ABAC Closed Nov. 21–26 for Thanksgiving Holiday

The ABAC campus will be close at 5:30 on Tuesday and will re-open at 8 a.m. on Nov. 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope that everyone has a safe and fantastic Holiday!

The Dining Hall, Pizza Hut/Subconnection and all C-stores will close Tuesday after lunch and reopen Nov. 26 for normal business hours.

ABAC Music Major Recitals Nov. 28 & 29

The music majors at ABAC will hold recitals on Nov. 28-29 at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of all Faiths. The performance is free to the public and all ABAC faculty, staff, and students.

The recitals will last approximately one hour and will feature diverse styles in performance ranging from voices to hand-held and upright instruments. Twenty-eight music students will perform at the recital this semester.

The recitals will include music majors Victoria Allegood, a freshman from Moultrie; Avery Atnip, a freshman from Thomasville; Joey Bishop, a sophomore from Fitzgerald; Travius Burch, a freshman from Sylvester; Drew Ellis, a sophomore from Cordele; Kevin Frizzell, a sophomore from Tifton; Daniel Gibson, a sophomore from Ty Ty; Kezia Green, a sophomore from Sylvester; Daniel Hardy, a freshman from Ashburn; Nicholas Hartley from Moultrie; Brian Holland, a sophomore from Fitzgerald; Erica Humbert, a freshman from Thomasville; Johnathan Hobgood, a freshman from Moultrie; and Brandon Horton, a freshman from Thomasville.

Other music majors include Patrick Ireland, a sophomore from Tifton; Matthew Lardy, a freshman from Moultrie; John Mathis, a sophomore from Nashville; Calah McDuffie, a sophomore from Ocilla; Katelyn Payne, a sophomore from Moultrie; Alena Phillips, a sophomore from Richmond Hill; Bri Rogers, a sophomore from Tifton; Valerie Sharlow, a freshman from Lake-land; Mariah Slaughter, a freshmen from Cairo; Ethan Smith, a sophomore from Sylvester; and Wes Trull, a freshman from Fitzgerald.

Memorial Service for Alton Hudgins Tuesday

A memorial service for Alton Hudgins will be held on Tues. at 11 a.m. in the ABAC Chapel of All Faiths. Hudgins passed away on Friday. He was the recreation sports director for ABAC and had also coached women's volleyball and women's tennis for the Fillies.

Hudgins joined the ABAC staff on Sept. 1, 1993. He was the 1998 Region XVII Coach of the Year for women's volleyball and the Region XVII Coach of the Year for women's tennis in both 2005 and 2006.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6-8 p.m. at Albritton-Beaumont Funeral Directors. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ABAC Foundation in his
With the Christmas season just around the corner, the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC will offer four special holiday events in days to come. They include the Wiregrass Farmers Holiday Market, Wiregrass Christmas, the North Pole Express, and a Victorian Village by Candlelight.

The Holiday Market will kick off the season’s festivities on Nov. 30 at the Peanut Museum and Market Barn from 5-8 p.m. It will feature a bonfire, samples from market vendors and local artisans, entertainment by local musicians, and hot cider for shoppers. Soup and cornbread will also be available for purchase during the event. Admission to the Holiday Market is $2 per person or $5 per family of four. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Market liaison Polly Huff said the Museum’s Country Store will also be open for the event, and guests can purchase a variety of locally made pantry staples and unique holiday gifts. Free gift wrapping will be available for all purchases. Vendors will offer items including leather goods, handmade soaps and scrubs, locally roasted coffee beans, honey, nuts, baked goods, vegan treats, jams and jellies, eggs, winter produce, and handmade jewelry.

On Dec. 8, the Wiregrass Christmas celebration will take place from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Events will include caroling, the reading of Christmas stories, folk singers performing traditional Christmas and bluegrass music, a Cloggers Jamboree from 10 a.m. – noon, crocheting demonstrations in the Gibbs House, and cane grinding. Other activities include biscuit-making and baking demonstrations, handmade candle-dipping, and candy-pulling. The Country Store will also offer samples of pound cake, tea cake, and apple cider.

Tickets for the Wiregrass Christmas are $10 for adults, $8 for seniors and $5 for children over four years of age. Children four and under will be admitted at no charge.

The North Pole Express will take place on Dec. 14-15 from 5-8 p.m. The Museum’s 1917 steam locomotive will depart for the North Pole every 20 minutes. Guests riding the North Pole Express will visit with Santa Claus and listen to Mrs. Claus read the “Polar Express.” Visitors will also be able to enjoy refreshments and watch “The Polar Express” as they await the North Pole Express to depart from the station.

Tickets for the North Pole Express are $6 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Country Store. No tickets will be sold at the event. The North Pole Express will run rain or shine.

Visitors can experience the holiday season in the 1880s with the Victorian Village by Candlelight on Dec. 16 from 5:30-8 p.m. Ride the Vulcan steam engine into the village aglow with lanterns and luminaries as passengers stroll from house to house witnessing Victorian village life at Christmas time. Visitors will then be treated to a bonfire, hot chocolate, tea cakes, and music from the Shape Note Singers to round out the night.

Tickets for the Victorian Village by Candlelight are $15 per person or $25 per couple and must be purchased in advance at the Country Store. No tickets will be sold at the event. Victorian Village by Candlelight will take place rain or shine.

The Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village will be closed from Dec. 17 – Jan. 2, 2013, and the Country Store will be closed Dec. 22 – Jan. 2, 2013. The Country Store will be open for holiday shoppers through Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hours of operation in January are 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the Historic Village, Museum, and Gallery. During the week, admission is reduced to $4 for those five years of age and older and free to children four and under. Saturday is free for children four and under, $5 for children 5-16 years of age, $10 for adults, and $8 for seniors.

For more information, interested persons can contact the Museum at (229) 391-5205 or visit the web site at www.abac.edu/museum.

Bookstore Open House Dec. 6
The ABAC Bookstore will hold its 6th annual Holiday Open House on Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided and shoppers will receive a 25% discount on all gifts and clothing. Free gift wrapping will be available. For more information, contact bookstore manager Tracy Dyal at 391-4825 or tdyal@abac.edu.

Holiday Concert Nov. 27 in Chapel
ABAC will usher in the holiday season with a concert on Nov. 27 at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths as part of the First Tuesday Concert Series. The holiday concert has been held annually at ABAC for 11 years. This event is open to the public at no charge. Refreshments will be served in the lobby of the adjacent music building when the concert ends.

The concert will feature the ABAC Jazz Choir, directed by Dr. Susan Roe, who heads up the ABAC music program. With accompanist Douglas Jurs, assistant professor of piano and music theory at ABAC. Other performers will include the ABAC Clarinet Quintet playing traditional Christmas Carols, Daniel Gibson, a music major from Ty Ty, performing “Ave Maria”; Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones singing “Sweet Little Jesus Boy”; Roe performing “O Holy Night”; Brian Holland, a music major from Fitzgerald, singing “Cool Yule”; and the ABAC Jazz Choir performing “Angels Breathing Out” and “Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas”.

For more information, interested persons can contact Roe at (229) 391-4943.
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The 2012 Tom Turkey Auction raised over $2000, which was more than last year. Thanks to everyone that participated!

Golf Team Jacket Drive

Once again your ABAC golf team is teaming up with Tift County to deliver under-privileged kids and teens warm coats. Last season ABAC contributed over 100 coats. The coats do not have to be clean as several local dry cleaners will thankfully take care of that if needed. Bring them to campus and email Herb Hendrix at hhendrix@abac.edu.

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