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ABAC Compressing Fall Semester

Because of the pandemic, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is compressing the semester calendar so that students will get a longer break between the fall and spring terms. "This new compressed semester calendar allows ABAC to complete a full fall semester of face-to-face instruction so that students can finish all their classes and final exams prior to Thanksgiving," said President David Bridges. "When the students go home for the Thanksgiving break, they will not return to campus until the spring semester in January. Students and their parents will save time and money; and since the students will not return to campus after Thanksgiving, the opportunity for a virus outbreak on campus in December will be eliminated." Bridges said the extra days during December without students on campus will also give personnel more time to thoroughly clean residence halls, classrooms, laboratories and the dining hall. ABAC fall semester classes begin Aug. 12 and will end Nov. 19. Final exams will be on Nov. 20-21 and Nov. 23-24. After completing their finals, students will leave campus; the spring semester begins next Jan. 11. In the revised calendar, classes will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 7, and on the previously scheduled fall break on Oct. 19-20.

Source: Tifton Grapevine

TY TY Student Receives ABAC Business Leadership Award



Laura Agundis, a recent ABAC graduate from Ty Ty, has been selected for the Stafford School of Business Dean's Leadership Award at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. "The qualities that Laura's instructors ascribe to her are leadership, independence, and dedication," said Dr. Renata Elad, dean of the Stafford School of Business. "She is truly a go-getter, and we expect her to go places." Elad said the award is presented to outstanding ABAC graduates who distinguish themselves through leadership and service to the school. Currently the controller at Berry Brothers Farm in Nicholls, Agundis graduated May 7 with a bachelor of science degree in business. While at ABAC, she served as a community assistant in the residence halls and as a recruiter

for the College Assistance Migrant Program.

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TCHS To Hold Formal Graduation on June 13

Three weeks after its originally scheduled date, Tift County High School will hold a formal graduation ceremony at Brodie Field for the Class of 2020 – the school's largest-ever class at 509 graduates. The ceremony will be at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, June 13. It was delayed because of the pandemic. An online graduation celebration was held May 23 when the ceremony had been initially scheduled. "Based on Governor Kemp's executive order and the recommendations from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and Department of Public Health, we have adapted our ceremony to meet certain guidelines," the high school said. Dana R. Spurlin, chief information officer at Tift County Schools, said "all graduates will be seated six feet apart on the field. Another important point is that there will be a recessional this year; at the end of the ceremony, the graduates will recess off of the field. Once the graduates have cleared the field, the audience will be dismissed through the ticket gates. No one will be allowed on the field after the ceremony." Graduates, who have already received their diplomas, will be presented a diploma cover as they walk across the stage. Each graduate will receive six admission tickets, which will be color-coded to indicate gate entry and seating location for social distancing. Guests are asked to be in their seats by 7:30 a.m. "The tickets have been randomly assigned to adequately disperse the audience through the stands," the high school noted in its graduation information. The ceremony will be live-streamed on the Tift County Schools' YouTube channel. Per CDC guidelines, masks are "recommended but not required" for graduates, the school system said. "Masks made of material presenting crude, objectionable, or inflammatory content will not be allowed."

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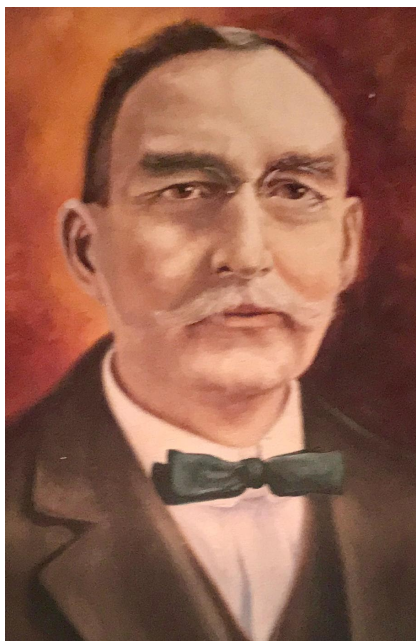
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Tifton's J.L. Herring Family Receives ABAC Legacy Award



The John Lewis Herring family from Tift County has been selected as the 2020 Family Legacy Award recipient by the ABAC Alumni Association at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The Family Legacy Award was established in 1998 to recognize families with five or more family members spanning two or more generations that have attended ABAC and made a significant contribution to the college. Herring is a former owner and editor of The Tifton Gazette and author of "Saturday Night Sketches: Stories of Old Wiregrass Georgia." Herring Hall, one of the three original buildings on the ABAC campus, is named for him. At least 18 Herring descendants attended ABAC, ranging from Lois Herring Weldon in 1935 to Levi Moore in 2016. Born Dec. 8, 1866, in Albany, Herring's family moved to Isabella in Worth County when he was a child. He began his apprenticeship in the newspaper business at 16 as the "printer's devil" in the offices of The Worth Star. Herring married Martha Susan Greene on Dec. 22, 1886. He worked in the mercantile business with his father and with small newspapers in Ty Ty and Isabella. Herring purchased The Tifton Gazette in 1896 and served as editor until his death in 1923. Her-

ring's descendants who attended ABAC include Lois Herring Weldon, 1935; Sue Herring Wetherington, 1937; James H. Moore Jr., 1948 (married Eunice Herring in 1950); James H. Moore III, 1976; John David Moore, 1986, and his wife, LaRae Moore (sons and daughter-in-law of James H. Moore Jr. and Eunice Herring Moore). James H. Moore III, currently serves on the ABAC Foundation Board of Trustees, and John David Moore received the 2014 Master Farmer Award from the ABAC Alumni Association. The children of John David Moore and LaRae Moore all attended ABAC and married ABAC alumni. They include Logan Moore, 2014, and his wife, Casey Walter Moore, 2016; Haley Moore Hughes, 2010, and her husband, Matt Hughes, 2010; and Levi Moore, 2016, and his wife, Jessica Stinson Moore, 2017. Other Herring descendants who attended ABAC include former ABAC Foundation Board member Gerald Herring Jr., who initiated the John L. Herring Endowed Scholarship at ABAC. His sons, Gerald N. Herring III, 1974, and James H. Herring, 1979, attended ABAC as did James H. Herring's daughter, Sarah Herring, 2013.

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Southwell Renaming Area Clinics Affinity Clinic Will Become Southwell Medical Clinic



Southwell health system begins its second-phase name conversion this month, renaming the system's newly designated Rural Health Clinics (RHCs). Certified by Medicare and Medicaid, an RHC is a special clinic designed to increase access to primary care services for patients in rural communities. RHC clinics undergoing a name change in June are:

Affinity Clinic – changing to Southwell Medical Clinic

Tift Community Health Center—changing to Southwell Medical Community Health Center

Sylvester Family Practice – changing to Southwell Medical Sylvester Primary Care

Ashburn Primary Care – changing to Southwell Medical Ashburn Primary Care

Nashville Primary Care – changing to Southwell Medical Nashville Primary Care

The nephrology practice will be changing its name to Southwell Nephrology and moving to 39 Kent Road, Suite 1, in Cypress Pointe Professional Park in Tifton. “Although the names of these clinics are changing, you can still expect to see the same great care and the same great people at each of these facilities,” said Southwell President & CEO Chris Dorman. “We have not been acquired, and we remain a locally operated health-care institution dedicated to providing exceptional care.” Tift Regional Health System announced Southwell as the new name for its overall system last summer.

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Know Dry Drowning Tips This Summer

It sounds scary: A child can seem fine after getting out of a pool or body of water but then start to have trouble breathing an hour -- or up to 24 hours -- later. You'll worry a whole lot less once you know the signs of submersion injuries, and how to prevent them. Chances are you've read scary warning stories about "dry drowning" or "secondary drowning" -- terms you probably never even knew existed before you became a parent -- on social media. The idea that your child could "drown" on dry land is admittedly terrifying, and makes many parents feel helpless. But these rare incidents can be prevented. Get the facts you need to help keep your kids as safe as possible in and out of the water. The terms "dry drowning" and "secondary drowning" (also called submersion injuries) are often used interchangeably -- even by some experts -- but they're actually different conditions. In dry drowning, someone takes in a small amount of water through his or her nose and/or mouth, and it causes a spasm in the airway, causing it to close up. In secondary drowning, the little bit of water gets into the lungs and causes inflammation or swelling that makes it difficult or impossible for the body to transfer oxygen to carbon dioxide and vice versa. Dry drowning usually happens soon after exiting the water, but with secondary drowning, there can be a delay of up to 24 hours before the person shows signs of distress. Both can cause trouble breathing and, in worst-case scenarios, death. Rest assured: Dry drowning and secondary drowning incidents, while incredibly scary, are rare and account for only about 1 to 2 percent of drowning incidents. There are no specific stats on how many kids die each year from these types of submersion injuries, but it's very few in reports noted. The good news is, dry drowning or secondary drowning (submersion injury) doesn't happen out of nowhere. No matter your child's age, be on the lookout for: Water rescue. Any child pulled from the pool needs medical attention at the very least, call your pediatrician. Coughing. Persistent coughing or coughing associated with increased work of breathing needs to be evaluated. Increased "work of breathing." Rapid shallow breathing, nostril flaring, or where you can see between the child's ribs or the gap above their collarbone when they breathe, means they're working harder to breathe than normal. This is a sign that you should seek medical help immediately. Sleepiness. Your kid was just excitedly playing in the pool, and now she's fatigued? It could mean not enough oxygen is getting into to her blood. Don't put her to bed until her doctor gives you the go-ahead. Forgetfulness or change in behavior. Similarly, a dip in oxygen level could cause your child to feel sick or woozy. Throwing up. Vomiting is a sign of stress from the body as a result of the inflammation and sometimes a lack of oxygen, also from persistent coughing and gagging. Any time you're concerned about your child and think he could have symptoms of dry or secondary drowning, whether you're in your backyard pool or on a beach vacation, call the pediatrician right away for advice. Your child's doctor should be able to talk you through it and might advise you to go to the ER, a primary care doctor, or a national urgent care center. But if your child is really struggling to breathe, call 911 and/or head to the emergency room right away. Necessary treatment may not be available in settings other than the ER. Treatment for submersion injury depends on the severity of the patient's symptoms. The doctor will check the child's vital signs, oxygen level, and work of breathing. Patients with more mild symptoms just need careful observation, in more serious cases, the doctor may also do a chest x-ray or give him oxygen. In cases of respiratory failure, or when a child can no longer breath on their own, extra support is needed -- such as intubating or putting the child on a ventilator -- but that's very rare. The goal will be to increase blood flow in the lungs and get the child breathing well again. Prevention is the same for dry drowning and secondary drowning as it is for any other kind of drowning: Swim lessons. Kids who are comfortable and skilled at moving around in the water are less likely to go under and take in water. Around age 4 is a good time to start. Supervision. Monitor kids closely in and around the water, and enforce pool safety rules. Water safety measures. Children should wear floatation devices on boats; pools should have four-sided fencing around them; and you should never leave standing water where a child could get into it. As long as you practice water safety, pay close attention to your kids after swimming, and get them checked out if you notice any signs of trouble breathing, you shouldn't have to constantly stress about dry drowning or secondary drowning.

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