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'Gee Haw Whoa Back' Rodeo at ABAC on April 1-2

Rodeo fans will fill the stands on April 1-2 when ABAC presents its annual "Gee Haw Whoa Back" rodeo as a part of Homecoming Week 2016.

Spectators will be entertained with riveting competition during the Professional Cowboy Association-sanctioned rodeo event at the ABAC Arena which begins at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Gates open at 7 p.m.



Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for children 6–12 years old and free to ABAC students and children five years old and under. Rodeo tickets will be sold in advance and at the gate on the two days of the event. Separate tickets must be purchased for each night.

Besides the crowd favorite of bull riding, cowboys will participate in events

including saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, team roping, calf roping, and steer wrestling. Cowgirls will compete in break-away roping and barrel racing. The rodeo will also feature audience participation events and family-friendly activities.

ABAC Alumni Director Lynda Fisher said the rodeo is a part of a week-long series of events on March 29-April 2 designed for students, alumni and the general public. For more information on rodeo tickets or the Homecoming Week, interested persons can contact the ABAC Office of College Advancement at (229) 391-4900 or visit www.abac.edu/homecoming.

What's Happening on Campus and How Will It Affect Me?

Join Melvin Merrill and Tim Carpenter in **Bowen 100 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Thursday**, for a Capital Planning presentation. Discussion will focus on current building and renovation projects, especially those to be completed this fall, as well as proposals for future consideration. A question and answer session will follow as time allows. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

Mark Your Calendars - The Third Annual Carry The Load Step - Off Rally will take place on Thursday, April 28 from 1 - 5 p.m.. More information will follow.

Fifth Annual 'Run for the Nurses' April 2 at ABAC

Future nursing students will benefit from scholarship funds raised from the fifth annual "Run for the Nurses" event on April 2 sponsored by the School of Nursing and Health Sciences on the campus of ABAC.

The event includes a 5K run and half marathon. Both begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Health Sciences Building just off Moore Highway on the front campus of ABAC. All proceeds

benefit the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Scholarship Fund which assists in the education of future nursing students.

The cost for participants is \$30 for the 5K run and the half marathon is \$40. Interested participants can register online at www.active.com or at <http://www.abac.edu/academics/schools/nursing/outreach/run-for-the-nurses> for a

printable registration form. Online pre-registration ends on March 31. Runners can still register on race day.

For more information on the "Run for the Nurses" event, interested persons can contact Becky Arnold at (229) 391-5024 or e-mail her at rarnold@abac.edu.

Trophies will be presented in the

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5K and half marathon to the overall and master overall male and female finishers, and medals will be given to the top three male and female finishers in five-year age groups. All half marathon runners will receive a finisher's medal. Trophies will also be awarded to the first male and female ABAC alumni to cross the finish line in each race.

The Lisa Purvis Allison Scholarship Fund was developed to honor Allison and assist other

aspiring students in fulfilling their dreams of getting an ABAC education to become a registered nurse. The scholarship is awarded twice a year to a nursing student who meets the stated criteria to assist with final semester expenses. Nursing faculty and the family of Allison are involved in the selection process.

Arnold said Allison began the nursing program at ABAC as a single parent of two children following

the death of her husband in a tragic accident. While completing the last year of the program, she was diagnosed with colon cancer. She was an outstanding student who personified the caring and compassionate nature of nursing. Upon graduation she successfully passed her state board exam and was licensed as a registered nurse. She lost her battle with cancer shortly after that time.

Save the Date

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
School of Nursing and Health Sciences

May 4, 2016

50th Anniversary Celebration
of Nursing Excellence

Georgia Museum of Agriculture ♦ Tifton, Ga.

To purchase your ticket visit:
www.abac.edu/50yearsofnursing

Sign Up for the Homecoming Cookout

All ABAC faculty and staff are invited to attend the Alumni Cookout during Homecoming. This event is becoming a favorite with delicious ribs and chicken in the midst of alumni and prospective students. The Alumni Association is thankful for all that the faculty and staff do for ABAC, and this is just one way to say thanks. Tickets are required for this event, visit www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/j3CTkhxa7c to register.



ABAC HOMECOMING MARCH 29–APRIL 2

"There's No Place Like Home"



For a full list of Homecoming events visit www.abac.edu/more/alumni-association/homecoming. For more information on Homecoming, contact Lynda Fisher at 229.391.4904 or email her at lfisher@abac.edu.



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

Nominations for Homecoming King and Queen

Nominations for Phi Theta Kappa's second annual Homecoming King and Queen are due March 21. Nominations are open to athletic teams, Greeks and campus clubs and organization. For application fee and requirements contact Kim Talley at ktalley@abac.edu

Plan Ahead for Next Year!

Stallion Day: November 12, 2016 • February 4 and April 8, 2017
Homecoming Week: April 3-8, 2017

Starbucks Comes to ABAC Campus

Get your Starbucks caffeine fix at ABAC! Swing by the Pizza Hut and Subconnection anytime between 7:45 a.m. to 12 a.m. Monday-Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. on Saturday and 5 p.m. - 12 a.m. on Sunday.

Stallion Café				Stallion Café			
Espresso Drinks	Tall	Grande	Venti	Cold Beverages	Tall	Grande	Venti
Caffè Latte	2.95	3.65	3.95	Iced Caffè Latte	2.75	3.65	4.15
Cappuccino	2.95	3.65	3.95	Iced Caffè Mocha	3.25	4.15	4.65
Caramel Macchiato	3.65	4.45	4.75	Iced Caramel Macchiato	3.55	4.35	4.75
Caffè Mocha	3.35	4.25	4.55	Iced White Chocolate Mocha	3.55	4.25	4.75
White Chocolate Mocha	3.55	4.45	4.75	Iced Caffè Americano	2.15	2.55	3.15
Caffè Americano	2.25	2.65	2.95				
Espresso	Solo	Doppio		Coffee Alternatives			
Espresso	1.75	1.95		Tazo® Iced Chai Tea Latte	3.15	3.95	3.65
Coffee Alternatives	Tall	Grande	Venti	Tazo® Iced Tea	1.50	1.95	2.45
Tazo® Hot Tea	1.95	2.15	2.45	Tazo® Iced Tea Lemonade	2.00	2.45	2.95
Tazo® Chai Tea Latte	3.25	3.95	4.25				
Hot Chocolate	2.75	3.25	3.45	Frappuccino® blended beverage			
Brewed Coffee				Coffee		4.95	
Drip Coffee	1.85	2.10	2.35	Caramel		4.95	
Iced Coffee	1.95	2.45	2.95	Mocha		4.95	
Extras				Strawberries & Crème		4.45	
Extra Shot .75				Vanilla Bean		4.45	
Add Syrup .60				Smoothies			
Milk / Soy .60				Smoothie of the Day		3.95	

Wildlife Class Volunteers Paradise Today

ABAC students in the Nongame Wildlife class volunteered with wood duck box installation and bluebird box monitoring at Paradise Public Fishing Area last week. Bluebird boxes were inspected and cleaned. They also collected GPS coordinates to develop a much-needed digital map of all bird boxes at Paradise. They also found some southern flying squirrels taking up residence in the boxes. Don't be fooled by their cute faces though, flying squirrels are actually major predators of small nesting birds and will frequently use bird boxes as a home! These, however, we released unharmed to enjoy the boxes for their own use.



Celebrate National Athletic Training Month By Following These Tips

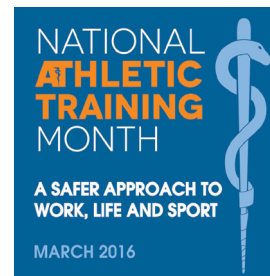
This March is National Athletic Training Month.

1. Celebrate National Athletic Training Month by following important Sports injury-prevention tips:

- Before participating see your physician for a physical exam
- Always make sure there is an emergency action plan in place
- During exercise, drink to thirst or drink based on individual needs depending on sweat rate.
- Avoid tobacco, alcohol and other harmful drugs.
- Have access to an Athletic Trainer

2. Sidelined with an injury? Make sure you consult a Certified Athletic Trainer who specializes in the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses. Avoid injury and stay active with an athletic trainer.

Athletic Trainers across the country are celebrating , Celebrate with them @NATA1950 #NATM.



ABAC Students Participate in Mock Shark Tank

Students in the Selling and Negotiating class taught by Franzelle Pertilla participated in their own version of *Shark Tank*. This classroom competition received support from the following business leaders as they performed the role of the "Sharks":

- Keri Jones, CPA, Allen Pritchett & Bassett
- Chris Cutts, SVP, South Georgia Banking Company
- Amy Tatum, General Manager, Ameris Bank
- Brooke Sanders, Manager, Tifton-Tift Co. Chamber

ABAC Birthdays

7 Justin Exum 8 Jokabeth Gutierrez 9 Russell Pryor
 9 Lynne Hoatson 11 Bonnie Asselin
 11 Charla Terrell 11 Richard Spancake