ABAC Presents: “Dar He: The Story of Emmett Till” Thursday at 7 p.m.

In 1955, a 14-year-old black Chicago youth traveled to the Mississippi Delta with country kinfolk and southern cooking on his mind. He walked off the train and into a world he could never understand—a world of thick color lines, of hard-held class systems, and of unspeakable taboos. Young Emmett crossed that line and stepped into his gruesome fate by whistling at a white woman. This riveting play chronicles the murder, trial, and unbelievable confession of the men accused of Till’s lynching. The one-actor, 35-character original drama is riveting from beginning to end and a must-see event.

Wiley brings this riveting story to life on Thursday at 1PM for special educational performance and audience talk with Mike Wiley, led by Dr. Jewrell Rivers. A public performance will also occur at 7 PM. Both will occur in Howard Auditorium. ABAC students are admitted FREE to either of these performances with their ABAC ID. Faculty are encouraged to send their students to this stunning performance. For those instructors who wish to give credit for student attendance, please e-mail Wayne Jones at wjones@abac.edu and a signup sheet will be provided.

For general public audience members coming to the evening performance tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students 18 years of age and under. Those needing to purchase tickets are encouraged to purchase in advance to ensure availability. Tickets can be purchased online at www.artsconnection.ticketleap.com or by phone at (229) 391-4895. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event. Doors open at 6:30 PM for the evening performance.

This performance is supported, in part, by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Georgia Council for the Arts.

Mike Wiley performing the impressive one-actor, 35-character original drama.

Students & Families Enjoy Family Weekend

Many students and their families participated in activities throughout the weekend on campus and at the Museum. This event gives families a chance to experience the college and what we have to offer.

ABAC Fillies Continue with a 9-6 Record

The ABAC Fillies Soccer team played on the road twice last week. They beat Middle Georgia College 1-0. Then the team lost 6-0 against Darton College. The Fillies have two away games this week. Tuesday at 5 p.m. the Fillies play South Georgia College in Douglas and Friday they’ll travel to Clarkston to play Georgia Perimeter College at 4p.m. Take a road trip and support our Fillies!
Hay Bale Decorating @ Museum

Groups or clubs are invited to decorate round hay bales provided by the Museum. The group or club that wins will receive a $50 prize for the best decorated bale. Please contact Ms. Jordan Cone rjcone@msn.com or call 229-391-5221 and ask for Jordan. She'll give you the details and get you signed up. Hurry, there are a limited number of bales.

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Visitors will also experience the Chehaw Park Interactive Wildlife Exhibit, the ABAC Mobile Wildlife Display, equine demonstrations by Cindy Norman, and the opening of the “Wild at Heart” art exhibit.

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“Wild at Heart” opens in the Gallery at 10 a.m. on Saturday with featured artists Ronald Goodman from Fitzgerald, Evelyn Mercer from Hahira, and Thomas Bland from Reidsville. Each of these artists will showcase pieces in a different medium.

Visitors attending the exhibit during the opening day will get a glimpse into the creative processes of each artist during a live demonstration at 1 p.m. in the Gallery. The Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club of Tifton are partnering with the Museum to present this exhibit.

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Other activities during October include the Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze, open to the public every Saturday in October from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Country Store. Train rides are also available every Saturday.

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ABAC at Sunbelt Ag Expo

Flu Vaccines Still Available at the ABAC Health Center — faculty, staff & family members over 18 years can get a vaccine for $15

SAVE THE DATE

Stallion Day
November 10

More information to come

Benefits Open Enrollment Begins on Oct. 15 Voluntary benefit communication meetings will be held in the Branch Student Center Courtroom on:

- Oct. 16 at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- Oct. 17 at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Oct. 22 at 1 p.m.
- Oct. 25 at 10 a.m.

Open Enrollment will run through November 9. For more information, contact Human Resources at 391-4890.

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ABAC Birthdays

- 8 Ray Smith
- 9 Cindy Barber
- 9 Rebecca Arnold
- 9 Heather Cathcart
- 10 Shirley Wilson
- 10 Philip Hightower
- 12 John Layton

John Jones from the Tower Maintenance Corporation in Douglas takes down the WPLH radio tower and antenna from the top of the J. Lamar Branch Student Center last week. According to Robbie Hulett, Tower Maintenance Corporation owner, the tower was 90 feet tall from the roof level and that it has been up for an estimated 44 years. ABAC radio station advisor Keith Perry said a new antenna will be installed on the ABAC water tower for the station, which is on the air 24 hours a day.

ABAC Family

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Center for Teaching & Learning
Faculty Research Colloquium:
“Faculty Roundtable on Research and Publication”
by Jewrell Rivers, Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Thursday 3:30—4:30
Carlton 202