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ABAC Goes To 36th Annual Sunbelt Expo

The green and gold presence of ABAC will be in full force at the 36th annual Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition at Spence Field near Moultrie on Oct. 15-17.

"ABAC and the Sunbelt Ag Expo have been together since the beginning and we always enjoy connecting with prospective students as well as alumni and industry representatives," Director of Public Relations Ashley Mock said. "We are always look forward to fall in South Georgia, because that means it is Expo time."

The ABAC exhibit will feature performances by the ABAC Jazz Choir on Oct. 15 and student performances on Oct. 16-17. The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village will also be on site with information. ABAC took over the operation of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village in Tifton on July 1, 2010. The Museum delivers educational opportunities as a part of the ABAC campus.

The ABAC Ambassadors will host the daily shows on the ABAC stage and will also sell ABAC souvenir t-shirts, sweat



shirts, caps and other merchandise. They will also spend each day recruiting future ABAC students from the thousands of high schoolers who visit the Expo.

"No one sells ABAC like our very own students. ABAC has something for everyone and Expo is a great time to see for yourself that ABAC is College Done Right," Mock said. "The Ambassadors are excited about this opportunity to

share their experiences with ABAC students of the future."

ABAC will also host the Expo Scavenger Hunt for middle school and high school students. The students follow clues to find answers to questions posted on the Expo web site at <http://sunbeltexpo.com/special-events/expo-savenger-hunt>. Prizes will be awarded after the Expo.

The Expo began as a series of small farm equipment shows on the ABAC campus in the 1960s. It moved to Spence Field in 1978. The college has exhibited at the show every year near the main

entrance.

The Expo is open 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Oct. 15-16 and 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Oct. 17. The agricultural-based trade show features 1,200 exhibitors showcasing the latest in farming technology. Admission is \$10 per person per day or \$20 for a multi-day ticket. Children 10 and under are admitted free with their parents.

Club Advisor Fundraising Information Online Now

All club advisors should ensure that facilities reservations and fundraiser requests are completed at least **7 days** prior to the activity. All activities and events, on and off campus, must fill out the Student Activities Request Form aka ICC Event Registration Form. You will not be required to complete the facilities request form if the event is off campus. The forms can be found at

www.abac.edu/student-life/campus-life/clubs-organizations/forms-resources

Campus Dining Fall Break Hours

The Donaldson Dining Hall will be closed all week and reopen Oct. 21 for normal business hours. The Aggie C-store will be open Monday -Thurs. for normal business hours and will be closed Friday and Sat. and reopen on Sun. The Pizza Hut/Subconnection will be closed Monday—Thurs. and reopen Friday-Sun. from 11 a.m. till 7 p.m. Normal Business hours will resume on Oct. 21.



Thumser Temporarily Named Student Financial Services Director at ABAC

Bill Thumser was named the ABAC Student Financial Services Director to temporarily direct Student Financial Services while we continue our search for a replacement Thumser comes to us through Financial Aid Services - a company specializing in college financial aid operations. Thumser has over 25 years of financial aid related administrative management experience primarily in for-profit, post-secondary education. Please welcome Thumser to our campus and assist him in his review of our student financial services operations.

GEORGIA MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE & HISTORIC VILLAGE @ ABAC

PRESENTS...

Harvest Celebration

October 19th 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Enjoy activities centered around the fall harvest at the Museum which includes FREE CARAMEL APPLES for the little ones, corn shelling, garden tours, hayrides organized children's games, face painting, preservation demo and other hands-on activities and demonstrations.

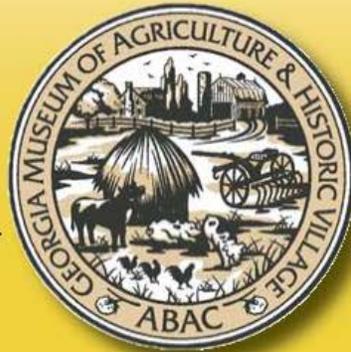


Pumpkin Patch, Corn Maze, Face Painting, Farm Ball Pit & Wiregrass Farmers Market every Saturday

October 26, 2013

TRICK-OR-TREAT IN THE VILLAGE

Children can take a trick-or-treat tour of the Village and get FREE CANDY, take a hayride, participate in a costume contest, play in a monster spider web, and listen to spooky stories from the Museum Crone.



Special Event
October 26

ZOMBIE RUN

A one mile fun run/walk with zombies and other critters to dodge while completing the course through the haunted Historic Village.

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Check us out on



ABAC Receives Grant from Governor's Office

ABAC is joining forces with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to combat alcohol abuse, including underage drinking and impaired driving.

Through GOHS, ABAC has received a \$5,300 grant to participate in the Georgia Young Adult Program. Designed for colleges and universities throughout the state, the Georgia Young Adult Program focuses on peer education in order to promote and bring awareness to highway safety issues including alcohol education, alcohol abuse prevention, impaired driving, underage drinking, safety belts, distracted driving, speeding, risk reductions and other destructive decisions.

The long-term goal of the program is to create a safer and more healthy campus environment. ABAC personnel will use this grant to help educate students on the detriments of drinking and driving and other components of alcohol misuse. The grant runs from Oct. 1, 2013 thru Sept. 30, 2014.



Wiregrass Market Mixer

Local food, local beer & local music

Friday November 1

6-9ish pm



\$10 advance, \$12 at door

Celebrate fall with seasonal beer and delicious appetizers made with local produce!

Hosted by the Wiregrass Farmers Market

For tickets or info: 850.508.6188 wiregrassmarket@gmail.com

GA Museum of Agriculture, Whiddon Mill Road, Tifton

Live music featuring Brad Newell and Cameron Britt

Writer's Harvest Oct. 22 at Peanut Museum

The annual Writers' Harvest sponsored by "Pegasus", the ABAC literary magazine, will take place on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Peanut Museum at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

The featured reader at this year's Writers' Harvest is Thomas Jeffrey Vasseur. Vasseur is the author of "Discovering the World: Thirteen Stories" from Mercer University Press. He was raised on a small cattle farm in western Kentucky. He left his native state at the age of 21, traveling and working odd jobs while spending extended periods in South America and Europe. From 1992 to 1996 he served as Master of Fine Arts Coordinator at Virginia Commonwealth University, and then joined the English Department at Valdosta State University. He has received a Utah Fiction Award, a North Point Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to the University of California-Berkeley, and is a two-time finalist for Georgia's Townsend



Award for fiction. He is currently completing a novel set in the Amazon basin region of Brazil and Bolivia.

The price of admission to the Writers' Harvest is one non-perishable food item or canned good. All donations go to support Brother Charlie's Rescue Mission. Staff members of "Pegasus" will collect canned goods and non-perishable items through the date of the Writers' Harvest.

Donations can also be dropped off at the offices of "Pegasus" co-advisors, Dr. Jeff Newberry, Associate Professor of English, and Dr. Sandra Giles, Associate Professor of English. Newberry's office is located in Conger Hall, Room 309, and Giles' office is in King Hall, Room 2E. Donations can also be dropped off at the "Pegasus" office located on the third floor of the J. Lamar Branch Student Center.

For more information on the Writers' Harvest, interested persons can contact Newberry via e-mail at jnewberry@abac.edu.

The Center for Teaching & Learning Hosting Two Events

Engaging Ourselves:

"Preparing a Promotion and Development Portfolio: A How-To" Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m., Carleton 202

Engaging our Disciplines:

"The Global Classroom: Investigating Africa" by: Dr. Joseph Njoroge Nov. 6 at noon in the President's Dining Room, Donaldson

For more information, contact Dr. Hans Schmeisser, at hschmeisser@abac.edu.

Update Your Contact Info Today

Please take a moment to make sure your mailing and email addresses are current in the ADP system. This contact information is used for a variety of announcements, including those related to benefits Open Enrollment, medical cards and W-2 forms. If you need assistance with this procedure, receive an error message at any step in the process or have any concerns once you are logged in, please contact Shared Services Center Customer Support team for assistance at 1-855-214-2644 or emailing helpdesk@ssc.usg.edu.

Pegasus Now Open for Submissions

ABAC's award-winning literary magazine, *Pegasus*, is now reading for the 2014 issue. *Pegasus* seeks submissions of art, creative nonfiction, photography, poetry and prose. For full submission guidelines visit: <http://pegasusliterarymagazine.weebly.com/submit.html>. *Pegasus* does not accept hard copy submissions. All submissions must come through the submission manager:

<https://pegasus.submittable.com/submit>

Please share this information with your students. *Pegasus* publishes ABAC students, faculty, staff, and alumni as well as student writers in both Georgia colleges/universities and Georgia high schools.



Yard Sale to benefit ABAC Relay 4 Life

The annual Relay 4 Life Yard Sale is Nov. 2 from 7 a.m.—noon in the Nickelodeon. The cost is \$10 per table and 3 tables for \$25. This provided the opportunity for you to sell your items and make some money. Tables may be set-up Nov. 1 from 3-9 p.m. As before we will have volunteers to help set up and load out. All items unwanted items will be donated to local charities. Monies from table space sales and donations, will be given to Relay 4 Life. This is an excellent fundraiser for clubs and a great way to get of your unwanted items as you clean over Fall Break. If you have items to donate and would like to have the items picked up, contact Bernice Hughes via email at bhughes@abac.edu.



Relay Basket Raffle

Two Halloween themed baskets, one for adults and one for children, are being raffled off to raise money for Relay for Life. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. The drawing will be held on Oct. 18. Purchase them in the Office of the Registrar. Thank you to Chehaw Park and the Museum of Agriculture for donation these items.



ARE YOU READY TO CARVE OR PAINT A PUMPKIN?

Stop by the Pumpkin Patch at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village Country Store and pick out the perfect one! All pumpkins are \$4



ROCKETTES



Travel with ABAC and Kick Start the Holiday Season!

For more information visit www.abac.edu/travel

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Please submit information by **Thursday at noon** to Ashley Mock at amock@abac.edu for inclusion in the next FOCUS.

ABAC Birthdays

- 14 Chris Kiser
- 17 Polly Huff
- 18 Michelle Barton
- 20 Susan Driscoll

Flu Vaccine Now Available

Visit the ABAC Health Center between the hours of 9 – 11:30 a.m. Mon. – Friday to get your flu shot. The vaccine is only \$15 and employees may use the HSA card for payment.

