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Students, from left, Valerie Davis, Jesslin Groce, and Kayla Thacker work out at the new student center in Cartersville, which is now open for student use. See page 7 for an article and more photos.

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# Administrators take new jobs

By Andrew West  
Editor-in-chief

Georgia Highlands College has moved three administrative staff members to interim positions in the wake of the departure of Rob Watts as interim president.

Watts left GHC at the end of the 2012 spring semester to take a position with Georgia Perimeter College (GPC), where he had previously worked in the business office.

Taking his place as interim president is Renva Watterson, the former vice president for academic and student affairs.

Watterson says she feels comfortable with the position and was pleased to step in and take the job with a college that she believes “is

on the edge of even greater greatness.”

This change left a vacancy at Watterson’s previous position, and that role is now being filled on an interim basis by Laura Musselwhite, who was previously associate vice president for academic and student affairs.

Musselwhite’s former position also involved running the Strategic Planning Assessment and Accreditation Office, a job for which she is still responsible, and she balances that responsibility with her new interim position.

“I feel very good about it for a number of reasons. I think that it was really important in all the transition for us to try and have as much consistency as we

could, or provide some stability, and because Dr. Watterson and I and Dean Jones had been here for a while, it didn’t seem so jarring, I hope,” Musselwhite said.

She added that the experience she gained as associate vice president has made the transition to vice president a comfortable one for her.

Todd Jones is now serving as the interim associate vice president for academic and student affairs, filling the position left vacant by Musselwhite. Jones was previously the campus dean for the Floyd and James D. Maddox Heritage Hall locations.

This year, Jones is still serving as the dean of the Floyd campus, while also filling this new position.

He noted that his primary focus as interim associate vice president of academic and student affairs will be on the student affairs side of things.

“I’m primarily responsible for any issues that students encounter, whether that be in or out of the classroom, through the enrollment process or financial aid process, and so my role is to be on a state of constant improvement and look at how we can improve services in and out of the classroom for students,” Jones stated.

There seems to be no known plan regarding the duration of these interim appointments.

Financial issues at Georgia Perimeter College were cited as the reason for Watts’ move.



Renva Watterson



Laura Musselwhite



Todd Jones

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## GHC gains new space at Marietta

April White, accounting technician, enjoys her new office space at the Marietta campus. “My office allows me to address each student’s individual concern with great expertise,” says White.

## GHC strikes a chord

By Michael Miller  
Staff Writer

phone, trombone, guitar or keyboard.

Plans for a music major are being considered for the fall semester of 2013.

Robert Adams, assistant professor of music said, “We will be offering a fundamentals course this spring at both the Floyd and Cartersville campus. This course is designed to help students understand the basic principles of music theory.”

“Adding a new music major will depend on student demand,” says Baltzer.

Students interested in more music classes or joining “The Highlanders” should contact Baltzer for more information at sbaltzer@highlands.edu.

He hopes the band will be ready to play when GHC hosts its first home basketball game on Nov. 4.

Just in time for the new intercollegiate basketball team, Georgia Highlands College is forming a jazz band to pump up crowds at the games.

When asked where the idea came from, Samuel Baltzer, assistant professor of music, responded, saying, “Dr. Watterson expressed interest in growing a music program at GHC and also creating more opportunities for students to feel more a part of the campus.” Interim President Renva Watterson and Baltzer have named the group “The Highlanders.”

The band is still searching for more student participants. More specifically, they are seeking students who play trumpet, saxo-

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# GHC prepares to debut in the NJCAA

By Becky Crooks  
Sports Editor

Georgia Highlands College is ushering in a new age with intercollegiate sports beginning this fall.

GHC's inaugural basketball season will officially begin Nov. 1, when the men's and women's teams travel to Scobba, Miss., to face the East Mississippi Community College Lions, whose men's team has been in the Sweet

16 in the NJCAA Region 23 basketball tournament for three consecutive years.

However, Brandon Harrell, women's head coach, and Phillip Gaffney, athletic director and men's head coach, as well as the players, have many things to accomplish before the season begins.

Official practice for the teams starts Oct. 1. The time before that has been spent keeping track of players aca-

demically and building a relationship. It also allowed for players to acclimate into the college scene.

Gaffney said, "It's about letting them know how we do things."

Every two to three weeks, each player is expected to bring an academic progress report to the coaches.

These sheets are for each separate class, and professors are given areas in which to report the player's grade, number of absences and any extra comments.

Players are expected to maintain at least a "B" av-

erage. Gaffney stated that if they do not maintain their grades or if they are skipping class, they will not play. "It's not just about how good you are on court; it's about what kind of person you are on campus. Are you a good citizen?"

Harrell's goals for the women's team are simple. He wants to "compete for the conference championship" and "lay a solid foundation."

The women's team is a mixture of freshmen and sophomores. Demetrius Colson, women's assistant

coach, stated that three students, Shakierya McClendon, Manon Cherubini and Shanique Holston came with Harrell and Colson in their move to Georgia Highlands College.

The men's team is made up entirely of freshmen; some of whom traveled very far to be at GHC.

Brandon Bilbija is from Burlington, Ontario, and Matt Welch is from New York Mills, N.Y.

In fall semester 2013, Georgia Highlands will begin softball and baseball at the Cartersville campus.



Photo by Chelsea Perren

Rachael Turrentine, left, and Jessica Michaels advance the ball.



Photo by Chelsea Perren

The men's basketball hopefuls come together to get pumped for the new season in a conditioning session.

## Meal plan now available at GHC

By Joshua Fisher  
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College has introduced meal plans on its Floyd and Cartersville campuses.

The meal plans are open to all students, faculty and staff.

There are three separate meal plans: a four meals per week plan for \$270, an eight meals per week plan for \$540 and a 12 meals per week plan for \$780.

The money would be available on the Charger Card and would be available for use in the campus cafes.

All meal plans are optional. Jake Watkins at the Cartersville Business Office said that the meal plans are separate from HOPE and Pell, but that if a student applied for a specific meal plan early enough, any financial aid refund the student may receive could go toward that meal plan.

Once a meal plan is used, changes to a lower-priced plan or cancellations are not allowed. Additionally, the weekly meal allowance cannot be accumulated or carried over from week to week.

Also, meal plans do not roll over from one semester to the next. Watkins emphasized that it would be difficult to keep up with how many meals so many different students had eaten.

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## Students at D'ville enjoy new options in student center

By Cole McElroy  
Staff Writer

Students at the Douglasville campus arrived this semester to find new additions to the student center.

New pool and foosball tables were added, along with the ping pong table from previous semesters.

In addition to the new gaming equipment, a new flat screen T.V. was installed in the lobby so students can now check the news or catch the highlights from last night's game.

The equipment was purchased through BMI Gaming. The new tables arrived two weeks before classes started. This was a pleasant surprise, according to

Lyric Sprinkle, Douglasville student life coordinator, considering the tables were on back order and were not expected to be delivered until the end of September.

Purchase of the new gaming equipment was approved by Rob Whitaker, the vice president of finance and administration at GHC.

Students can be found enjoying the additions throughout the day, taking a break between classes or catching up with friends over a game of pool.

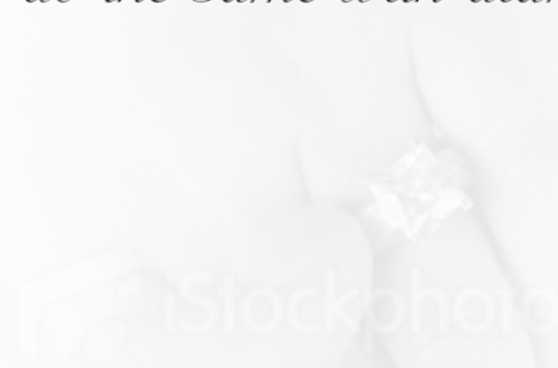
Commenting on the new games, K.C. Louis, a freshman computer science major, said, "I think it's really fun. It brings a lot of people together. It also adds an aspect of competitiveness."



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**Tanner Batem, physical therapy major, keeps the ball in play at student center in Douglasville.**

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# Highlands Happenings

## Study Abroad trips to Costa Rica, London

By Jessie Summers  
Staff Writer

The Study Abroad Program of Georgia Highlands has created a wide variety of new opportunities. In May 2013, there will be an opportunity to study abroad in either Costa Rica or London.

The Costa Rica trip is led by Alexandra MacMurdo, instructor of communications at Paulding, who has led student trips in past years. This trip includes informative tours and a chance for non-credit students to go as well. MacMurdo stated, "It's a life-changing experience that helps you see things from a different perspective, that helps you grow as a per-

son."

In regard to the London trip, Bronson Long, director of the GHC Study Abroad Program, said, "Our trip will have a full tour of such things as Big Ben, the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, as well as others."

## Comedian to entertain GHC

By Jen Garrett  
Staff Writer

Comedian and former college athlete Aaron Edwards will perform at Georgia Highlands College's Floyd campus on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at noon in the Student Center and at the Cartersville campus on Thursday, Oct. 4, by the fireplace in the new Student Center. Edwards is

known for a clean and clever approach to the world of comedy.

## Author to speak in Rome

By Virginia Robinson  
Staff Writer

Kelsey Timmerman will be speaking about his book, "Where am I Wearing?" on Oct. 9. According to John Spranza, Floyd campus student life coordinator, Timmerman will be speaking at the GHC Floyd campus in the Lakeview Building at 11 a.m.

Timmerman will also be speaking at Pepperell High School at 9 p.m. that night. Students can obtain a free ticket for the night reading at their campus' Student Life Center. An additional ticket from GHC will cost \$3.

Tickets will be available at various locations in

Rome for \$5. John Kwist, instructor of English said, "The book is an entertaining premise but a serious read."

## Game on in Cartersville

By Jackson Walsh  
Staff Writer

Are you ready for some football? In the midst of intramurals starting up at GHC, there will be a Madden Challenge held in the gaming room at the new Student Center in Cartersville on Nov. 11 and 12. The event will be using a double elimination tournament bracket played with Madden NFL 2012 on Xbox 360.

The winner will receive a T-shirt and have his or her photo taken. There will be light refreshments available. Students who wish to participate may visit the In-

tramural Office (Room 173) on the Cartersville campus for more information.

## Club visits DragonCon

By Neen Snowball  
Staff Writer

The Gaming Club made a trip to DragonCon, which ran from Aug. 31 to Sept. 3. One professor, 14 current GHC students, one club alum who is now a student at Kennesaw State University and one guest student from Chattahoochee Tech attended the convention.

The club went to see Travis Cooper, a GHC Paulding student, perform with his band Thursday before DragonCon. Many of the members attended the Zombie Walk that was hosted on Friday and then had dinner at the Hard Rock Café.

## SEC becomes SGA as the constitution is now modernized

By Pedro R. Zavala  
Staff Writer

The Georgia Highlands Student Engagement Council (SEC) is now called the Student Government Association (SGA). The name change was part of numerous changes in the constitution. John Spranza, Floyd campus student life coordinator, stated, "Part of the reason for the name change was for easier recognition."

The constitution had remained unchanged for 10 years. "There were changes in references to include the Douglasville campus and the Paulding campus in the constitution," Spranza said.

Another change in the constitution includes how active clubs are defined. The SGA is the connection between the students and the administration. Any student who has a question or proposal can talk to a member of the SGA who will state it in the meetings.

"The SGA meets every first and third Friday of every month at 11 a.m. in the video conferencing rooms and is open to all students," Spranza said.

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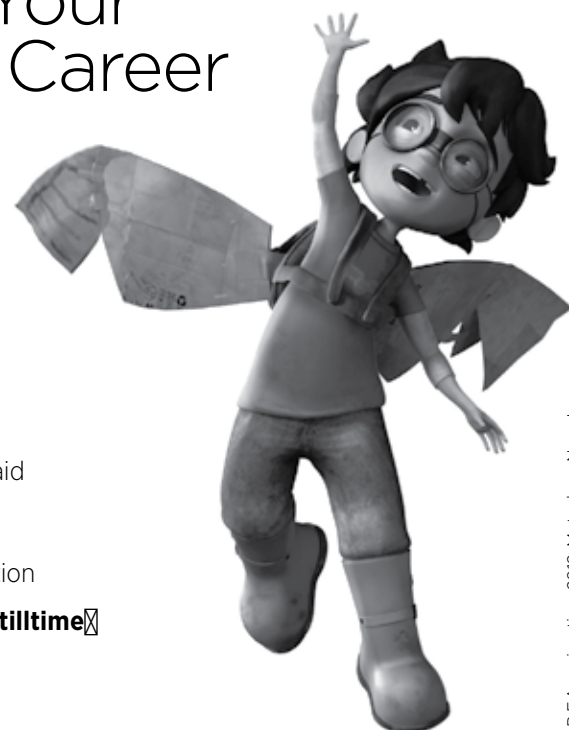
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## 'Peter Pan' Gets a Reboot

By Jennifer Grubb  
Staff Writer

Before Peter Pan belonged to Wendy, he belonged to the girl with the crow feather in her hair, Tiger Lily. Tiger Lily doesn't believe in love stories or happy endings. Then she meets the alluring Peter Pan in the forbidden woods of Neverland and immediately falls under his spell.

Jodi Lynn Anderson takes the classically loved "Peter Pan," a tale of mermaids, fairies and eternal youth, and brings readers back to a time before Peter met Wendy. This is a time

when Peter loved the Indian girl known as Tiger Lily, but not in the fairy tale setting fans are used to.

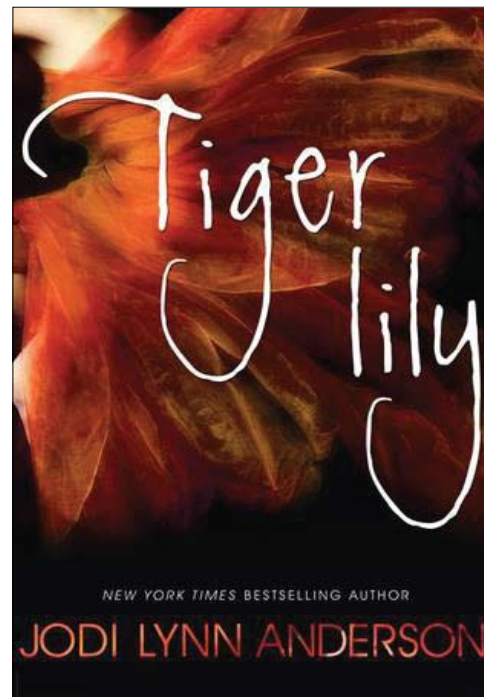
### Book review

While it's the same Neverland that fans are familiar with, this Neverland goes deeper into the darker side of things. Told from Tinkerbell's point of view, Anderson's novel "Tiger Lily" lets the reader know the thoughts of anyone this little fairy cares to listen in on.

Anderson, through Tinkerbell, tells the story of

Tiger Lily as the main character, delving into not only how Tiger Lily met and fell in love with Peter, but also the burdens the Indian girl faces within her village. Tinkerbell's presence isn't just that of a narrator. She is part of the story as much as any of the other characters, giving readers glimpses of what her home used to be.

Anderson introduces all of the characters with a darker past than any would have imagined for them. "Tiger Lily" is a must read for any college student interested in a deeper look into the adventure classically known as "Peter Pan."



## The dead walk again for another season

By Hunter Bryant  
Staff Writer

If you're sitting down on the couch this fall to watch the latest television series, "The Walking Dead" will have your eyes glued.

This drama series stars Andrew Lincoln, who portrays a sheriff's deputy by the name of Rick Grimes. Grimes had been in a coma for a great length of time, and awoke to find a post-apocalyptic world.

The world, however,

is not empty. It's run by zombies, or "walkers." The "walkers" annihilate any living thing that they come into contact with, and humans soon find that their bite is infectious.

Grimes sets out on a mission to not only find his family and friends, but any survivors that were left in the aftermath and lead them to safety. Safety is not just a house, but a quarantined "safe-zone."

"The Walking Dead" will have viewers on the edge of

their seat as they witness the dead walking, the drama within the small group of survivors and even the gory killing of the "walkers" and human beings.

### Fall T.V. preview

As the show goes on, personal relationships begin to bloom and friendships are tested. Lincoln's co-stars feature Sarah Wayne Callies as his wife,

Lorie, and Chandler Riggs, who portrays his son, Carl. Together as a family, they face the struggles of finding a safe haven and the question of whether they will make it through another day.

The series is classified as a drama, but could also be classified as a horror show. It is not a show for the faint-hearted.

This hard-core television series is based on a comic book series of the same name, developed by Robert

Kirkman, Tony Moore, and Charlie Adlard.

Georgia Highlands viewers might also find "The Walking Dead" interesting since the plot is set mainly in the Atlanta metropolitan area and a large part of northern Georgia. A landmark in the show is the well-known Fort Benning.

"The Walking Dead" has two seasons under its belt and the third is set to premiere on Oct. 14, on AMC.

## Game makes its way to US by popular demand



By Kevin Horan  
Staff Writer

"Xenoblade Chronicles," a video game for the Nintendo Wii developed by Monolithsoft, had heavy expectations upon its release.

Arriving in America on the strength of a fan petition from a group called Operation Rainfall that gained the attention of Gamestop and Nintendo,

it would have been easy for many to be sorely disappointed with the game. Instead the game blows past expectations and is possibly the best RPG of this console generation.

### Game review

"Xenoblade Chronicles" focuses on the story of

Shulk, a boy who wields the Monado, a mysterious sword that he uses to take revenge on a mechanical race known as the Mechon.

The game uses none of the console's motion controls. Instead, commands are chosen with buttons on the Wii remote.

Throughout the game, one explores incredibly vast towns and areas. Combat occurs in real time, though a player only controls one

character in his or her party.

The game's graphics are extremely detailed for the Wii, pushing the console to its limit. Its soundtrack is equally epic.

The game offers a large amount of content, taking up to 150 hours to complete with all its side-quests.

For JRPG fans or hard-core gamers who own a Wii, "Xenoblade Chronicles" is a must-own.



# Student center provides new opportunities for students at GHC's Cartersville campus

By Brooke Govin  
Staff Writer

Back in 2008, whispers of a new building on the Cartersville campus were being heard by everyone attending Georgia Highlands College. These rumors quickly became a reality when contractors broke ground in August 2011.

The whole project for the student center cost around \$20 million. Inside the innovative building there is a gym, running track, game lounge, fitness rooms, meeting rooms, the Charger Café and the bookstore.

Pleased with the turnout of students using the building, Carolyn Hamrick, dean of Cartersville campus, said, "I think it's great to see students relax, eat lunch and stay on campus all day."

This building not only has a spot to relax, but a place to be entertained and have fun.

Whether one is a recre-

ational gamer or an athlete, the game area and exercise rooms have much to offer. In the gaming room there are ping-pong, foosball and pool tables as well as couches to lounge on and watch television.

Camron Martin, while playing "Assassin's Creed," said his favorite part about the game room is "being able to hang" with his friends after class and "have some down time." The Xbox 360 is provided at the school, but students will have to bring their own games if they want more of a variety to choose from.

Out on the court or in the weight room, athletes can get a workout. Agustin Cruz states that he uses the gym about 10 times in a week. "I come here a lot because I can play basketball and workout for free instead of going to LA Fitness and paying," said Cruz. The possibilities are endless at the new student center.



Photo by Tatiana Smithson

Students Drew McKaig, left, and Tyler Mewbourne use the center's weight room.



Photo by Tatiana Smithson

The bookstore in C'ville is in the new student center.



Photo by Tatiana Smithson

The indoor track is one of the many features of the new student center.

## Financial aid: a help turned hindrance

The first week of classes is always an interesting (and somewhat stressful) time. Everyone is busy.

Whether it's with buying textbooks, finding the right classroom (which can be harder than it may seem sometimes), meeting new people or just making sure all ducks are in their correct rows, everyone has something he or she needs to be doing.

Then there are actual classes to attend on top of all that, as well as new stuff to learn, passwords to keep up with and parking decals. Stress is a part

of life for college students, and the beginning of a semester is no exception.

One thing students do not want to have to worry about while establishing their daily routine is money, specifically financial aid money.

Students pay for tuition, fees and for parking spaces. They pay the guys at the gas stations just so that they can physically get here and put their butts in those seats. It takes money to survive on a daily basis for college students, and for some of us, that money comes from financial aid.

GHC is home to a significantly diverse population of students, which is one of the things that makes it an awesome place to be. A large portion of them are non-traditional, and a lot of non-traditional students depend on financial aid money to be successful in college.

Some college students of a traditional age depend on financial aid, too. It helps students achieve their dreams through providing for necessities and allowing for peace of mind.

The financial aid system here at Highlands

can be very frustrating sometimes. From semester to semester, the question of when and how our money will come to us always seems to be up in the air. This year, it's the Higher One Card and all the confusion it has caused, but even before that, some students still had to wait a full month into the semester to get their check.

Despite the fact that we have a new attendance policy, which guards against financial aid fraud, it is inconsiderate for an institution to hold students' money until a

month or more into the semester.

It's even more inconsiderate to not notify returning students of changes in the policies that were in place when they left for the summer.

The problem here is that the system is flawed, and it's making it incredibly difficult for students to get their semesters off on the right foot. Something needs to be done to ensure that students get their money in a timely fashion and are communicated with openly by the Financial Aid Office at GHC.

## Dress like a professional and earn some respect

There is no official dress code at Georgia Highlands College. However, that does not mean students should dress as if there is no dress code. College is neither a pajama party nor an unsupervised high school prom.

Imagine if your future employer came to Georgia Highlands looking for new employees for your dream job.

You happen to be wearing your slouchiest pair of sweatpants and that T-shirt you've had since the seventh grade with the hole in the armpit and the obscene say-



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**Sarah Lane**  
Asst. Print Editor

ing on the front.

Or you might be wearing that super short mini skirt that looks like a bedazzler threw up on it and that skin tight tube top that doesn't quite cover your midriff.

Would the future employer notice you? Probably, but he or she most likely

would not take you seriously enough to hire you for your dream job.

Dressing like you don't care about your education is the first step to actually not caring about your education. Don't set yourself up for failure; and remember, dress for the job you want, not the job you have.

## Your opinion matters: vote to make a difference

**By Andrew West**  
Editor-in-chief

In 2008 Americans made history by voting the first African American president into office. Regardless of personal opinion, the election of Barack Obama is something of which every American should be proud.

One of the reasons for that groundbreaking occurrence was an increase in

young voter turnout.

According to [www.civicyouth.org](http://www.civicyouth.org), 51.1 percent of citizens ages 18-29 voted in 2008. That is the third-highest percentage of citizens in that age bracket to vote in the history of American presidential elections. This means that when young people vote, they make a difference.

This year, it is important that we (young voters) carry that torch. We shouldn't be

part of the reason why that trend doesn't continue.

People like to complain when they disagree with something the government does, so why not try to affect change?

Anyone who is not registered should do so by Oct. 5 so that when the election comes around, he or she can go out and vote. If we take a stand for what we believe, we can make a difference.

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## Book banning threatens First Amendment rights

From great classics such as "To Kill a Mockingbird" to much beloved contemporary books like "Harry Potter," many books have been threatened to be taken off bookshelves for various reasons.

Book banning has existed since the introduction of books and is still an issue to this day.

According to the American Library Association, hundreds of books each year are "challenged," which is an attempt to remove or restrict access to the material

in question.

This is a form of censorship and goes against the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees the freedom of expression.

Banned Books Week, Sept. 30-Oct. 3, is an annual event created to raise awareness of the problems of censorship and promote the right to intellectual freedom.

The American Library Association reported that 326 books were challenged or banned in 2011 alone.

While it is good to monitor what younger kids are reading, young adults and adults are capable of choosing what they do and do not want to read.

Reading certain books should be left to the discretion of the individual or the parents of children not yet mature enough to make a decision themselves.

Organizations should not possess the power to say what can and cannot be read by the people they are meant to serve.

As former Associate Jus-



### The Soap Box

**Randi Parker**  
Staff Writer

tice of the Supreme Court John Marshall Harlan II said, "one man's vulgarity is another's lyric."

Having books challenged or banned affects everyone in a community. Books teach you to think and form your own opinions. They allow

you to expand your knowledge and imagination, and no one should be denied that freedom.

So take a stand against censorship and celebrate your freedom to read by picking up a banned book this Banned Books Week.



### Path to Highlands

**Gene Harmon**  
Assistant Online Editor

## The long road here

The status of "non-traditional" student I find ironic, for many aspects of my life could be called otherwise. Now listed as a college sophomore, I am pursuing an associate degree in history. The road toward higher education has been a meandering path, and it has taken me too long to reach this point in my life.

I dropped out of high school, joining the U.S. Army as a combat engineer, and obtained a GED certificate while stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. Upon returning home, I was blessed to work for a company which kept databases for small electric companies. This resulted in two decades of work in mainframe operations, including entry-level management. When mainframe shops were practically eliminated, I had nothing on paper to prove what I knew.

My passion for history had been kept alive through

historical re-enacting, but this was not considered a viable employment option. I loved to write but rarely did so. I had been told it was a useless waste of time.

However, both of these passions came to my rescue, as did a wonderful woman who is now my wife.

She persuaded me that my dreams were worth chasing, so chasing them I am. I have had several articles published in local and national newspapers. My first book is published, and I am several chapters into a second.

For the first time in my 40 plus years, I know what I want to do with my life. I am combining my love for history and writing with a bachelor's degree in history and English. I would not be who I am without all I have gone through, and it feels good to finally realize what I want to do when I grow up. It is never too late.

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## Cartersville's unpainted speed bump

# Obama vs. Romney

**By Natasha McCrary**  
Staff Writer

It is the year of a new presidential election, and both parties are roaring and battling against the odds.

President Barack Obama from the Democratic Party was elected president of the United States on Nov. 4, 2008, and sworn into office Jan. 20, 2009. Mitt Romney, who was the 2003-2007 governor of Michigan, is the presidential candidate of the Republican Party.



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## Barack Obama

### Barack Obama

Obama was born in Hawaii on Aug. 4, 1961, to Ann Durham and Barack Obama Sr. He attended Harvard Law School, where he became the first African American president of the Harvard Law Review.

He then went on to teach constitutional law at the University of Chicago and led a movement that registered 150,000 voters in Illinois.

In 1996 he was elected to the Illinois State Senate, and in 2004, he was elected

to the U.S. Senate.

In 2008, he became the 44th President of the United States.

At the 2012 Democratic National Convention, Obama spoke about what he wants to see in the next few years. He said, "When all is said and done—when you pick up that ballot to vote – you will face the clearest choice of any time in a generation. Over the next few years, big decisions will be made in Washington, on jobs and the economy; taxes and deficits; energy and education; war

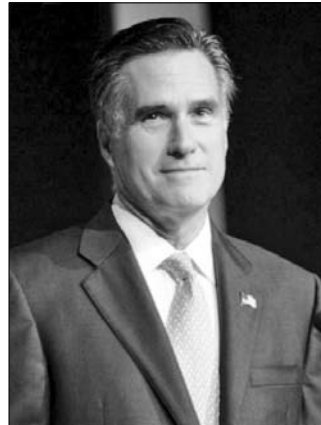


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## Mitt Romney

and peace—decisions that will have a huge impact on our lives and our children's lives for decades to come."

Some of Obama's key goals are to increase manufacturing jobs by 2016, double trade by the end of 2014 and by the next decade cut the deficit by \$4 trillion.

Obama also showed his interest in helping current and future college students and teachers by setting a goal to cut college tuitions in half and increase the number of math and science teachers over the next 10

years.

Obama also said these goals and this change wouldn't come easy. "You didn't elect me to tell you what you wanted to hear," he said. "It will take more than a few years for us to solve challenges that have built up over decades. It will require common effort, shared responsibility, and the kind of bold, persistent experimentation that Franklin Roosevelt pursued during the only crisis worse than this one."

## Mitt Romney

Romney was born on March 12, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan to Lenore and George. His father, who had no college degree, became the governor of Michigan. Romney graduated from college in 1971 with degrees from both Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School.

He was a consultant for Bain and Company and then co founded Bain Capital in 1984. After an unsuccessful senate race, Romney was elected governor of Massa-

chusetts in 2002.

Mitt Romney spoke at the 2012 Republican Convention about the struggles and hardships of his family and Americans.

He went on to express his love for America and his belief that Americans are unified by their differences.

Romney said that American is a nation of immigrants and all we, as Americans, have wanted is the betterment of our lives and our children's lives.

Romney stated, "Unlike the President, I have a plan to create 12 million new jobs."

He also stated that he wants to give Americans a better future, a chance for the hardworking citizen to enjoy their hard-earned money and family.

Romney also wants to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act (often referred to as ObamaCare), which would help curb spending.

Article based on information from [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com), [www.mittromney.com](http://www.mittromney.com) and [www.whitehouse.org](http://www.whitehouse.org)

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## What brought you to Georgia Highlands?



**Jacob Sellers**  
Taylorsville, Ga.  
Criminal Justice

I chose to start my college career at Georgia Highlands College because it is a local college and I can get my core classes out of the way.



**John Chandler**  
Acworth, Ga.  
Business

I did not have high enough scores to go to KSU. Also since I (was) raised in a school that was small, GHC offered a good transition.



**Megan Nalli**  
Cartersville, Ga.  
Psychology

I picked GHC as my first stop in college because it is a lot cheaper than most of the other colleges, and its only about 20 miles from my house.

Poll by Kaitlyn Hyde



# Students blame Higher One for confusion

By J.P. Erickson  
Asst. Print Editor

When students are looking at the balance on their financial aid account, they might not care how the money is awarded, so long as it is. However, the Higher One card, the new financial aid distribution system, has been met with mixed reviews.

Megan Davidson, bur-sar, said, "We chose to go to Higher One because a lot of University System of Georgia (USG) schools

use it. Students are under the impression that Higher One is to blame for delayed refunds."

After the new attendance policy was implemented last year, the Registrar's Office started receiving reports from faculty containing the names of students who had not been attending their classes.

These students were subsequently dropped from the class they were not attending, causing a need for financial aid to adjust

their eligibility due to the fact that the Pell Grant and HOPE Scholarship are based on hours.

Once all adjustments are made, Davidson has 14 days to disperse funds; this semester GHC students had their money in six.

According to Davidson, the card has advantages over the antiquated paper checks, like an eco-friendly format and more security from theft. She said that many students had complained about their checks being stolen.

Sophomore Ross Rogers said, "I don't really know why they would switch, because I don't see how it's any more convenient. It seems like it's more about business than it is about convenience."

Other students expressed confusion over the process of using the card and some were completely unaware of its existence.

The card does have some charges students should be aware of, like a 50 cent surcharge for debit transactions and a \$2.50

fee for ATM withdrawals outside of the Higher One ATMs. Higher One ATMs are located on the Floyd and Cartersville campuses, but not on the other campuses.

Davidson explained that they are a cost to GHC, and offered Kennesaw State University's ATMs as an alternative for Marietta students.

Davidson added, "We're working through the bur-sar's bulletin and emails to eliminate any confusion and heartache."



Photo by Dejenee Gbaye

Monterrey Mexican Restaurant is located near the Douglasville campus and provides good food at a good price.

## Monterrey serves up a good deal

By Dejenee Gbaye  
Staff Writer

### Restaurant review

In the plaza on state Route 5, a Mexican restaurant named "Monterrey" grabs the attention of Georgia Highlands College students from the Douglasville

campus.

"I love wings," Edward Lewis, a first-year student at the Douglasville campus said. "They have wings for just 35 cents, and if you go in there with just \$5, then you're good to go."

The manager of the restaurant, Pablo Perez, says he sees lots of students come in with their families to eat. "We've been in busi-

ness for about 30 years, and a lot of customers have been eating here since they were kids," he said.

Everyone likes a good meal for a good deal, and it seems like this restaurant provides just that.

So, if your tummy is rumbling and your next class starts in two hours, grab a \$5 bill and go check out Monterrey.

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The Rome International Film Festival (RIFF) took place this year on Sept. 6-8, and the three SMP writers were there to cover it. Be sure to check [www.sixmilepost.com](http://www.sixmilepost.com) for their articles covering the weekend's events as well as two film reviews and photos from the festival.



Photo by Ryan Jones

**Brandon Harrell**



Photo by Ryan Jones

**David Mathis**



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**Demetrius Colson**



Photo by Ryan Jones

**Philip Gaffney**

## GHC Floyd welcomes new b-ball coaches

**By Becky Crooks  
Sports Editor**

In preparation for the Georgia Highlands inaugural basketball season, Brandon Harrell and Demetrius Colson have been hired as the women's head coach and women's assistant coach, respectively.

Both coaches came to GHC from South Georgia Technical College (SGTC), in Americus, Ga.

Harrell helped get the athletic program started at SGTC in 2001, when that college started a men's basketball team.

He began coaching the women's team when it began in 2004.

While there he was named Georgia College Athletic Association (GCAA), Coach of the Year in 2008, 2010 and 2012.

Harrell made the decision to come to GHC because

it "felt like a good fit."

He said, "It was a good move professionally to build a program from the ground up."

Harrell says he hopes to have a good year and to "manage the things in our control and to have a little luck in the things out of our control."

He hopes to keep injuries at bay.

Colson has known Harrell since Colson was 11 and

playing in the gym at the Donalsonville, Ga. Recreation Center, where Harrell was the recreational director.

Once he joined the staff at SGTC, Colson helped coach the men's team for one year before moving to assist Harrell with the women's team in 2009.

Colson enjoys coaching women's basketball more than men's because "once the respect is there" the

women will listen to what he needs from them and try their best to do it.

Colson's main duties for the women's team are strength and conditioning and to help with the footwork for the post players.

Harrell and Colson each have high hopes for the women's basketball team this season.

Colson sums it up by saying, "I'm looking forward to hopefully bring it all home."

## Baseball and softball coaches on duty at C'ville; competition expected to begin fall semester 2013

**By Tyler Starr  
Staff Writer**

Melissa Wood is the coach of the upcoming women's softball team to be based at the Cartersville campus at Georgia Highlands.

Wood was born and raised in Lilburn, Ga., and graduated from Parkview High school.

After high school, she played softball at Florida State University, the University of Georgia and internationally in Austria.

After her international tour, Wood moved back to the United States, where she attended Berry College to get her master's degree and also coached women's softball.

Wood is expecting nothing but the best for the new Georgia Highlands College

"We want to win the regional championship, the conference championship and the national championship"

**-Mike Marra,  
Head Baseball  
Coach**

team. "I'm expecting a winning record, I expect to play in the conference tournament and then to compete at the national level," said Wood.

She said, "We expect to compete like a force to be reckoned with, like we have been around for 10 years."

A new baseball program is also being formed at Highlands.

Mike Marra came from New York State, where he taught physical education for 22 years.

He also coached baseball for 12 years at the high-school level.

Marra has high expectations for the upcoming team, "We simply want to win everything" said Marra.

"We want to win the regional championship, the conference championship and the national championship," he mentioned.

Wood is also the intramural director at Georgia Highlands.

"We're in the process of getting flag football teams together. We'll have a billiards tournament, a ping-pong tournament, a Madden football league and an NCAA football bracket in the new student center," said Wood.



Photo by Sarah Warren

**Melissa Wood**



Photo by Sarah Warren

**Mike Marra**

**Intramurals at the Floyd campus have been put on hold until a new intramural director is hired.**