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Family Weekend



Many students and their families enjoyed the festivities of Family Weekend this past weekend. From yoga in the Meadows to Civil War Reenactments at the Museum, there was something for everyone to do. Thanks to everyone who helped make the weekend successful.

Animals Take Over Museum During 'Critter Saturday'

Visitors can take part in the Chicken Chase or pick out the perfect frog for the frog jumping contest at "Critter Saturday" on Saturday at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC. "Critter Saturday" is a part of Fall Frolics, a month-long celebration of the season with different themed events every Saturday in October.

Children of all ages can spend a day at the Museum with animal friends on "Critter Saturday". The Flint Riverquarium will bring out animal friends to join in the fun at the Museum. Guests can also interact with animals from the Chehaw Wild Animal Park or visit the Museum's Langdale Nature Center where they can touch and hold various animal skeletons, skulls and pelts.

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. The ABAC Equestrian Club will be on hand with roping, barrel rac-

ing and jumping demonstrations. Club members will also have stick horse bucket racing for the little ones.

From rabbits and chickens to sock horse races, critters will abound at the Museum on Oct. 12. The Langdale Nature Center's Kelly Scott will conduct interactive activities at the Grist Mill Pond for children about pond critters. One highlight of the day will be a free



goldfish for small children. The Nature Trail will be open for visitors, and they will not want to miss the mule plowing demonstrations at the Gibbs Farm. Guests will also have the opportunity to test their skills and stamina in the Chicken Chase.

Later in the month, Fall Frolics continues with the Harvest Celebration on Oct. 19 featuring corn shelling, garden tours, traditional children's games, and face painting. Trick or Treat in the Village takes place on Oct. 26 with a Monster Spider Web and a Costume Contest.

The Wiregrass Farmers Market also opens each Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon near the Country Store at the main en-

trance to the Museum. The Market offers a variety of fresh and local fall produce.

Other activities during each Saturday in October include the pumpkin patch, corn maze and face painting. The pumpkin patch and corn maze will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The pumpkin patch is located at the Country Store near the entrance to the Museum. The corn maze is in a new location this year behind the Wesley Chapel in the Historic Village. Both areas are included in the Museum and Historic Village admission price. Train rides are also available every Saturday.

Admission to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village on Tuesday-Friday is \$7 for adults, \$6 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, \$8 for seniors (age 55 and over), \$5 for children 5-16 years of age, and free for children four and under.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, interested persons can contact the Museum at 229.391.5205 or visit the Museum's website at www.abac.edu/museum.



Turf Students at PGA Tournament

From September 19-22, ABAC Turfgrass and Golf Course Management students James Galvin, Jacob Finn, and Terry English (left to right) volunteered at the PGA Tour Championship at the historic East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Ga. Galvin completed his summer internship at East Lake GC, and provided the opportunity for ABAC students to gain experience as tournament volunteers.

'Back Roads of Georgia' Exhibit Opens at Museum October 18

Photography and literary works depicting rural life and culture in Georgia will be the focus of a new exhibit premiering with a 6 p.m. reception on Oct. 18 at The Gallery of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Polly Huff, assistant director and curator, said the Museum will host "Back Roads of Georgia" in conjunction with Georgia Backroads Magazine and the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council. Huff said a competition was held during the summer to determine the top seven essays and photographs on the theme. All the photography entered in the competition will be exhibited, along with the top-scoring essays.

The reception for the new exhibit and an awards ceremony for the winners of the literary and photo competitions will be hosted by the Wire-



grass Farmers Market. Guests to the reception will enjoy "backroads tunes" by Dr. Jeff Newberry, gallery tours, and excerpts read from the top three essay winners.

"Over 100 entries by Georgia amateur and professional photographers are a part of this new exhibit depicting everything there is to love about rural Georgia—old barns, dusty roads, vintage tractors, and country sunsets," Huff said.

Janice Daugharty, Pulitzer nominee and author of numerous novels and shorter works, was the juror for the literary competition. Daugharty is also the current Writer in Residence for ABAC. Professor of Art and Photography W. A. Park, a retired faculty member from the Valdosta State University School of Art, selected the winners of the photography competition. No names

were attached to any of the pieces during the judging.

Cash awards totaling \$2,000 provided by the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council, publication consideration by Georgia Backroads Magazine, and annual passes to the Museum will be awarded to the top seven winners in the essay and photography categories.

The "Back Roads of Georgia" exhibit will remain on display at The Gallery until Jan. 25, 2014. For more information, interested persons can contact Huff at phuff@abac.edu.



'Bottles and Brushes' Art Class at Museum on Oct. 25

The next installment of the "Bottles and Brushes" art class is on Oct. 25 from 6-8 p.m. Participants will paint "Autumn" by Brenda Rose, local artist and "Bottles and Brushes" instructor. There is a fee of \$25 per person for the class or \$40 for a couple. Participants must register ahead of time by contacting Huff at (229) 391-5222 or by e-mailing her at phuff@abac.edu. **Space is limited so early registration is Important.** Gift certificates are available for future classes.



Save these Dates for
Stallion Day
Nov. 9
Feb. 15
April 5

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.



Baldwin Players Announce Cast for 'The Taming of the Shrew'

Cast members have been selected for William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew", the Baldwin Players' upcoming fall production at ABAC, according to an announcement by Dr. Brian Ray, director of the theatre troupe.

The production dates for "The Taming of the Shrew" are Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Tickets are free to faculty, staff, and students with ABAC ID. The general public can purchase tickets at the door for \$7.

Ray said members of the community as well as ABAC students will be a part of the production. Cast members include Peter Pinnow as Baptista Minola, Ashley Wade as Katherine Minola, Meagan Haghshenas as Bianca Minola,

Hunter Gainous as Petruchio, Ben Brinkley as Gremio, Slayten Carter as Hortensio/Litio, and Alena Phillips as Lucentio/Cambio.

Other cast members include Ray as Vincentio, Kaylee Stokes as Tranio, Kaitlin Croft as a pedant, Raven Hughey as Grumio, Tre'mon Mills as Curtis, Shernika McClendan as a widow, and Melanie Morris, Michelle Morris, and Mariah Slaughter as townsfolk/serving men.

Pinnow is a member of the Tifton community; Wade is a psychology major from Sycamore; Haghshenas is an undeclared major from Palatka, Fla.; Gainous is a biology major from Brunswick; Brinkley is a member of the Tifton community; Carter is a political science

major from Willacoochee; and Phillips is a music major from Richmond Hill.

Ray is an associate professor of English at ABAC; Stokes is an English major from Tifton; Croft is a pharmacy major from Tifton; Hughey is a biology major from Dalton; Mills is an undeclared major from Blakely; McClendon is a political science major from Blakely; Melanie Morris is a family and consumer sciences major from Ocilla; Michelle Morris is an early childhood education major from Ocilla; and Slaughter is a music major from Cairo.

For more information on "The Taming of the Shrew", interested persons can contact Ray at (229) 391-4969 or via e-mail at bray@abac.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.

ABAC Dining Focus Groups

ABAC Dining Services will be hosting focus groups this Wed. for more information about what foods are preferred in the Dining Hall. The sessions are at 11, 12, 1, 2 and 3 in the Presidents Dining room in Donaldson. Sign up at the Dining Hall Cashier or call 229.391.5170. These focus groups will help to make sure that voices are heard and that they are providing plenty of options for everyone.



Rain Plan for Ag Classic Golf Tournament Today



If the weather prevents golfers from playing today, you will be provided with a voucher in order to enjoy the course and facilities on another day. Your golf shirts, provided by the Georgia Cotton Commission and Darwin Eason/ South Central Gin, will be mailed to you with a sleeve of golf balls, provided by Triangle Chemicals. Thank you to everyone for participating in this scholarship tournament.

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



Industry Expert Speaks to Students

Lynn Ashcraft from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) spoke to Earl Denham's Community Development Strategies class last week. Ashcraft discussed the partnership between DCA and communities throughout the state, and provided an overview of the programs, resources, and technical assistance they provided to these communities.

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



ABAC Birthdays

- 7 Vonda Fenn
- 8 Ray Smith
- 9 Cindy Barber
- 9 Becky Arnold
- 9 Heather Cathcart
- 10 Shirley Wilson
- 10 Philip Hightower
- 12 John Layton

