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## Wildlife Society Wins Hay Bale Competition



The Wildlife Society won first place in the Hay Bale decoration competition with the "Whoop Bass Worms" design. Second place went to the Honors Student Association and third place was captured by the RaCooners club. The annual competition is sponsored by the Horticulture Club. Make sure to take time drive by the creative designs on Perimeter Road.

### Relay for Life Yard Sale Sat.

A yard sale to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on Nov. 2 from 7 a.m.-noon in the Nickelodeon at ABAC.

Tables can be rented for \$10 each or three for \$25. All proceeds from the table rentals will go to the American Cancer Society. This event is open to any individual or business that would like to participate. **The deadline to reserve a spot is today by close of business.**

Set-up for the sale will be from 3-9 p.m. on Nov. 1. Sellers keep their profits, and anything that does not sell will be donated to charity. If people would like to donate items without participating in the sale, arrangements can be made to pick up the donations.

For more information on the Relay for Life Yard Sale, interested persons can contact ABAC Dean of Students Bernice Hughes at (229) 391-5130 or send her an e-mail at [bhughes@abac.edu](mailto:bhughes@abac.edu).

### Kids Invited to ABAC's Trunk-A-Treat Tuesday in North Parking Lot

Students from the clubs and organizations at ABAC will sponsor a special Trunk-A-Treat for children in the community from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tues. in the north parking lot. **Phi Theta Kappa will also hold Trick or Treat for Kids from 4-5 p.m. when children can visit offices across the campus.**

Members of several campus clubs and organizations will be on hand at the Trunk-A-Treat to give out candy and play games with the children.

Clubs participating include the ABAC Ambassadors, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Cattlemen's Association, College Republicans, Collegiate FFA, the Criminal Justice Club, Cultura Latina, the Equestrian Club, Family and Consumer Science Club, Honors Club, Phi Theta Kappa, the Revolutionaries History Club, Rural Studies Club, the Student Government Association, The Stallion student newspaper and the Wildlife Society.

For more information about Trunk-A-Treat, contact Dr. Chris Kinsey, Director of Residence Life and Housing, at [ckinsey@abac.edu](mailto:ckinsey@abac.edu).



## Museum of Agriculture Names Winners for ‘Back Roads’ Competition



Pictured (l-r) Cromer's "Full Bloom", Rakestraw's "Ambassador of the Past", Sim's "Dead End"

Dr. Herbert Shippey and Sydney Cromer are the top prize winners in the "Back Roads of Georgia" essay and photo competitions sponsored by the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

Shippey's "Country of the Heart" captured first prize among 30 entries in the essay contest, and Cromer's "Full Bloom" was selected as the top finisher among 100 entries in the photo competition.

Polly Huff, assistant director and curator for the Museum, said both professional and amateur writers entered the essay competition, and both professional and hobby photographers entered the photo event.

Other top finishers in the essay competition included Katherine Thompson, second place for "Finding My Father's Grave", and Charles Bethea, third place

for "When Billie was Lonnie". Honorable mentions went to David Riley, Lila Phelps, Sarah Fonseca, and Erin O'Quinn.

Huff said the seven essay winners received cash awards totaling \$1,000 from the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council and annual passes to the Museum. The top three works received publication consideration by Georgia Backroads magazine.

The blind judging of the literary portion of the competition was conducted by Janice Daugharty, Pulitzer nominee and author of numerous novels and shorter works, including her latest book *Two Shades of Morning*. Daugharty is also the current Writer in Residence at ABAC.

In the photo category, Stephen Rakestraw finished second for "Ambassador of the Past", and Leila

Sims wound up third for "Dead Ends". Honorable mentions went to Jeff Bickel, Angelika Riley, Thomas Acey, and Amanda Merritt. The seven photo winners received cash awards totaling \$1,000 from the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council, annual passes to the Museum, and publication consideration and subscriptions by Georgia Backroads magazine.

The blind judging of the photo portion of the competition was conducted by Professor Willard Al Park, renowned photographer and retired instructor of art and photography at Valdosta State University.

All the essay and photo entries will remain on display at the Museum Gallery until Jan. 25, 2014. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



### Second Annual Stallion Scholars Evening was Successful

On Oct. 3, 29 students from four states—Ala., Ga., Fla., and S.C.—convened at ABAC to participate in its second annual Stallion Scholars Evening. Dr. Niles Reddick, Vice President of Academic Affairs, welcomed the high school scholars, all of whom have excellent academic records, and during the evening the students heard presentations from the various departments and schools on campus, from the Study Abroad programs, and from the Honors program. Many Honors students and ABAC Ambassadors were also in attendance to share their personal experiences with the seniors and to lead campus tours. A reception was held in Tift Hall with over 75 students and parents in attendance at the end of the evening and \$25 gift certificates to the bookstore were awarded to Zoey Oropallo and Anna Marie Pugh.

### Staff Forum's Tom Turkey Auction Right Around the Corner

Tom Turkey will begin on Nov. 6 at 8:30 a.m. and end Nov. 8 at noon. When the auction begins, you may begin to bid. Remember if you bid and win, you have to pay. The pickup and delivery of the item is decided between the provider and purchaser after the money has been sent to the banker and she had e-mailed the provider that it is okay to deliver. All payments are due by Nov. 27. All items are donated and there are not minimum bids. Remember this goes toward Staff Forum Scholarship and Award, as well as a charity chosen by Staff Forum.





### Chick-fil-A Marketing Chief Gave 'Remarkable!' Presentation

David Salyers, Vice-President for Marketing at Chick-fil-A, opened the minds of students at ABAC on Wednesday in a scintillating presentation about the steps to becoming "Remarkable!". The seminar was sponsored by the Stafford School of Business. His book "Remarkable! - Resolving your most important business issue" can be purchased in the ABAC Bookstore.

## ABAC Student's Fishing Prowess Depends on Lucky Hat

For Matt O'Dillon, catching fish is all about the hat.

"You have got to have the lucky hat if you're going to catch fish," O'Dillon, president of the Bass Fishing team at ABAC, said. "It makes a difference."

O'Dillon, a wildlife management major from Macon, helped to start the ABAC team four years ago. Since that time, he and the other team members have won "about five or six tournaments." The competition has been fierce, and the travel has been relentless.

"We do a lot of traveling, and we catch a lot of fish," O'Dillon said. "We have traveled all over the Southeast,



from northwest Alabama at Lake Pickwick to south Florida down at Lake Okeechobee."

The ABAC team competes against fishermen from colleges across the nation. At one time this spring, the team was ranked 16th in the nation in the

Cabella's Association of Collegiate Anglers against over 100 NCAA Division I colleges and universities.

"We fish the Georgia Southern trail mainly," O'Dillon said. "That's against all the teams in Georgia. But at Lake Pickwick, we fished against 200 teams. There was a team there from Harvard and a couple of teams from Hawaii."

O'Dillon loves using crank baits but his favorite jig catches the most fish. Is there any truth to the adage that "you have to hold your mouth right?"

"It's technique," O'Dillon said. "It's all in the technique. Weather plays a big role. I love fishing in cloudy weather. But the main thing is my lucky hat."

Somewhere in between his days on the lakes of the land, O'Dillon has found time to go to his ABAC classes. He plans to graduate in December.

"I started out in vet tech but I saw how much fun wildlife was so I transferred over," O'Dillon said. "I have been in love with it ever since. I'd recommend ABAC to anyone. It's a blast."

Advisors for the ABAC fishing team are Dan Miller and Brad Barbee. Prospective fishing team members can contact them at [dmiller@abac.edu](mailto:dmiller@abac.edu) or [bbarbee@abac.edu](mailto:bbarbee@abac.edu).

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### Wilcox Named Grounds Crew Employee of the Month

Leon Wilcox was voted as the Sodexo Grounds Crew employee of the month for September. Wilcox received a \$20 gas card and a plaque. Thanks for all you do!



## ABAC Birthdays

31 Gay Ann Hodge  
November

- 1 Cyndy Hall
- 1 William Moore
- 2 Gina Wilson
- 2 Jodie Snow



## STALLION DAY NOV. 9

The fall edition of Stallion Day is just around the corner. Please make sure you have this important event on the calendar! Contact Brooke Jernigan at [bjernigan@abac.edu](mailto:bjernigan@abac.edu) with any questions or call Admissions at 391-5004.