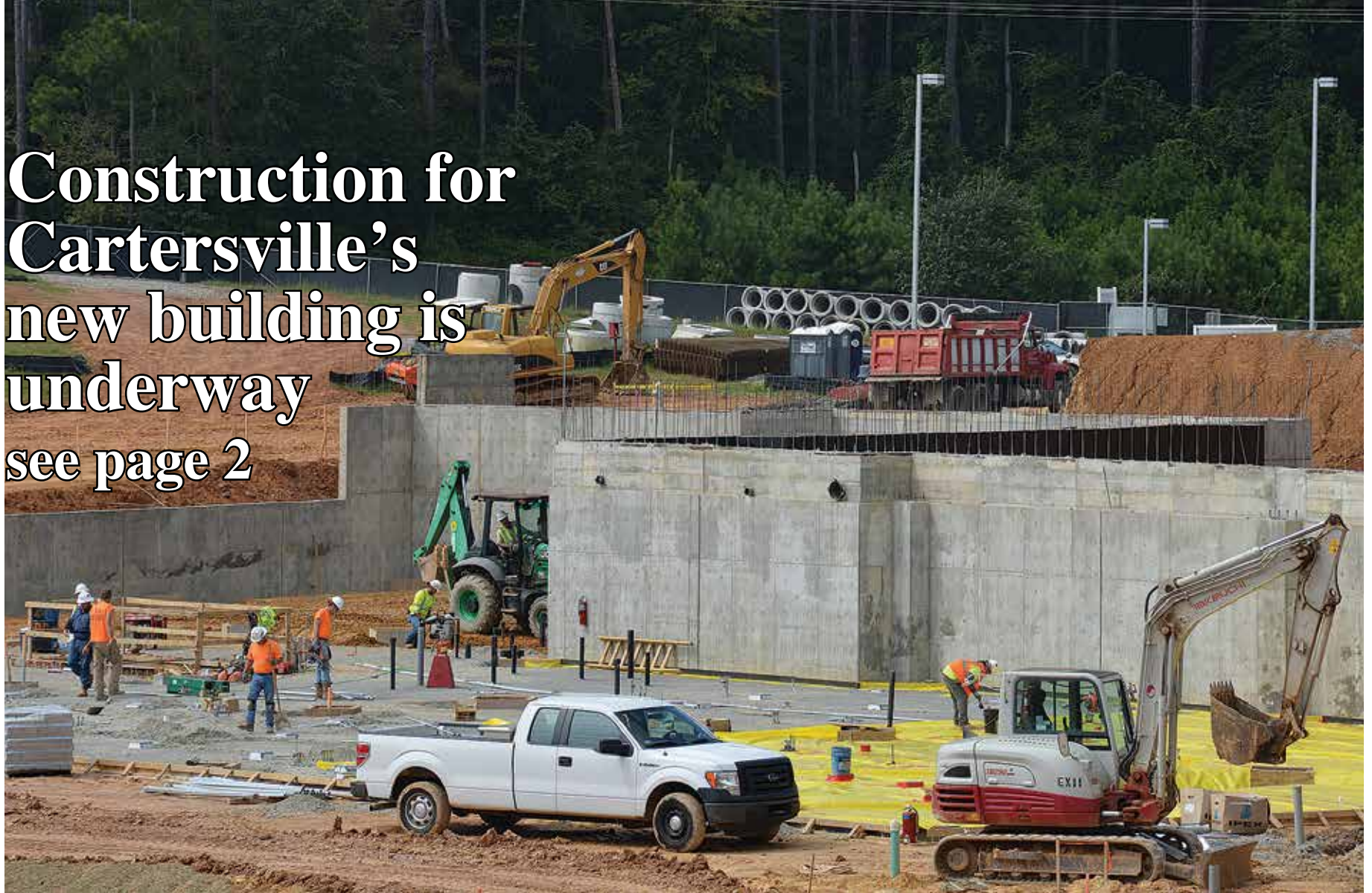


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Construction workers lay the foundation for the new STEAM building.



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STEAM building construction underway

By David Pulliam
Staff Writer

Mounds of red Georgia clay are visible near the campus pond as construction on GHC's new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) building continues at the Cartersville campus.

Students have been advised to avoid construction zones by using the Highway 20 entrance, parking in the remaining lots and walking around the fenced-in construction site.

Access to the campus' rear parking lots from the Cline Smith Road entrance is restricted to the construction crew.

The 52,000-square foot building was designed by the firm of Stanley Beaman & Sears and is being built by Juneau Construction Company.

At the groundbreaking ceremony in April, GHC's President Don Green stated that "this new academic building will include spaces for laboratories, classrooms, a lecture hall, study rooms and more."

Green added that the new building will increase "GHC's ability to directly impact and support the community workforce through STEAM-based degrees."

Green also said that it will

allow GHC to better serve as the University System of Georgia's main access school in northwest Georgia.

GHC had pursued state funding for the building during the 2017 fiscal year, and \$22.5 million was approved by the Georgia Legislature for the project and signed by Gov. Nathan Deal: \$2.2 million for design, \$2.6 million for equipment and the remaining \$17.7 million for construction costs.

Greg Ford, GHC's dean of natural sciences and physical education, stated that "The laboratory facilities are to capacity on the Cartersville campus" and that the "constant setup and breakdown of labs with limited time in between is a logistical nightmare."

Ford said that with new labs "faculty will have more freedom to offer activities outside of class time" and the college will be able to offer "open lab" to supplement learning.

According to Ford, GHC is "aiming for a soft opening" of the building in the fall 2018 semester with limited course offerings so that the college can "work out the 'kinks' and unforeseen logistic issues." The full opening will be in the spring semester 2019.

Tay Curry and Devin Jordan, both of whom attend classes at the Cartersville

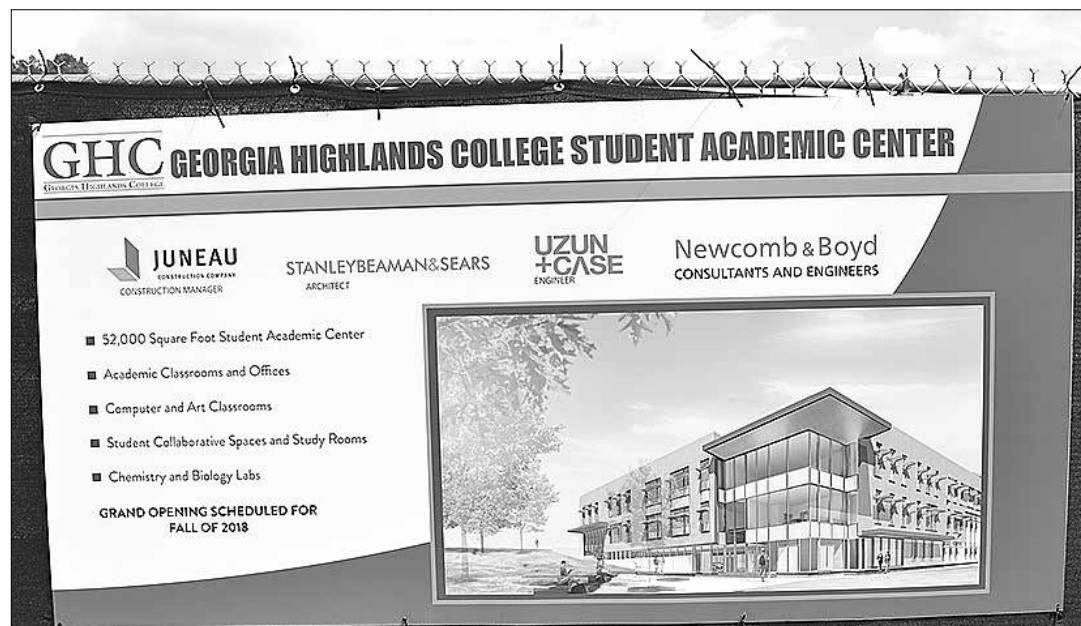


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This image of what the finished building should look like is posted on the covered fence surrounding the construction site.

campus, show annoyance over the current parking situation as well as respect for a job well done.

Jordan said, "They took over one parking lot and that long, straight sidewalk." He continued, "You have to get here a little earlier now because it's a long walk from the back lot."

Curry agreed, but went on to say, "They seem to be making good progress" in regards to the construction project.

Throughout the construc-



Photo by Mackenzie Duvall

Excavation makes room for the new academic building.

tion process, a live video feed of the building project can be found streaming at highlands.edu/site/misc/steambuilding/

Four-year business administration degrees now at GHC

By Jillian Scanlon
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College is incorporating two new Bachelor of Business Administration degrees this fall.

Twenty-three students are currently enrolled in the Health Care Management program with 18 in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

Because seating and professors are limited, Logistics

and Supply Chain Management classes are exclusively on the Cartersville campus, and Healthcare Management is offered on the Floyd campus.

Students in these BBA programs receive the benefits of business tours, guest speakers and even internships.

Response from the business community has been positive regarding work-study opportunities. According to BBA Program Coordinator Mecole

Cooley-Ledbetter, companies such as Cartersville Medical Center, Harbin Clinic, Shaw, Anheuser-Busch and Voestalpine have expressed interest in internships.

Alan Nichols, dean of social sciences, business and education, believes that over the next few years, jobs in logistics and supply chain management and healthcare management will be in great demand.

Before applying for either

program, prospective students must complete 50 credit hours in Area F. There are 60 credit hours in each BBA program.

Enrolled students will begin with 24 hours in core business classes. The next 24 hours of credits will be focused on their specific pathway. The last 12 credit hours will give students work-study opportunity.

All classes pertaining to Healthcare Management are

taught by Jocelyn Steward. The position for the Logistics and Supply Chain Management professor is still open. However, both BBA Program students can expect to take finance, marketing and economics.

Students interested in getting more information, may visit BBA.highlands.edu or schedule a consultation with Cooley-Ledbetter at mcooley@highlands.edu.

Study Abroad to China registration begins

By Nick Whitmire
Assistant Online Editor

This year Georgia Highlands College is sponsoring a study abroad trip to China for the first time. It will take place May 25 to June 2 of 2018.

Bronson Long, the director of global initiatives and associate professor of history at GHC, said, "I have always had a great interest in China and its history. A lot of my students have shown a great interest in China as well. It is the country with the number one population in the world, and what happens in China can also impact America."

Denie Burks, assistant professor of business, who went on a 28 day trip to China sponsored by the University System of Georgia, said, "The trip is about opening students' minds and experiencing a different culture."

The GHC China trip will be available for all students who apply but will have a significant impact on students majoring in history, English,

communication and especially
business.

"The study abroad trip is particularly beneficial for business majors. Visiting the companies in China can help students understand how business works and can be useful for job interviews and networking as well," said Long.

The cost for the trip will cost \$4,200, all inclusive. When students register, they must pay \$200 to reserve a spot on the trip, a second deposit of \$500 will be due on Nov. 17, 2017 and the final balance will be due Feb. 8, 2018.

Students can also have financial aid to help pay for the trip. But Long recommends that students speak with a financial aid adviser to in order to make the arrangements.

Long said the cities students will be visiting are Beijing, Xian and Shanghai. Throughout these cities, students will visit wonders like the Great Wall of China, and the Terra Cotta Warriors Museum, and make two company site visits in Shanghai.



Photo by Stephanie Corona

A member of the Atlanta Chinese dance company performs at the Cartersville campus. Student Life plans to have a China theme for a number of its activities as a tie-in to the college's upcoming study abroad trip to China.

Students will be guided by bilingual tour guides and will be traveling by bus and train.

Students can register by emailing Long at blong@highlands.edu to receive an ap-

plication and find more information at harttravelpartners.com/ghcchina.

Highlands student experiences Chinese culture

By Danielle Griesemer
Staff Writer

Samantha Tate, a sophomore at the Floyd and Cartersville campuses, traveled to China this past summer, accompanied by Denie Burks, assistant professor of business.

Both Tate and Burks responded to the trip announcement from Bronson Long, director of global initiatives and study abroad at GHC. This trip was organized by the University System of Georgia.

Burks had already travelled to China on previous occasions, but had never visited the Great Wall. Tate had ventured to Australia in 2012, but had no other international experience.

This trip was the first study abroad experience for both Tate and Burks.

Their journey began on May 8. After an 11-hour flight, the pair landed in Beijing, where they began the first part of the trip. During the course of the trip, they travelled to Beijing, Xi'an, Zhengzhou and Shanghai. In these cities they visited many traditional tourist attractions such as the Great Wall, Terra Cotta Museum and Shaolin Temple.

On May 14, Tate and Burks arrived at Zhengzhou University. Here is where Tate would experience the most of what Burks calls “multi-sensory, holistic immersion.” At the university, Tate, who is studying foreign language, experienced life as a Chinese college

student. She stayed in student housing and attended two university classes: Introduction to Sociology and Sociology of Photography. She was paired with a Chinese student studying English, who would act as her interpreter as well as her guide.

After 28 days, Tate and Burks returned June 4.

Both learned something new about themselves as well as other cultures. Burks says she is more patient with herself and with other people when she travels, while this trip allowed Tate to learn that she is "more outgoing" than she thought she was.

To see Tate's personal account, visit sixmilepost.com.



Contributed

Samantha Tate, GHC student, stands by the Great Wall of China.

Hambrick wants to have a 'friendly' campus

By Kara Ledbetter
Staff Writer

The Paulding's campus received a new director this past summer, Joy Hambrick. She hopes to help the campus grow and let more future students know that the Paulding campus is here.

"I want Paulding to be focused on meeting student needs and providing a friendly environment for all," Hambrick said. She believes the Paulding campus is like "the hidden jewel of Dallas."

Originally, the Douglasville and Paulding campuses had only one director. When she heard each campus would have a separate director, Hambrick knew the Paulding location would be the perfect fit for her.

Leslie Johnson, the Cartersville campus dean, took part in the hiring process of Hambrick.

Johnson said, "Her strong business background and experience as an adjunct Georgia Highlands College

faculty member made her perfect for this position."

"I'm like the principal of the campus," Hambrick said. She does anything from budgeting to wiping up spills in the elevator.

Students are Hambrick's number one priority; they are what makes everything worth it at the end of the day. She wants all students to feel free to stop by for coffee or tea in her office. "My door is always open," said Hambrick.

Hambrick was born and raised in Dallas, Georgia, and her parents still live right down the road from the Paulding campus.

Hambrick graduated from Paulding County High school, then went on to Kennesaw State University and Georgia State University and earned her master's degree in Economics.

After her education, Hambrick became a professor of economics at Chattahoochee Technical College and then transferred to GHC and taught for 20 years on and off.



Photo by Chris Harding

Joy Hambrick became director of the Paulding campus over the summer.

Paulding campus offices re-locate to better serve students' needs

By J. Celon-Alcantara
Staff Writer

The student services office and the security desk have been relocated at the Paulding site.

Joy Hambrick, Paulding site director, asked for students' opinions on what should be improved on the campus. She said many students said the student service offices were too far from each other.

She consulted with Leslie Johnson, dean of the Cartersville campus, and many others in leadership for their advice and opinions on how to fix the problem.

As of early to mid-June, all

student service offices were relocated to the first floor.

Hambrick said it gives students easier access to the offices and prevents them from traveling to different floors all at once.

Christina Henggeler, the Paulding enrollment manager, said that before the relocations, students would often leave before getting assistance when they saw there was no one in an office.

With more people in one place, students have a higher chance of getting help.

"It better serves the customer, which is the student," said Henggeler, "by making it easier for them to see all of-

fices."

The staff didn't want students to feel ignored or "brushed off" when they would send them to another floor. They feel this arrangement sets a better impression, especially with new students.

The security desk was relocated from the first floor to the third floor next to Hambrick's office.

Its relocation purpose is to expand the space on the first floor for a smoother and easier traffic flow, said Hambrick.

However, the security guard sits on the second floor and often walks around the campus to better ensure the safety of students.



Photo by Chris Harding

Student services are now on the first floor at Paulding.

D'ville campus welcomes a new director

By Michael McClain
Staff Writer

Former Academic Adviser Julia Areh was appointed site director at Georgia Highlands Douglasville in May.

She began at Georgia Highlands as an admissions recruiter. After three years, she was promoted to academic advising. She has been with the college for seven years.

Areh said the biggest difference between her current position and her past one is making decisions that affect students and staff.

Another difference is having the opportunity of the relationship between the surrounding community of Douglasville and the college.

Areh said she has many goals. "Every day when I get up and come to work my goal is to make sure we're here for the community and here for our students."

Areh wants to increase the enrollment at the Douglasville site by increasing visibility within the local community and communicating the Highlands' mission.



Photo by Michael McClain

Julia Areh, the new Douglasville campus director, welcomes the opportunities her new job offers.

She also wants to bring a broader range of classes to the Douglasville site. "We don't want to lose students because

we weren't able to give them the classes they need," said Areh.

Areh said the students, the

faculty and the staff are the best thing that this campus has to offer. "I love the fact that I know my students and

they know me. I really believe that what we created here from the top down is a family structure."

Highlands Happenings

EBA continues until Oct. 20

By LaTonya Kilgore
Staff Writer

Early Bird Advising (EBA) is currently underway and will end Oct. 20. EBA allows students to meet with faculty advisers to plan for future courses, review program requirements, discuss changes of pathway and plan for transfer options or degree completion.

Completing EBA allows students to register one week early for classes. Student participation has been strong,

according to Yoursheko Owens, academic adviser at the Paulding campus.

Owens urges students to "never procrastinate" when it comes to registering for courses.

She explained that some students come to EBA thinking they will register during the meeting, but that is not the case. Students still need to register through SCORE when registration opens.

Available faculty advisers are listed on the GHC Advising page. Advisers can be chosen based on campus or pathway.

Get more information by e-mailing or visiting advising@highlands.edu

Pine Mtn. hike on Oct. 13

By Stephanie Corona
Staff Writer

Student Life Coordinator Clifton Puckett invites students from all campuses to take part in a 4.5 mile hike at Pine Mountain in Cartersville off of Exit 290 on I-75 on Oct. 13. The hike will begin at 10 a.m., and students are encouraged to bring their own snacks and water.

"The event is just to get people to socialize and enjoy the outdoors. Student Life has not done many outdoor activi-

ties, and this is a good start," said Puckett.

Puckett also mentioned that if there is enough interest, a passenger van could possibly be rented to transport the students from different campuses to Pine Mountain.

Fall Frenzy begins soon

By LaTonya Kilgore
Staff Writer

According to Lyric Sprinkle, Student Life coordinator at Paulding, Fall Frenzy is coming to all GHC campuses soon.

This annual event is the last large Student Life event of fall semester.

This year's event will include a free lunch, activities and performances by Seattle magician Nash Fung.

Fall Frenzy is Oct. 23 at the Douglasville campus, followed by Paulding on Oct. 24, Floyd on Oct. 25, Marietta on Oct. 26 and Cartersville on Oct. 30. Activities will begin at noon.

Sprinkle said students should watch Student Life email and Flush Flashes for campus specific details. Clubs or departments that would like to participate in Fall Frenzy should see their Student Life representatives.

Review

‘I Will Save You’ focus of One Book, Many Voices

By Epiphany Huff
Staff Writer

The book “I Will Save You” by Matt De La Peña, is about a teen named Kidd. Throughout the book Kidd experiences good and bad consequences due to his decisions. This is super relatable for any and all teens or adults coming from any background.

Every person has his or her place on the totem pole of society, so to speak, and the book highlights this idea. Through this book, readers see that the characters are from different social classes, and it’s a big deal in the story. Readers can see that everyone has a different outlook and his or her own opinions on how things are and how they will be in the future.

The book also deals with mental illnesses that society doesn’t talk about. It talks about how the conditions in one’s environment can influence the action of a particular person. The book does not address it, but it mentions drug and alcohol abuse.

In the story Mr. Red, who is the maintenance man at the camp where Kidd works, says, “Monday through Friday. Pretty much everyone I know, Kidd. They walk around half conscious... They flip it to autopilot.” He then states that he tells himself, “Alright Red, maybe

this isn’t your number one choice. But at least you’re awake enough to smell it!” This may not make sense to many of the book’s readers, but it is derived from the statement stop and smell the roses, which means take it day by day and live life to the fullest.

I think that the book is great, but not something I would normally read, due to the grim settings.

One Book Event Info

The One Book Many Voices event will feature author Matt De La Peña and his book “I Will Save You.” The event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. in The Historic DeSoto Theatre, located in downtown Rome.

Students can get free tickets for the event from the Student Life Offices on the Floyd and Cartersville campuses.



Photo by Johnnie Shellhorse

New GHC employee, Megan Simmons, is ready to assist students in the Marietta Student Life Office.

Megan Simmons starts new job at Marietta

By Janee Williams
Staff Writer

Megan Simmons is new to Georgia Highlands College. Simmons is a part-time Student Life coordinator at Marietta and loves her job.

She enjoys being able to plan different activities and events for the Marietta Campus.

Not only is it allowing her to get a feel for the school, but it is also allowing her to meet new people. Simmons is a people person and enjoys interacting with new people.

After graduating from Shorter University with a bachelor’s in public relations and a master’s in business management, Simmons

worked for Turner Broadcasting (Cartoon Network programming) for 14 years.

Having two children, Simmons wanted a job that wasn’t so time-consuming and gave her free time to spend with her family. Simmons would one day like to be a business management teacher for Georgia Highlands College.

Simmons is enjoying her first few months being a GHC employee and is experiencing the same integration process that every Marietta student has to deal with.

John Spranza, student life director, said “She is just trying to meet the students. It is very unique given the location with intermingling KSU students.”



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Spanish activity group visits Boys, Girls Club

By Moises Ledesma
Staff Writer

The Cartersville Campus Spanish Activity Club meets every other Friday at the Boys and Girls Club to teach the children everyday skills and to introduce them to the Spanish language.

The club's goal at the Boys and Girls Club is to serve the community while doing fun activities with the children.

Kathryn Garcia, adviser of the Spanish Activity Club said, "We try to speak Spanish to the children ... to get them used to the language."

She said, "We want to show them that learning a foreign language is fun!"

The club believes that children should be taught languages and everyday skills while they are young.

"When you are little you do not think about rules. You just hear things and start picking up on what you are supposed to do," said Dee Rincon Fuentes, president of the Spanish Activity Club.

A normal Friday at the Boys and Girls Club includes activities such as learning the dynamics of grocery shopping,

Kids at the Boys and Girls club are also learning basic Spanish grammar and vocabulary and practicing conversational expressions.

The members of the club agree that it is a lot of work, but the experience is rewarding.

Outside of the Boys and Girls Club, the Spanish Activity Club organizes events that enhance the understanding of the Hispanic culture.

Some of these events include movie nights, film festivals and Hispanic celebrations.

The club invites anyone who is interested in the Spanish language or Hispanic Culture to join. "It does not matter if you do not speak Spanish! Anyone is welcome to the club!" said Garcia.

For more information about the Spanish Activity Club, students may contact Garcia. Her e-mail address is kgarcia@highlands.edu.



Photo by Moises Ledesma

On Sept. 22, Kathryn Garcia (center left), the adviser for the Spanish activities club, and Spanish activity club members instructed children at the Boys and Girls Club.



Art by Yzcalli Rendon

National Hispanic Heritage Month started Sept. 15 and runs through Oct. 15. This month celebrates Spanish diversity, history, and culture. The starting point for the celebration is also the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.



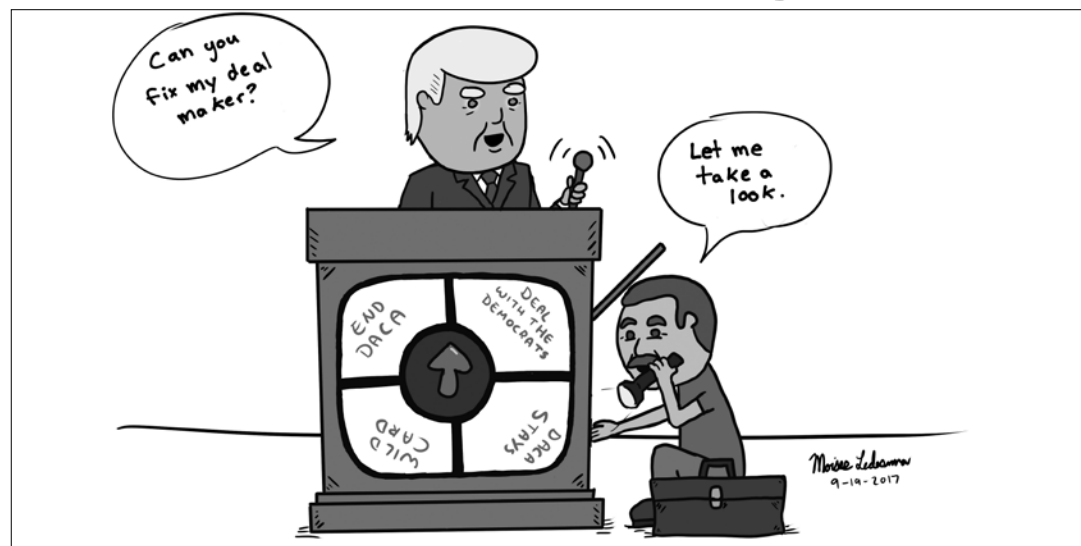
DACA dream may end in nightmare

Over the past several weeks Democratic and Republican politicians alike have been receiving backlash after President Donald Trump announced his intention to put an end to the program known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA.

Since 2012, DACA has been protecting children of illegal immigrants who were brought into the United States at a very young age. Being covered under DACA guards these children from deportation and gives working permits for those who meet certain qualifications.

Since its conception, DACA has helped over 800,000 immigrants finish school, further their education past high school and get jobs. Participants in the DACA program have since been given the unofficial title “dreamers,” referring to their intent to chase what we call the “American Dream.”

The expulsion of DACA participants won't change



Art by Moises Ledesma

society for the better. It isn't a back-pat-worthy utilitarian policy play. It doesn't remove criminals or “lazy” people. It is locating and extracting hundreds of thousands of students. That's right. College kiddos just like us. Poof. Gone.

Why remove hardworking Americans simply because they were brought at too young of an age to have a choice? Is that how we “Make America Great Again?” Disapproval is pouring in from every political angle. Democratic con-

gress members have been arrested for protesting in front of Trump Tower. Almost every school in America has DACA students.

According to Todd Jones, vice president of student affairs, GHC has 14 students that are on the verge of being ripped away from their classes, jobs and life as they know it if DACA is repealed.

Right now there are things you can do to support DACA. Be a part of the incessant pressure being placed on Washington. Call

your congressman. Leave them 17 voicemails. Send them letters. No, send them BAGS of letters. Make Congress pray for Sunday.

More importantly, Tweet. That's where Trump will feel it most. Tweet until your thumbs are sore. Tweet until your phone comes to life and runs away. Tweet as if 14 people's lives were depending on it, because they are.

**-Six Mile Post
Editorial Board**

Journalism major looking forward to new experience

I rolled the suitcases that I received as gifts down my driveway towards my car. When my mother gave me this luggage set as a graduation present, the gift didn't feel like a gift. It felt like she gave me a cardboard box and said, “Get out of my house and have fun cooking your own food.”

I was moving exactly 47 minutes away from my mother to live with my dad so I could be near Georgia Highlands' Rome and Cartersville campuses. I was starting a new life, in a new place, at a new



Editor's Box

**Catie Sullivan
Editor in Chief**

school.

In an effort to become more comfortable at GHC I expressed interest in being a part of the Six Mile Post to my adviser on my orientation day.

I was editor of my high school's newspaper publica-

tion, and working on the newspaper was my favorite part of the day. I am a journalism major and knew that my involvement with the Six Mile Post would make my life at GHC more enjoyable. Creating news stories and doing layout

design is something I enjoyed doing in high school and something I wanted to keep doing in college.

My journalism teacher at Armuchee High School, Emily Mowery, once said, “You are the newspaper; you are the school.” With this statement in mind, I accepted the offer to be editor-in-chief of Georgia Highlands' Six Mile Post to learn as much as I could about my school and make my college experience not only great for myself, but for every reader of the Post.

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Students should venture out of their niche



Soap Box

Stephanie Corona
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If you have settled into your niche, chances are you have stopped trying new things. While it feels great to dominate your trade, there is always room for improvement. There are improvements that you may not be aware of,

and the only way to become aware of them is to try something new and let the realization hit you.

Continuously challenging yourself allows you to grow as a person by challenging your perspective on a topic or preference on approaching problems.

Challenging your skills may even lead you to discover a skill or trade you are good at. If you ever had the idea "I wish

I could do (fill in the blank)," do it.

Personally, trying new pathways and becoming involved in different clubs, I have found things I found I enjoy doing, but also things I did not care for.

Either way, I tried those things, and this led to meeting new people with different mentalities that allowed me to grow as a person.

It is more likely that you

will try new things between the time you graduate high school and obtain your first bachelor's degree, simply because you do not have any strings attached to your person or responsibility over anyone else but yourself.

It is that desire of going out and exploring that makes this age group ideal. Now just ask, "How?" That question is a lot easier to answer if you have a "what" in mind.

Poll

What is your favorite part about starting your college experience?

All poll responses are from new Paulding campus students

Poll and pictures by Destyni Herbert



Blake Smith

"Probably that there is a lot more freedom and the relaxed laid back nature of it. Also the campus is quaint."



Hope Mosby

"Getting coffee in the mornings and I also enjoy the activities."



Steven Dawson

"Being able to leave and get food, as well as the basic freedom."



Maddie Runion

"College is more independent. In college, it's up to you to show up to class."

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Review

Filmmakers of 'It' are not clowning about

By Joseph McDaniel
Managing Ed., Design

A Stephen King adaptation can go either way pretty fast — either it can be a cinematic masterwork like the “Shawshank Redemption” and “The Shining” or something terrible like “Dreamcatcher,” “Sleepwalkers” or the recent “Dark Tower” movie.

The novel “IT” is a thousand page journey into the twisted mind of someone on crack in the ‘80s and is a mix of great and terrible ideas.

The mini-series features a great turn by Tim Curry as Pennywise, but everything else doesn’t really hold up at all.

This new iteration, however, is way better than the book or the mini-series. This is mainly due to the fact that

the story is actually focused. It doesn’t meander about randomly, and, of course, we don’t have to be tortured by mid-90’s TV effects.

The best thing here is the kids. Each personifies his or her role exquisitely.

The particular standout here is Finn Wolfhard as Richie Tozier. The audience was cheering at his awesome one-liners.

Bill Skarsgaard stars as Pennywise, both living up to Tim Curry’s legacy while giving us something fresh and effective. Even if one doesn’t find him scary, he or she will definitely be entertained regardless.

In terms of hindrances, most general audiences won’t be bothered by the use of jump scares and loud noises, but some might hope for

something more aesthetically pleasing.

Also, some might be annoyed that the only minority in the film had most of the traits the character had in the original book given to a white kid.

But overall, “IT” is by far one of the superior Stephen King adaptations out there.

This Film
gets a grade of



Review

LCD Soundsystem's grand return

By Jacob Williams
Staff Writer

After an infamous breakup that lasted from 2011 to 2015, lawsuits against former colleagues, and even some dabbling in the restaurant industry, James Murphy’s electronic project LCD Soundsystem is back with their first Billboard chart-topping album ever, “American Dream.”

Anyone in attendance for the Shaky Knees music festival in Atlanta this summer witnessed LCD Soundsystem put on a blistering set, and they match the energy just as well in their recorded effort.

Murphy, LCD’s sole songwriter, is an eccentric with the ear of a curator.

The 10 tracks on this album sound like collages of all the noises and sounds that Murphy has enjoyed over the years

blended together tastefully to present a final product that has substance but just enough groove to top the charts.

“American Dream” opens with “Oh Baby,” a send-off of an 80’s pop hit “Dream Baby Dream” that even samples and reworks pieces of the original.

Murphy croons like he’s in the Rat Pack, over saturated synths and classic Roland TR-808 tones that one would hear in something like “The Breakfast Club.”

After a romantic opener, the themes begin to introduce themselves. Fear of aging, self-awareness, a heated political climate, and tongue-in-cheek nihilism all get the spotlight.

Murphy sprinkles in obvious influences for his like-minded fans. Hints of Talking Heads, U2, and David Bowie, a longtime friend, are recurring throughout “American

Dream.”

“Call The Police” is a big standout, combining all the elements that make LCD Soundsystem the group they are today. Gliding guitars, a danceable beat, biting social commentary and a far-reaching mix of sounds make this one an instant arena rock classic.

If there was any talk that Murphy was losing his edge, he has silenced it. At least for now.

This album
gets a grade of



Former Lady Charger returns as assistant basketball coach

By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

Shakierya McClendon, the new assistant basketball coach for the Lady Chargers, is no stranger to the program because she was a member of the team from 2012 to 2014.

McClendon stated that it feels great to return to GHC as a coach. She said, "I feel like I can relate to the players better because I've already experienced everything they've been through."

McClendon said she never thought she would be a coach because she graduated with a degree in criminal justice.

She was a probation officer for a year but did not enjoy that job. Being a basketball coach is something she says she will like a lot.

About this season, McClendon said, "From an individual standpoint, I am looking forward to learning the ropes of coaching."

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She said, "As a whole, I think we have one of the most athletic teams we've had at Highlands." She believes that the Lady Chargers have the ability to win a championship.

McClendon has some goals for the team this season.

She wants the women to get through their mental breakdowns, win the GCAA conference and then win nationals.

McClendon started playing basketball in seventh grade but said she wasn't very good. She said that after much practice, around her sophomore year in high school, she "started working for it and caring about basketball."

McClendon said that during her senior year of high school, she did not pass her graduation test until July so she wrote the GHC women's basketball coaches, and they gave her the chance to be a walk-on.

McClendon received a scholarship from GHC and played on scholarship all four years of college.

McClendon said that she plans to be a head coach one day.



Photo by Xavier Freeman

Shakierya McClendon is the new assistant basketball coach for the Lady Chargers.

Chargers meet fans!

The Chargers' men's basketball, women's basketball, softball and baseball teams held a Meet and Greet for fans to meet the athletes. The event took place at the Lakeview Auditorium on the Floyd campus Sept. 19. A coach from each team spoke to the crowd about their hopes for the upcoming season.



Photo by Jaida Lovelace

From left: Judasia Hills, Jaleesa Dillard, Dorian Sharp, Sharai Lay and Imani Hampton were among the Lady Chargers that were present at the Meet and Greet.

Fall intramurals underway at Floyd

By Parker Hyde
Staff Writer

While most GHC intramurals involve serious competition, the intramural program “emphasizes and promotes participation, sportsmanship, social interaction and healthy exercise,” said David Mathis, the assistant athletic director.

This semester, Georgia Highlands College is offering five intramural options for students on the Floyd campus including classics such as co-ed flag football, 3-on-3 men’s and women’s basketball, a tennis tournament and the Turkey Day Walk and Run. Co-ed flag football and basketball have already begun, but it is not too late to join a team.

The tennis tournament starts Oct. 9, and the Tur-

key Day Walk and Run is on Thursday, Nov. 16.

Other sports include a golf outing on Oct. 6, with the location for this yet to be determined. Kickball begins on Oct. 18.

Sign-ups and registrations for all intramural sports will be taking place within the next month.

Mathis said, “Any student still wanting to participate may contact the physical education department at (706)295-6353.”

Mathis also said, “We will be happy to add you to a team or program.”

Students do not need a team to join an intramural. They can just visit <https://www.highlands.edu/sample-page/student-life/intramural-sports/> for more information.

Upcoming intramural dates:

Golf - Starts Oct. 6

Tennis tournament - Starts Oct. 9

Kickball - Starts Oct. 18

GHC Student Athlete Spotlights

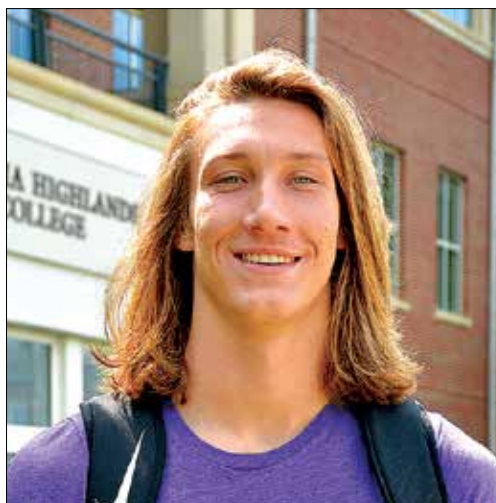


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Trevor Lawrence

Trevor Lawrence is a Move On When Ready student taking classes at the Cartersville site.

He is a quarterback for Cartersville High School.

According to 24/7 Sports, Lawrence is ranked 2nd in the top quarterback recruits in the nation. He hopes to attend Clemson University.



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Owen Witcher

Owen Witcher is a student at the Cartersville site. Witcher is over the Cycling Club at GHC and races competitively against students from other colleges. On the weekend of Aug. 26, he came in first place at the Auburn Flyers Mountain Bike Classic in Auburn, Ala.

GHC offers many ways to get involved in athletics

First-year students often say that there are not as many ways to get involved with athletics at GHC as there were in high school. That is not the case. This is a misconception.

There are several ways for students to get involved with athletics at GHC even if they do not play on one of the college’s intercollegiate teams.

The easiest way for students to get involved in athletics is by simply showing up at intercollegiate sporting

events. Student attendance at these events was rather low last year. This should not be the case because GHC teams are amazing.

The Chargers’ baseball team made it all the way to the NJCAA district tournament after winning the GCAA conference tournament for the first time ever in May.

The Chargers’ men’s basketball team made it all the way to nationals again in March.

The Lady Chargers’ basketball team made it to the final round of the GCAA tournament in March, and the Lady Chargers’ softball team came in 3rd place in the GCAA tournament last year.

Our teams will perform even better if they have the support of their student body, so come out to the games this year and cheer our Chargers on to victories.

Another simple way for students to get involved in ath-

letics at GHC is by joining an intramural team.

There are several intramural activities offered by GHC, mainly at the Floyd and Cartersville campuses. Some of the interesting activities include

co-ed basketball, co-ed flag football and the annual Turkey Day Walk & Run.

Joining an intramural team or activity is a good way to meet new friends, have fun and stay active.

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