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Hayley Hampton (right) takes blood from Renva Watterson, GHC interim president, during the Blood Assurance blood drive. (See page 2)

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Georgia Highlands College - Rome, Georgia

# Book shortage inconveniences Floyd students

By Pedro R Zavala  
Managing Ed. Design

Many students this fall semester have experienced a delay in getting the books they need for class.

First-year students Geizi Ramos and Kendall Canter of the Floyd campus both had delays in getting books for their classes. Ramos stated his communications book was two weeks late. "My political science book was delayed four weeks," said Canter.

Scott Akemon, assistant professor of history and political science, also experienced similar delays. "There was a book shortage in all my classes," Akemon stated.

Jim Rebeschke, Floyd campus bookstore manager, said one of the main reasons was that one of the book publishers was behind in orders.

He said the bookstore placed the order in mid-to-late June, and the delay was caused by the publisher who had not finished printing books. "We try to make sure students have the books they need," Rebeschke said.

The other reason for delays was the custom book for the FCST 1010 College Experience class.

Rebeschke explained that since it was a new, custom book, it needs five weeks to come in. There was also no prior ordering history.

Rebeschke explained that the bookstore orders books based off class enrollment and patterns from past years. He said that the bookstore looks for a pattern, but it's difficult because of the fluctuation in class size.

Rob Page, dean of the



Photo by Tatiana Smithson

**Students were greeted with empty book shelves at the Floyd campus book store.**

division of social sciences, business and education, said that while the book delays have not been a major problem, he has had teachers mention to him that many students did not

have the required book for class well into the second week of school. "Mostly political science and some history classes," Page said.

Rebeschke also stated that there is a pre-pay op-

tion for online orders. This makes the book-acquiring process more efficient.

He recommends students work with the bookstore for any difficulties they may have.

## RN-BSN completion program brings first four-year degree to Highlands

By Tyler Hogue  
Staff Writer

The newest program to become available to students at Georgia Highlands College is the four-year nursing program. This is the first time a four-year program has been made available at GHC.

The RN-BSN completion program started this fall semester on Aug. 19. It currently has 32 students.

According to Janet Alexander, dean of the health sciences division, there are a limited number of students who can be accepted for the program. Only students

who have a high grade point average will be admitted. Charlene Jablonski, administrative assistant for the department of nursing, stated that students must also be CPR certified and have a CPR certification card.

Alexander also said that all of the classes are online and face-to-face classes are not available for this program. This is because most students who are attending are already working, and online classes are more convenient for their busy schedules.

Alexander said that the students who graduate from this program are able to use their degree to move up

within a medical organization they are already working for. It can also be used to keep a current job with a medical organization, as requirements to work as a medical professional are increasing.

She also said students who drop out of the program are not common. The students who do drop out only do so because they have other responsibilities that take up their time.

According to Jablonski, tuition costs approximately \$1,600 per semester. This does not include the price for textbooks, which will vary depending on the classes being taken.

## Students, employees donate during Floyd blood drive

By Aaron Harper  
Editor-in-chief

A total of 61 pints of blood were donated during the recent Floyd campus' Blood Assurance blood drive.

Many students and employees showed up and gave blood, including Interim President Renva Watterson.

John Spranza, student life coordinator for the Floyd campus, stated that on Sept. 18 a total of 31 donors registered. This netted a total of 27 pints of blood for the day. There were also four deferrals for low iron. Spranza said that if someone's iron levels were too low the per-

son could not donate.

On Sept. 19 there were a total of 37 donors with 34 pints of blood collected.

Spranza also stated that this was the first blood drive at Floyd on back-to-back days.

Spranza said, "We just wanted to see how it would go on back-to-back days."

The Paulding campus held a blood drive on Sept. 17, and the Cartersville campus hosted a blood drive on Sept. 26.

The next GHC blood drive will be on the Floyd campus with the Red Cross on Monday, Oct., 28, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



# SPSU opens fitness center doors to GHC

By Niya Bethea  
Staff Writer

Before the semester started, a massive email was sent out to all Georgia Highlands students on the Marietta Campus about the opportunity to have access to the fitness center on Southern Polytechnic State University's campus. The first 100 students to answer the email would receive free access to the fitness center.

According to Ken Reaves, the dean for the Marietta Campus, his predecessor made a deal with SPSU about allowing the Georgia Highlands students free access to its fitness center.

Due to SPSU not having the resources to accommodate every GHC student, the agreement was that the

first 100 students on a first come, first serve basis would be granted access.

"It's a great way for at least some of our students to get access to the facility without having to pay," Reaves said.

The deadline for the fall was Aug. 31. The spring deadline will be Jan. 31, and the summer deadline will be July 31.

Other Georgia Highlands students on the Marietta campus still have access to the fitness center but will have to pay a \$51 access fee each semester.

GHC students also have access to the SPSU gym for a fee of \$31 per semester.

The fees can be paid via the SPSU Business Office. Times for the fitness center can be found on the SPSU website.



Photo by Niya Bethea

**GHC students on the Marietta campus are able to use the SPSU fitness center. The first 100 students to sign up can use it for free.**

## Douglasville to host leadership conference

By Holly Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Douglasville campus will host the fifth annual Charge Into Leadership student conference on Oct. 4.

The guest speaker will be Jason Levasseur, a multi-award winning artist.

Breakout sessions on finance, networking, diversity, and difficult people will be offered.

There will also be a Student Government Association 101 session to help students understand how to get involved at GHC.

This is a free event. The conference will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch provided and a free T-shirt for participants.



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**A multi-award winning artist Jason Levasseur will speak to students about leadership.**

All students from all campuses are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Lyric Sprinkle, student life coordinator of Douglasville and Paulding, said, "I am looking forward to this year's Charge into Leadership Conference. Jason Levasseur is a great speaker and entertainer and we have many new session topics being presented."

Students can register at: <https://www.highlands.edu/limesurvey/index.php/688322/lang-en>

## Cartersville begins to brighten up

By Brooke Govin  
Staff Writer

New light fixtures have been installed on the long walkway to the back parking lot at the Cartersville campus.

Previously one light stood alone on the walk to the back parking lot. This poor lighting created concern for many GHC students.

First year student Ashley Brooks said, "Every day after my classes I go use the gym, and when I leave it's dark outside. I feel uncom-

fortable that I have to walk such a long distance to my car, and it freaks me out more that the walkway is by the woods."

Another issue that has been brought up about the campus safety at Cartersville concerns the isolated location of the back parking lot.

Sophomore Chris Smith said, "I take morning and night classes, so my car is always in the back of the parking lot. One time I found my car wrecked from another student, and nothing could be done because the security

cameras don't reach out that far."

Todd Jones, vice president of student affairs, said that students can file a complaint for any campus related issue by using the GHC 411 ticketing system.

Jones said, "Students can go to the GHC website and search GHC 411, and the web page is the first link. It's the easiest and fastest way to help with every student's needs or concerns." These tickets are read on a daily basis, and Jones said most issues are resolved in a matter of weeks.

**Don't forget about  
Fall Break!  
Oct. 14 and 15**

# Highlands Happenings

## Floyd Student Center to be Remodeled

By Thomas Dobson  
Staff Writer

On the Georgia Highlands Floyd campus, there has been an air of uncertainty. It stems from the renovations to the Student Center planned for summer 2013.

Todd Jones, the dean for the Floyd campus said, "The original delay came from a step that we were told would not have to be done."

He continued, "The time came for that step and we were told that it had to be done."

Now, the renovations are very much back on track, as the finances for the project were approved Monday, Sept. 9. Bids are already being collected to find a contractor to begin

construction sometime during Christmas break.

The project will be paid for by the Institutional Fees paid by all GHC students.

## One Book program to feature Edgerton

By Jacqueline Davis  
Staff Writer

Clyde Edgerton will discuss his book "The Night Train," Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Rome City Auditorium as part of the One Book Many Voices program.

"Students can get one free ticket for the event with their GHC ID and may purchase a second one for \$3 at the same time. Supply is first come, first served," said John Spranza, Floyd campus student life coordinator.

Tickets are available at

Spranza's office in the student center. They are also for sale at Kroger and the Sara Hightower Library for \$5.

The mission statement for the One Book Many Voices explains the goal is "not only to engage the community in shared reading of a common book.

The event also encourages discussion and provides a forum for a range of views and perspectives on both the book and the issue that it raises."

"The Night Train" is a time capsule of what it was like to grow up in a small, Southern town in the 1960s when major changes in ideas about race and culture started to seep into the still segregated South," said John Kwist, assistant professor of English.

He also said Edgerton is a comedic speaker, musician and very entertain-

ing.

"Although the turnout for the community read is always a good one, Georgia Highlands students are encouraged to attend, because not only is it a good opportunity, but a rare one," said Kwist.

There is a new book and author every year.

In previous years, One Book Many Voices events have featured Maya Angelou with her book "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings," Sherman Alexie on his book "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian," and Jay Asher and his book "13 Reasons Why," among others.

Last year's author was Kelsey Timmerman whose book was "Where Am I Wearing?"

## Dragon\*Con 2013

By Jessyca Arndt  
Staff Writer

The Gaming Club's trip to Atlanta for the 27th Annual Dragon\*Con still has people on all GHC Campuses talking.

This Atlanta-based convention included special appearances by people such as William Shatner ("Star Trek"), Richard Dean Anderson ("MacGyver"), and Lucy Lawless ("Xena, Warrior Princess"). Events during the convention included The Annual Dragon\*Con Parade, costume contests and a night at the Georgia Aquarium.

Jessica Phillips, president of the Cartersville Gaming Club, said this four-day convention happens "every year on Labor Day weekend and is a never-ending party of sorts for those who attend."

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## Study Abroad offers students new horizons

By Matthew Massey  
Staff Writer

Hiking into an active volcano, zip-lining through forests and over valleys, touring snake museums and finishing the day relaxing in hot spring spas from a live volcano are just a few of the experiences the summer 2013 Study Abroad Trip to Costa Rica offered Georgia Highlands students.

Amy Deavers, a biology major at Georgia Highlands, said her "most enjoyable part of the tour was in Santa Elena," adding: "It was such a remote location you literally spent hours on dirt roads going up a mountain to get to the town."

Abigail Futch, a biology major at Georgia Highlands, described her trip as "an unexpected experience, like no other." She said, "My fondest memory was probably the horseback riding, it was so absolutely gorgeous that I was speechless."

A second group of students visited London this summer.

Bronson Long, director of Global Initiatives, said, "The students had a phenomenal time." The six students on the London trip visited the British Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral and Abbey Road.

"They went in May and were able to get a glimpse of summer," Long said.

Long stated that the students enjoyed the trip and would like to go again for the WWII commemorative trip this coming year. "We've already had four students sign-up for the upcoming trip and it's still very early."

Other faculty members are also actively engaged in the Study Abroad program. For example, Alexandra MacMurdo, lecturer of communication, assists in arrangement of the trips and also travels with the students.

**"The students had a phenomenal time."**

**-Bronson Long**  
Global Initiatives  
director

Fueled by her passion to learn about other cultures and to help students study abroad, MacMurdo leads the Students Without Borders meetings from the Paulding campus.

"A lot of students I have met have never been on a plane, much less out of the country," MacMurdo said. "I want to change that."

Next year's study abroad program features three different trips: a WWII experience of London, Normandy and Paris trip; a Barcelona city experience trip and a service learning trip to the Dominican Republic.

Information regarding these trips can be found on the Georgia Highlands website.

## GHC library, Paulding Arts Association are neighbors in the Historic Courthouse

By Gayle Golden  
Staff Writer

Students who visit the Paulding Campus library may not know that just down the hall is the home of the Paulding Fine Arts Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization founded in 1981. It started as an art show held in the Citizen Bank and was later moved to the Dallas Civic Center.

Today, PFAA's home is the Historic Courthouse Gallery & Studio in downtown Dallas along with the Georgia Highlands library, as well as other organizations.

The courthouse offices, courtroom and even the jury room now serve as a gallery and studios for local artists to exhibit their art work. Each year PFAA awards the Doris Butz Memorial Scholarship of \$500 to a local artist.



Photo by Gayle Golden

**Winetta Powell displays the artistic work of the PFAA.**

Joyce Walraven, a founding member of the association, has her art displayed in one of the studios. She said, "Art is a very important part of my life. I'm always on the lookout for new subjects to paint, and the pleasure others find in my work makes

me happy."

Winetta Powell is a volunteer for PFAA. She said, "I wanted to learn and expand my talents and to be of service to God and others. I wanted to encourage my family to submit some of their work."

Volunteers serve to show guests around, or people may visit at their leisure. There is a gift shop where visitors may purchase smaller items of art.

The PFAA is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The Paulding Fine Arts Association is also sponsoring Fall Fest, Saturday, Oct. 12, on Main Street from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Arts, crafts, food and entertainment will be plentiful. Admission is free.

For more information, contact [www.paulding-finearts.org](http://www.paulding-finearts.org).

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## GHC at a Glance



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**Heritage Hall**  
Est: 1995  
Avg. student age: 31.6  
Enrollment: 235

*Georgia Highlands  
is unique in that it is  
spread across six differ-  
ent campuses.*



Photo by Richard Maneen

**Cartersville**  
Est: 1989  
Avg. student age: 23.7  
Enrollment: 2035



Photo by Virginia Robinson

**Floyd**  
Est: 1970  
Avg. student age: 24.4  
Enrollment: 1329



Atlanta



Photo by Blake McFarlane

**Marietta**  
Est: 2005  
Avg. student age: 22.8  
Enrollment: 1010



Photo by Riley Baughman

**Paulding**  
Est: 2009  
Avg. student age: 23.1  
Enrollment: 499



Photo by Natasha Haynes

**Douglasville**  
Est: 2009  
Avg. student age: 23.3  
Enrollment: 522

\*Map credit to Ken Davis.

\*College facts from "Georgia Highlands Fact Book Academic Year 2012-2013." Enrollment statistics taken from GHC intranet as of Sept. 23.



# Student spends summer on last frontier

By Gene Harmon  
Asst. Online Editor

At some point, we all envision having a dream job in which we get paid to do something we truly love to do. It is almost laughable to even refer to it as "work." However, this reality is rare.

In my case, reality happened this summer. I got my dream job.

Early this spring, I received a job offer for somewhere I never thought possible. Arriving in May, I have worked for the summer as a living history interpreter at Denali National Park & Preserve in Alaska.

I prepared a 10-minute presentation which is given to tour groups at Savage Cabin. This cabin was built in 1924 by the Alaska Road Commission as their first cookhouse during construction of the park road and is still used as a stopover by

rangers on winter dogsled patrols.

These presentations were given in third-person until switching over to first-person in mid-August. As of this writing, I have given 262 talks with three weeks left before returning home.

This wilderness is like nothing I have seen before, and I have watched as three seasons have unfolded. The winter snows gave way to the green colors of summer the tundra appearing deceptively as a lush green carpet. The dwarf birch which covers most of this is actually three to four feet high.

Recently, summer relinquished its fragile hold as fall exploded in multiple shades of yellow, gold and red. Snow adorns the peaks, moving farther down the slopes with each snowfall.

Wildlife disappears quickly in this landscape. I have seen horseshoe hare,



Contributed

Gene Harmon, from C'ville, gives a first-person narrative in Denali National Park.

moose, caribou, grizzly, lynx, Dall sheep and assorted smaller mammals and birds. A wolf, so far, has eluded me, even after finding tracks, scat and a recent moose kill.

Denali (aka Mount McKinley) rises over 20,000

feet as the highest mountain in North America. Its two peaks are separated by two miles and are yearly shrouded in snow and ice. It dominates the horizon on clear days. In the park almost daily, I have only seen it about 35 times.

This wildness now has a place in my heart. In the last couple of weeks many have asked if I will return next summer. I cannot answer, but know there is much I have not seen of this vast wilderness. In a way, I am now part of Denali.



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# GHC offers a unique college experience

When thinking about Georgia Highlands College, students might wonder, "What makes this college special?" And many of those students will try to transfer to a large university as soon as they can.

There are not many other colleges around like Georgia Highlands College. There are six GHC campuses in the Northwest Georgia area.

Being spread out allows for diversity and gives many people the chance to jump-start their lives in college. In-

stead of having to move away from home to start college, it brings the college experience close to home.

Not only are the campuses spread out and easily accessible, but the tuition is very inexpensive compared to some of the other alternatives. Low tuition provides students with a sensible way to start college and save money before enrolling in a more expensive university. Students do not have to move and can keep their current job all while earning college

credits.

The professors here are extremely helpful, and the classes are small. Professors are able to help students on a more individual level and actually know who their students are. In many cases, professors can become mentors for students and help them reach their goals even after their time here.

Georgia Highlands College is growing fast. Being a student here at this time gives students the opportunity to suggest new activities and

programs, start new clubs and, above all, it gives students the chance to help shape this college into something truly amazing.

Most majors cannot be completed here and require many students to transfer. Georgia Highlands College is not meant to be where everyone stays; it is here to help students start the path to accomplish their goals, no matter what their goals might be.

There are many options and services available to students free of

charge. Advisers, tutors and the rest of the staff truly want to help students succeed in life.

Instead of students being ashamed of attending Georgia Highlands College, while their friends move away to more popular universities, students should take advantage of all the great services available.

This is the perfect time for students to plan for their future by completing what they can now and prepare their lives for when they transfer.

## Time to grow up; you're not in high school anymore

As students enter college for the first time, there is a newfound sense of freedom. With this freedom it becomes easy to cheat or skim by, instead of actually learning.

Some students call college the 13th grade, but it is not high school and should not be treated as such.

College is many people's first step into adulthood and independence. College is not a day care, and each student's education is his or her responsibility.

Students who choose to attend college are dedicating their time, money and effort for the duration of their enrollment.

If they decide to cheat, skip most classes, or use class as nap time, they won't just be wasting their own time, but also the professor's and other students' time as well.

Even students who try

will always come across those who don't. Almost all students have or will know the irritation of the dreadful group project.

They cross their fingers and toes and hope and pray that they will be in a good group. But more times than not, they will have at least one person in the group who does nothing until the day the project is due.

There are more than just classes offered at college. There are many other ways to get involved.

Now is the perfect time to join clubs, go to the student life events and take part in intramurals.

Many students are hoping to find new, like-minded friends. College is not just a place for higher learning, but it is a place to gain invaluable experiences and friendships.

No matter what type of degree a student is working towards, it should be a source of pride and an accomplishment. College is a great place to network and make a better life.

College impacts your life. It can either be beneficial or it can be a waste of time; the choice is yours.

Try to get the most out of college and do not forget to have a good time.



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## Student remembers the tragedy that happened on Sept. 11, 2001

**By Tatiana Smithson  
Staff Photographer**

For some of us, 9/11 is just hearsay or something we watched on TV or on video, but for most of us it is a day that we will never forget.

The usual question everyone asks is, "Where were you when 9/11 happened?" Many of us know exactly where we were, down to the smallest details.

I was asleep and was awoken by my husband in a frantic demeanor, saying "You're not going to believe what's happening." I remember sitting on the couch with my mouth opened, not believing what I was seeing. I felt the same way so many

of us did, thinking, "Is this real, because it feels like I'm watching a movie?"

After that it was the aftermath we all know; 2977 lives lost, the war and the loss of lives we're still enduring today.

On 9/11/2013, Student Veterans of America and College Conservatives, two organizations here at Georgia Highlands College, along with students, staff and faculty took the time to remember those lost that day by placing 2,977 flags in shape of a big flag on the Cartersville lawn in memory of all the victims from the attacks on September 11, 2001. Despite how we found out, 9/11/2001 will forever be in our hearts and memory.



Photo by Tatiana Smithson

**Flags dot the hill next to the Academic Building on the Cartersville campus. Student Veterans of America and College Conservatives placed 2,977 flags in memory of those who lost their lives during the 9/11 attack.**

## Send story ideas to the editor

**By Aaron Harper  
Editor-in-Chief**

My name is Aaron Harper, and I will be the new editor-in-chief for this year's Six Mile Post. I, on behalf of the SMP staff, am pleased to say that we are extremely excited for this year.

We have already put in many hours and are ready to be the voice of the student body.

Most of the credit for success goes to our many staff writers and photographers who work diligently on covering the different aspects of our many campuses.

We are a fairly new



staff, yet we are working hard to learn the essentials of running a newspaper. We strive for excellence in all aspects of our work. Therefore, we would

love to hear from you concerning any ideas or breaking news that we should cover. You can contact me directly at [6mpost@student.highlands.edu](mailto:6mpost@student.highlands.edu).

## Student pursues passion for writing

I could easily be categorized as the epitome of a stereotype.

I was born to an urban single mother, raised by my grandparents and became a parent during my senior year of high school.

Somewhere between the clichés and the hardships, I managed to graduate from a top-rated private high school in Ohio and later land a corporate position with a multi-million dollar property management company.

These were definitely accomplishments for me.

However, after becoming a parent two more times within five years, failing college attempts and having a job that consumed me, I wasn't satisfied with my life. I couldn't be just the teen mom that made ends meet.



### Path 2 Highlands

**January Curry  
Staff Writer**

My job had put me in a stable financial position to own my own home; however, a job wasn't enough for me. I needed to have a career. I needed to set an example for my children.

My passion has always been writing. From the time I was a little girl I can remember having numerous notebooks full of poems.

My poems evolved into songs. The songs told stories of my life, love and tribulations. Writing was my outlet and my therapy.

I pursued writing as a hobby until it hit me that

we are born with gifts for one reason, to use them. My job made me money, but my passion was what fueled me every day.

Merely a year ago, I decided to make my passion my career.

Leaving Chattahoochee Tech as a marketing major, I entered Georgia Highlands fall of 2013 to become a journalist.

I look forward to every single moment. Though the sacrifices are great, I am looking forward to the reward of pursuing my passion.

# The Swheat Market keeps it natural

By Ashlee Gilley  
Staff Writer

Restaurant review

Among all of the available restaurants in Cartersville, the Swheat Market stands out for quite an interesting reason.

Along with all of its other delicious foods, it offers many organic options and even has a vegetarian section on the menu.

The vegetarian section on the menu offers many different choices. The black bean burger and sweet potato fries seem to be customer favorites.

It is money well spent since all the food is fresh, delicious and the portion sizes are very generous.

This eatery isn't just for the vegetarians. Its menu also offers many different types of food including soups, salads and sandwiches.

One of the non-vegetar-



Photo by Ashlee Gilley

**Swheat Market is located in downtown Cartersville and offers healthy food for a healthy price. Lunch costs around \$8.99.**

ian options, the turkey and swiss sandwich, is a good choice.

It sounds simple, but all of the ingredients are fresh, and the staff happily accommodates any of the customers' needs.

Swheat Market offers quality food for an affordable price. Lunch for one person costs around \$8.99, and it can include a sandwich and a side of fries. The various dinner options can cost up to \$17.

The staff are extremely friendly, and they greet everyone with a smile. The cashier did not seem to mind when someone stumbled over an order. They got the orders out quickly with no mistakes.

People of all ages and from all areas come to the Swheat Market, located at 5 East Main Street in Cartersville.

The diverse clientele makes it easy for anyone to feel comfortable there.

The atmosphere is very laid back, and one can enjoy a meal without feeling rushed.

The tables are private enough that even if there is a group talking at the table next to someone, it does not bother them or interfere with one's conversation.

The varied seating selection includes tables, booths, and even window seats available for those who like a bit of scenery with their meal.

Also there are murals painted on the walls; one opposite the counter depicts four trees during the various seasons.

In addition, free Wi-Fi is available, so if diners want to check their emails or catch up on the latest news, they can do so while enjoying an affordable and tasty meal.

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"I would continue peaceful negotiations, but wouldn't back down on making sure that they have international pressure to say in line."



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Floyd Campus  
Psychology

"I don't know what's going on."



# John Mayer's 'Paradise Valley' album showcases singer's mellow swagger

By John Mecum  
Staff Writer

John Mayer, one of the most recognizable songwriters of the past ten years, marks another chapter in his ongoing journey of searching for love and learning to love oneself at the same time.

His latest release, entitled "Paradise Valley," is a folk-styled record that feels like the final fleeting days of summer.

It is a very mellow album, but it still maintains that swagger that helped define who Mayer is today.

The single "Wildfire" captures the fluttering joy

of newfound love and the adventurous feeling that comes along with it. Like many songs on the album, in classic Mayer form, it blooms into a full-blown jam at the end.

The album also features guest appearances by Frank Ocean and Katy Perry, who happens to be Mayer's cur-

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rent romantic interest. This makes for some interesting moments in the song "Who You Love."

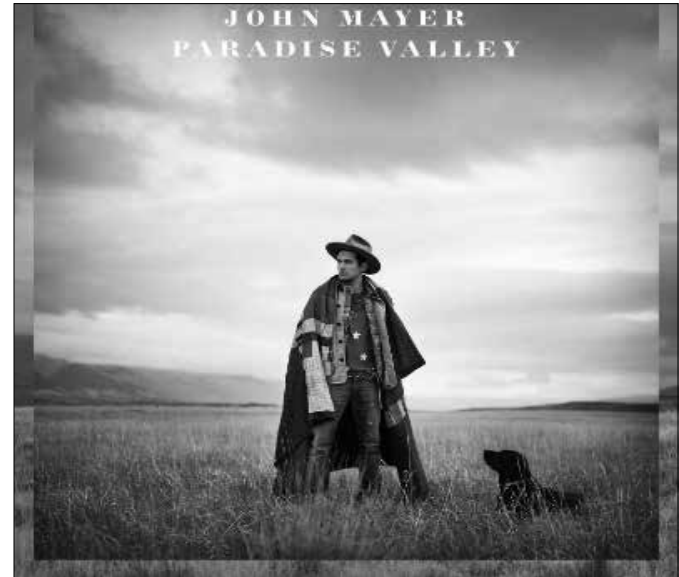
"Paradise Valley" is like a long sunset with the smell

of crisp grass. The songs bleed introspection, but with a lighter tone than his previous installment "Born and Raised."

It features some of his most prolific guitar work to date and yet still has an ability to maintain a peaceful, laid back vibe for the entirety of the album.

Mayer has always had an ingenious ability to paint a vivid picture of where he is in the long walk of life, and "Paradise Valley" is no exception.

The album shows a man who is still getting back to where he belongs, but perhaps with a lighter conscience this time around.



Cover of John Mayer's new album "Paradise Valley"



Cast of Fox's "Sleepy Hollow"

# 'Sleepy Hollow' exceeds expectations

By Ashlee Gilley  
Staff Writer

When a show combines supernatural enemies, time travel, unexplainable crimes, and 250-year-old flashbacks, it has a recipe that will draw anyone in within the first 10 minutes.

Fox's new mystery-adventure drama, "Sleepy Hollow" adds a new twist to the old legend of Sleepy Hollow.

In this new series, Ichabod Crane is resurrected 250 years after his death in modern day Sleepy Hollow.

He is thrown into the middle of a murder investigation after describing the

same suspect that Lt. Abbie Mills, the second protagonist, claims to have seen commit the crime.

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The two protagonists are an unlikely pair, and the relationship between them is full of wit and sarcasm.

In the midst of trying to solve this mystery, Ichabod also battles with trying to understand the new world around him.

People were concerned that the effects would be

cheesy and the historical and supernatural material would not look authentic.

Much to their relief the effects are very realistic and believable, and the show overall is very high quality.

This show keeps people guessing, and the music chosen fits well and adds a lot to the intensity and drama. It is definitely worth a watch.

This new drama-fantasy comes on Monday nights from 9 to 10 p.m. on Fox.

The mystery, intensity, and charismatic characters are what will make this show a great addition to anyone's weekly TV schedule.



# Softball and baseball teams make a hit at the Highlands Cartersville campus

By Mary Howard  
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Georgia Highlands' softball and baseball programs are in their inaugural year.

Although the baseball team's first game isn't until February, softball is already in swing. The first softball game was Sep. 15, a doubleheader against Georgia State and Chipola College.

Head softball coach Melissa Wood is an accomplished player and coach. She played in Austria and helped coach the Junior National and National teams. She was also an assistant coach for a year at North Idaho before coming to GHC.

Her goals for this season are to have a competitive

team. For the spring season, she hopes to make the national conference and play in the World Series.

She is most excited for their game against the Florida Gators, Oct. 20.

The team has a busy schedule, including one-on-one practices Tuesdays and Thursdays, and team practices Monday, Friday and Saturday.

Because the team members live together, they have formed a strong bond.

Kristin Mullis, catcher No. 2, said, "Twenty-one girls were brought together and expected to live and play together as a team. At first, it was difficult getting to know everyone, but the past few weeks have brought everyone closer to-



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**Coach Melissa Wood, Bolt and Coach Michael Marra**

gether. We now trust each other and are willing to put everything on the line for

a teammate. We are teammates, friends and most importantly, family."

## Basketball teams prepare for 2013-14 season

### Women are 'ahead of last year's team'

By Karlee Helms  
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The Georgia Highlands women's basketball team is starting this season with a clean slate, with nine freshmen, three sophomores and only two returning team members.

Brandon Harrell, the women's head coach, said, "This year's team is way ahead of last year's team already."

Harrell said what he is most excited about for the new season is the team's new style of play and how it differs from the previous season. The plays are going to be "deeper" and "up tempo." Harrell said these more ath-



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**Coach Brandon Harrell**

letic plays will showcase the team's abilities.

Harrell also went into detail about what he doesn't look forward to, such as the maturing process with the freshman. He states that this factor could give the team a tough start. However, he feels that once this is achieved, the second half of the season will be more rewarding.

Harrell said the women come to work every day with positive attitudes, and that

this, along with their hard work, will give the women's basketball team a productive season to look forward to.

### Returning players have men's coach optimistic

By William Thomas  
Staff Writer

After a disappointing 2012-2013 season, the Chargers men's basketball team looks to bounce back and build towards a better season for the upcoming year.

Athletic director and men's basketball coach, Phillip Gaffney, is extremely excited about returning players, Matt Catanzano and Matt Welch.

Gaffney said Catan-



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**Coach Phillip Gaffney**

zano, who was the team's leading scorer and 3-point specialist last year, has worked very hard on his ball handling during the off season in efforts to become a bigger threat on the court.

Welch, according to Gaffney, has lost 40 pounds over the off-season. Gaffney already sees a "dramatic change" at practice. "He's more energetic," Gaffney said.

Demaurius Morgan is also returning this year.

Head baseball coach Michael Marra has coached for 20 years, 16 at the high school level and four at the junior college level in New York. He is excited to get out on the field and play a game.

He is optimistic about the upcoming spring season, saying that the team works hard every day and that the players want to leave a mark as an inaugural team.

Marra said that it is important for his team to compete on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The team works out five days a week, and lifts weights four days a week.

The team's first game is Feb. 2 against Cleveland State Community College.

Gaffney said that Morgan is "an extremely hard worker with a great attitude." Gaffney also said that Morgan "has improved significantly over the course of last season, and should provide leadership at the guard position for us this year."

In addition to the returning players, two freshmen to watch this upcoming season are Jamison Jeffers and Dominique Lindsey, intelligent point guards who can also be shooting threats from the three point line. Gaffney said they can be "the quarterbacks" of the team.

With the new players coming in, expect the Chargers to get back to playing a hard, aggressive man-to-man style of defense.

Due to injuries to key players last season, the team was forced to play more of a zone concept for defense.