ABAC Tennis Supports Community
ABAC Tennis Teams assisted with the fundraiser for Special Hearts Chair which will allow special education teachers to apply for grants through the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence.

ABAC will be closed for Thanksgiving Holidays starting Noon, Wednesday through Friday. Enjoy the Holiday!

North Pole Express Tickets On Sale Now

Children of all ages can ride the North Pole Express to see Santa Claus from 5-8 p.m. on Dec. 18-19 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

The Museum’s 1917 Vulcan steam locomotive will depart for the North Pole every 20 minutes. Guests will be able to listen to Mrs. Claus read the holiday classic, “The Polar Express,” in the Clyatt Cabin before boarding the North Pole Express to visit with Santa Claus and enjoy the movie version of “The Polar Express” in a winter wonderland.

Tickets for the North Pole Express are available for $6 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Country Store. Tickets will not be sold at the event. The North Pole Express will run in all kinds of weather.

“The magic of the holidays will be enjoyed by the entire family,” said Lynn McDonald, volunteer coordinator, GMA, “This event has become a family tradition for many of our guests. It is wonderful to see that special twinkle in the eyes of the young ones.”

Bring along your camera for some great photo opportunities. It is recommended that your group come a few minutes before your scheduled session for the best experience possible.

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING 2015 ORIENTATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
Manna Drop Feeds More Than 500 Families

Over 100 students, faculty and staff from the Stafford School of Business spent their Saturday at the Second Annual Manna Drop. The Manna Drop fed more than 500 families for the week of Thanksgiving. A thank you goes out to all who donated to this great cause and those that donated their time to make it happen.

Why Go Paperless?

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WHETHER YOU’VE BEEN
Naughty
or Nice

Come to the Baldwin Library
December 1 at 12 p.m.
to enjoy Christmas music presented by the ABAC Brass Quintet

Turf Students Represent ABAC in South Carolina

November 17-19, eleven Turfgrass and Golf Course Management students represented ABAC at the Carolinas Superintendents Conference and Trade Show in Myrtle Beach. The students attended educational seminars, participated in the turf bowl competition, visited with alumni, and gained experience networking with golf course superintendents.
Career Connections Brings Several Companies to ABAC

More than 250 students enjoyed visiting with nearly 50 different companies at Career Connections job fair last week. Hosted by the School of Agriculture & Natural Resources and the Stafford School of Business, students had the chance to network with industry professionals and some even scheduled interviews for potential jobs and internships.

ABAC Accepting Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Athletics Hall of Fame at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 15, 2015.

Any individual, living or deceased, may be considered for induction into the ABAC Athletics Hall of Fame. Individuals are nominated in one of three categories: Athlete, Coach, or Contributor.

The induction ceremony for the 2015 class is scheduled for April 10 as a part of the ABAC Homecoming week.

The inaugural Hall of Fame class in 2008 included Thomas Cheney, Bruce V. Gressette, Norman “Red” Hill, Orion Mitchell, Philip Simpson, and Milena Stanoytcheva.

Kramer said athletic achievement as well as integrity, sportsmanship, and character will be considered. He said the college is also looking for individuals who may have been good athletes while at ABAC, but who went on to coach high school or college teams to state or national titles.

Alumni as well as the general public are encouraged to nominate individuals for this honor. Hall of Fame criteria and a nomination form can be found at www.abac.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/ABAC-Nomination-Form-20141.pdf.

For more information on the 2015 Athletics Hall of Fame, interested persons can contact Shirley Wilson in the athletics’ office at (229) 391-4930.

ABAC Alumni Awards Nominations Due December 15

The deadline is December 15 for alumni awards nominations for the ABAC Alumni Association at ABAC. The awards will be presented during the Homecoming awards dinner on April 10, 2015.

Nominations should provide specific details about the person being nominated. Nominations may be made by alumni, friends, family members, or ABAC faculty and staff. All nominees must return the required paperwork to the Office of College Advancement by January 15, 2015 in order to be considered as a candidate for the 2015 awards.

Awards are based on professional achievement, community service, and service to the college. Anyone who attended ABAC and has obtained educational credit is eligible for nomination.

For more information, interested persons can visit the web site at http://www.abac.edu/more/alumni-association/awards-information.
ABAC Birthdays

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  27 Jaime Powers

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ABAC’s award-winning literary magazine Pegasus is now open for submissions for the Spring 2015 issue. In addition to publishing faculty, staff, and student writers and artists in the ABAC community, Pegasus publishes high school and undergraduate writers from all over the state of Georgia.

The editors are seeking the following:

• Poetry
• Short fiction
• Nonfiction prose (memoir, creative nonfiction, lyric essays—no academic/critical writing, please)
• Art
• Photography

For further information (including submission guidelines), please visit https://pegasus.submittable.com/submit. Please share this information with your students. For more information about the Pegasus contact Jeff Newberry at 229.391.4972 or jnewberry@abac.edu

Victorian Village By Candlelight December 7

Tickets for the annual Victorian Village By Candlelight on Sunday, December 7 are now on sale at the GMA Country Store.

Guests will officially welcome the holiday season when they board the train and arrive in a village aglow with lanterns and kerosene lamps. A storytelling guide takes each group through several stops while the ways of celebrating Christmas in the early 1900s are revealed through the eyes of an affluent family and a sharecropper’s family. Carolers, a hot bowl of farmhouse stew by the bonfire, a keepsake ornament hand-forged by the village blacksmith, and a visit with Father Christmas and Old Befana are included in this guided tour.

The cost is $15 per person, $30 for couples and tickets will only be sold in advance, none on the night of the event. Tickets are still available for the following time slots: 5:30pm; 6:30pm; 7 pm, and 7:30pm.

For more information on Victorian Village by Candlelight, contact the Country Store at (229) 391-5205.

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