Bookstore and Mail Center Closed Monday & Tuesday

The Bookstore and Mail Center will both be closed for sales on Monday and Tuesday for the conversion to a new sales computer system. Both will reopen on Wednesday. The Mail Center will not be able to sell stamps or ship out packages, however, incoming mail from the post office, packages from UPS and FedEx and, outgoing mail that is pre-stamped or being sent for ABAC will be processed. Contact Tracy Dyal with questions at tdyal@abac.edu.

ABAC Music Major Recitals Wed. & Thurs.

The music majors at ABAC will hold recitals on both Wednesday and Thursday 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 each day 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. Come out and enjoy the music!

AIDS Awareness

Troy Spicer will give a presentation on AIDS Awareness Thursday at 6 p.m. in Bowen Hall room 100. Please encourage your students to attend this program that will educate them on a serious issue.

Turf Students Travel to South Carolina

John Layton (left) and Austin Lawton (right) accompanied a group of Turfgrass and Golf Course Management students to the 2012 Carolinas Golf Conference and Trade Show in Myrtle Beach. The ABAC students earned a $500 cash prize for the Turf Club by finishing 2nd in the Turf Bowl Jeopardy competition among 12 teams from colleges and universities in the southeast.

Holiday Concert Tuesday in Chapel

ABAC will usher in the holiday season with a concert on Tuesday 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 and refreshments will be served in the lobby of the adjacent music building when the concert ends.
2nd Annual Holiday Open House

December 1st, 2012
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The lights are up and there’s music in the air
The sight and sounds of Christmas are everywhere.
So come out and enjoy!

Join us for a festive day with:
25% off everything in the store
(excludes already marked clearance and consignment items)
Free Gift wrapping
Drawing for 2 gift baskets (valued at $35.00)

Free Refreshments:
Homemade Tea Cakes and Pound Cakes
Hot Apple Cider

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Western toys
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Nakamas

For details, email tcarpenter@abac.edu or call: 229-391-5205
Holiday Events at the Museum During December

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 Friday 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.

Knox to Speak at Commencement December 7

Niki Knox, Senior Community Economic Development Consultant for Georgia Electric Membership Corporations, will be the featured speaker at the ABAC fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in Gressette Gym. A 1999 ABAC graduate, Knox is responsible for providing economic development assistance to communities across Georgia on behalf of the 42 EMCs that are members of Georgia EMC. Knox received her bachelor’s degree in business administration from Georgia Southwestern with an emphasis in marketing. Currently, she is pursuing a master’s degree in organizational development and leadership at Saint Joseph’s University. A total of 163 graduates are expected to participate in the ceremony.

Niki Knox
**ABAC Birthdays**

25 Austin McGinn
27 Todd Hicks
29 Kaitlin Stannard
Dec.
2 Lynda Fisher
2 Ryan Myers

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**ABAC Travel Opportunity Meeting December 3**

Please join ABAC’s External Affairs staff for an evening of fun. Collette Vacations will be presenting ABAC’s 2013 fantastic travel opportunities. A light meal will be served. RSVP requested this afternoon. For more information contact Diane Kilgore at dkilgore@abac.edu or 229-391-5070

**When:** Monday, December 3, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
**Where:** Georgia Museum of Agriculture Conference Center 1392 Whidden Mill Road. Tifton, GA 31793

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**Golf Team Jacket Drive Continues**

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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**“Life Lessons” Series Kicks Off**

**Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.**

“Life Lessons”, a series offering practical advice for your personal life will kick off with Attorney Joseph I. Carter presenting “The Importance of a Will” on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center Court Room. For more information about the seminar series and to sign up for the first “Life Lesson” class, visit www.abac.edu/hr/LifeLessons/index.cfm. ABAC faculty, staff and students are welcome.

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**Bookstore Open House December 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.