Pumpkin Patch and Crop Maze Open at Museum of Agriculture

Visitors can pick out the perfect pumpkin or navigate their way through the blue ribbon-shaped crop maze at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

Museum Director Garrett Boone said the crop maze is included in the Museum and Historic Village admission price. Admission is not required to visit the pumpkin patch.

Located at the Country Store near the entrance to the Museum, the pumpkin patch will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Prices for pumpkins start at $5.

While adults pick out the perfect pumpkin for a jack-o-lantern, children can choose their own pumpkin or play on the tire swings, seesaws or the ever popular corn box. The pumpkin patch also has a number of photo spots to create the perfect fall family pictures.

The crop maze will be open to visitors from Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. throughout the month of October. In recognition of the Museum’s Country Fair Ag-Stravaganza on Saturday, the maze is cut into the shape of a blue ribbon. The Fair will feature blue ribbon events in pie eating, greased-pole climbing, and competitive checkers. Ribbons will also be awarded to the best in home canning and home-grown fruits and vegetables.

Admission to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village on Tuesday-Friday is $7 for adults, $5 for seniors (age 55 and over), $4 for children 5-16 years of age, and free for children four and under. Saturday admission is $10 for adults, $5 for seniors (age 55 and over), $5 for children 5-16 years of age, and free for children four and under. Saturday visitors can take a ride on train cars pulled by the 1917 steam locomotive. Train rides are included in the price of admission.

For more information on the pumpkin patch or crop maze, interested persons can contact the Museum at (229) 391-...
An old-fashioned country fair comes to town Sat. when the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC presents its Country Fair Ag-Stravaganza. The fair will be held from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Museum, Gallery and Historic Village will be open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on that day. The steam train will also be running.

The Country Fair features events and activities from an original fair as well as popular activities and demonstrations from Fall Frolics Critter Saturday. Guests can interact with animals from Chehaw Wild Animal Park. The always popular Poultry Palace will be on site with its talented chickens ready to show off for the crowd.

Guests are also encouraged to visit the Museum’s Langdale Nature Center. Current live residents of the Langdale Nature Center include a central rat snake, a corn snake, an eastern king snake, turtles, frogs and a variety of fish. Visitors will explore the natural world through the tanks and displays in the Center.

A variety of exhibits will be available to visitors during the fair. These exhibits will showcase creative mediums such as needlework, Bottles and Brushes artwork, “Inspired Georgia: 28 works from Georgia’s State Art Collection,” quilts, and the Artists’ Cooperative. Visitors can also look at antique farm equipment and tractors or stop by the Antique Car Club or Tractor Show. The Gallery’s own veterinary infirmary exhibit and its new permanent exhibit on the egg industry featuring the Egg Hall of Fame will also be open to the public. Demonstrations and activities also include square dancing and the “Swifty Swine” pig race.

There will be plenty of activities for the little ones including children’s games, face painting, and cookie decorating. Kids young and old can also take a ride on the Museum’s 1917 Vulcan steam train while at the fair.

For those with a competitive streak, visitors can earn a blue ribbon in the pie eating contest, greased pole climb, or a game of checkers. Blue ribbons will also be awarded to the best entries in home canning and home-grown fruits and vegetables. Submissions must be dropped off at the Country Store no later than 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 10. There is no charge to enter a submission.

The fair will offer plenty of delicious food available for purchase. Barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, ice cream, and root beer floats are just a few items that will be available. Guests can also partake of the jams, jellies, grits, and corn meal provided by the GMA’s Country Store. The Wiregrass Farmers Market will also be open each Saturday in October to offer fresh fruits and vegetables, along with handmade soaps and other goodies from 9 a.m.-noon.

The Museum, Gallery, and Historic Village are open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission to the Museum Tuesday through Friday is $7 for adults, $6 for seniors (age 55 and over), $4 for children five-16 years old and free for children four and under. Admission on Saturday is $10 for adults, $8 for seniors (age 55 and over), $5 for children five-16 years old and free for children four and under.

For additional information about the GMA Country Fair Ag-Stravaganza, interested persons can call 229-391-5205 or visit www.abac.edu/museum/events.

ASSETS Scholars Battle Weather on Kayaks
ABAC’s National Science Foundation funded ASSETS (Achievement through Student Support and Experiential Training in Science) scholars, accompanied by three Science Math faculty members, battled high winds and a strong tidal flow on a three mile kayaking trek in the tidal creeks of St. Simons Island. The outing was hampered by weather conditions generating four foot breakers in the ocean segment, forcing a return to the point of origin against a very strong tidal flow. All scholars returned safely and trip guides reported the sea state was the roughest they had ever encountered. Despite the weather, everyone had a great time on this outdoor excursion.

Dining Hall Survey Available
Looking for some changes in the Dining Hall? Been looking for a way to tell the staff how much you appreciate them? Now is your chance! The Dining Hall is conducting surveys until October 15. Your participation and feedback is appreciated. Find the survey at the link below: http://vcil.cc/pbmpdng

The Registrar’s Office, has been relocated. It can now be found on the third floor of J. Lamar Branch in the area formally known as Human Resources.

2014 Campus Holidays
Thanksgiving:
Noon, Nov. 26 – Nov. 28.
Christmas/New Years:
Dec 24 – Jan 2.
The annual ABAC Employee Christmas and Holiday lunch is scheduled for Dec.16.
Successful ABAC Family Weekend

One Hundred and fifty families attended ABAC Family Weekend. The events kicked off with a reception in Tift Hall. And some families supported the Austin French Concert later that evening. Saturday was a packed full of fun and fellowship including a scavenger hunt, farm tour with Dr. Baker and parent panel in the morning. The GMA hosted visitors for the day and lunch was provided and served by the ABAC Staff Forum. The evening was capped off with Fried Chicken Saturday Night and a Bingo with an ABAC Twist game that was so exciting and hilarious. Several of the families attended local churches on Sunday with badges indicating they were Proud Parents of ABAC Students.

Stop by the ABAC building at the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo located at lot B7 on October 14-16

Peanut Stacking Workshop October 18 at the GMA

The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC will offer a traditional skills workshop in peanut stacking on Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Pre-registration is required for this workshop.

Participants can get their hands dirty while discovering the art of peanut stacking. Although it is no longer used due to the technological advances in agriculture, peanut stacking involved farmers gathering the peanut plants by hand and placing them on a stack pole.

The cost of this workshop is $12.50 per person and is open to those 12 years old and up. Youngsters must be accompanied by a registered adult. Interested persons can register for the peanut stacking workshop at www.abac.edu/museum/events.

For more information, Program Coordinator Kelly Scott is available at kscott@abac.edu or at (229) 391.5224. Season passes or daily admission to the Museum can be purchased at the GMA Country Store.
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The Veterinary Infirmary Exhibit honoring Dr. Coy Hansel Poitevint will open on Sat. at 2 p.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC. Lynn and George Lee of Tifton will cut the ribbon in memory of their late uncle, and tour the exhibit along with museum guests. Light refreshments will be served.

While attending ABAC in 1935 Poitevint was active in the Baldwin Players, College 4-H Club, Ag Club, Baptist Young People’s Union, and the Boys Glee Club. Later he worked his way through graduate school at the University of Georgia and Auburn (then called Alabama Polytechnic Institute), and after a short time as a county extension agent he obtained his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1943. He was married to his wife, Louise, for 69 years, was active in his church and various civic clubs and organizations, and was recognized with numerous prestigious awards throughout his life.

He spent 50 years of his life in veterinary service, and now his family is honoring him and his love for ABAC, UGA, Auburn and veterinary medicine. Last year, a fund was created allowing the design and creation of a new permanent exhibit in memory of Poitevint.

Though he practiced in the mid and late 1900s, the exhibit will represent a late 19th-early 20th century veterinarian’s office, to better fit with the time period in history portrayed by the Museum. The Veterinarian Infirmary Exhibit will be located in the Historic Village, in the rear of the Feed and Seed store.

Many of the exhibit elements were built using reclaimed lumber which came from a Tift County barn built in the late 1800s. Charlotte Bedell, wife of the late Dr. Bedell and Dr. Arville Marshall, friend of the late Poitevint, both provided family heirlooms from their veterinary practices. The College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia and the Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic Lab provided the majority of the veterinary instruments and equipment on display, with many of the artifacts dating back to the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Georgia Veterinary Medicine Association and the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association also assisted with locating information, archives and artifacts.

Visitors to the new exhibit will be able to view artifacts belonging to Poitevint such as photos, hand-drawn surgery sketches, books, and diplomas. An interpretive panel depicting the history of veterinary medicine over the last three centuries was designed by Tifton’s marketing firm, The Big Picture, and is also a part of the exhibit. ABAC Rural Studies student Hannah Beth Hembree assisted with this exhibit, logging in more than 160 hours of work toward its completion and documenting her work in a massive project portfolio. GMA maintenance and restoration specialist David King served as the exhibit builder.

“We appreciate the opportunity to add this exhibit to display an important part of the heritage of rural Georgia. We are grateful to our friends and partners for providing the funding and artifacts to make this exhibit a spectacular addition to the state’s museum of agriculture,” said Paul Willis, Vice President for Finance and Operations at ABAC.

The Wiregrass Country Fair will also be held on Oct. 11 at the Museum, and promises a day full of animals and outdoor activities. Daily admission or a GMA Season pass can be purchased at the Country Store.

GANS Hosts ‘Walk a Mile in Her Shoes’ Oct. 16

Ruth’s Cottage, The Patticake House and the ABAC Chapter of the Georgia Association of Nursing Student’s (GANS) will host Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.. The Event will be hosted by GANS on ABAC’s Front Circle. This event is a playful opportunity for men to raise awareness in the community about the serious causes and effects of family violence.

There is an old saying “you can’t really understand another person’s experience until you’ve walked a mile in their shoes.” Walk a Mile in Her Shoes asks men to literally walk one mile in women’s high-heeled shoes. It’s not easy walking in these shoes, but it is fun and gets the community talking about something that’s really different to talk about domestic violence.

They are looking for men who wish to walk as individuals or as a team on Oct. 16. Money raised during the event will support Ruth’s Cottage and The Patticake House. The sponsorship options are as followed: Event Sponsor ($1,000), one team of four walkers, sponsor name/logo on event shirt, event banner and in other marketing efforts. Supporter ($500), two walkers, sponsor name on event banner and in other marketing efforts. Friend ($100), one walker with the sponsor name in marketing efforts.

For more information visit www.stopthehurt.ga or call 229.387.9697