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*Alabama's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

*Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit at Cooper Library • Month of April*

#### CHAMBER EVENTS

- 4/20 Auburn Opelika Dental Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting**  
11:15 am • 1610 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- 4/24 Business Over Breakfast with DesignAlabama**  
7:30 – 9 am • Saugahatchee Country Club
- 4/25 The Denson Group Ribbon Cutting**  
10 am • 458 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- 5/1 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Member Golf Tournament**  
8 am / 1 pm Flights • Saugahatchee Country Club  
Presenting Sponsor: **Opelika Chrysler – Jeep –Dodge - Ram**  
Eagle Sponsors: **Glynn Smith Chevrolet & MAX**

#### Business Over Breakfast with DesignAlabama

**April 24 • 7:30 – 9 am • Saugahatchee Country Club**

**Presenting Sponsor: Glynn Smith Chevrolet - Buick – GMC**

**Gold Sponsors: Baxter International • S & S Termite & Pest Control, LLC**

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DesignAlabama Director Gina Clifford will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Business Over Breakfast. This non-profit, citizen led organization seeks to raise the bar for design in our great state through education of the applied arts, promoting designers who live and work in Alabama and supporting sound design thinking to sustain our communities. They develop initiatives to bring awareness to design professions that help shape how we live and the environment around us. The cost for the event is \$20 for Chamber members / \$25 for potential members.

[Register Here](#)

#### Small Business Week: Doing Business in Opelika Workshop

**May 18 • 12 Noon • Saugahatchee Country Club**

**Sponsor: OPSONE**

In Celebration of Small Business Week, OPS One and the Opelika Chamber are hosting a workshop concerning questions you might have doing business in Opelika. Where do you go if you have questions about starting a business or expanding a business? What are the requirements for signage or moving a driveway or improving a business? Come to this workshop and find answers! Opelika City Directors will be available to answer those and more questions all in one place! For more information, call 334.745.4861. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

[Register Here](#)

### **CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT**

**Les Davis • Pharmavite • 4701 Northpark Drive • Opelika, AL 36801 • 334.705.8124 • [www.pharmavite.com](http://www.pharmavite.com)**

Les Davis has been in human resources for over 30 years and has been the Human Resource Manager for Pharmavite since the company first came to Opelika 6 years ago. He oversees all HR functions such as recruitment, staffing, benefits, compliance, etc. Les also spends a lot of his time volunteering with Trinity United Methodist Church and with the Corporate Social Responsibility program through Pharmavite, volunteering with various community partners. For over 45 years, Pharmavite has been a leader in the health and wellness industry and has earned the trust of consumers, healthcare professionals and retailers alike by offering quality vitamins, minerals and herbal supplements through their brands Nature Made® and FoodState.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

• **Three Sixty {real estate}** welcomes **Kathy Dodgen** to a swiftly growing East Alabama Office. An HSR Certified Home Stager and Re-designer, Kathy truly enjoys decorating and organizing both her own and her friends' homes. She looks forward to bringing this skill to her career in real estate by helping sellers stage their homes and helping homeowners set up their new homes.

• **Alabama Municipal Electric Authority** and its 11 Members (**Opelika is a member**) awarded 44 high school seniors \$2,500 each through the 2018 AMEA Scholarship Program for a total of \$110,000 awarded in this year's program. Those earning a scholarship from Opelika include:

• **Austin Blake Crowley • Brighton Lynn Gregory • Aesha Ajay Patel • Sara Hollis SmithT.**

• **Opelika High School** students achieve the finalist award in the **2018 First Rocket City Regional Power Up Competition in Huntsville**. OGRE, Opelika's Greatest Robotics Engineers, as they named themselves, built "Fiona" and competed against 42 other high school teams across the U.S. and one from Brazil, ultimately clinching the finalist award for overall robot alliance scoring.

• **The Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library** received the **2018 Silver Standard Award for Public Libraries**. Public libraries that receive the Silver Award serve as benchmarks for other public libraries across the state. Libraries are rated on facility, planning, administration and governance, collection, services, technology and several other categories.

• **The Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library** was selected to be one of 50 libraries across the U.S. to participate in the **2018 Public Libraries Association (PLA) Inclusive Internship Initiative**. This grant from PLA, ALA, and IMLS will fund a paid internship for a local student. Cooper Library and the community will reap huge benefits from the project the intern develops and completes.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

- **Car Tech LLC**  
*Manufacturers*
- **Greyhound Lines**  
*Transportation – Scheduled Bus*
- **APR / Dinan**  
*Manufacturers*
- **Firestone Complete Auto Care**  
*Auto – Repair, Service & Towing*

### **MEMBER NEWS**

Visit our Community Calendar at [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com) for more details.

**InLine Electric Supply Company Open House / Supply Fair**

**April 18 • 10 am – 2 pm • 1661 Shug Jordan Pkwy • Suite 502**

Stop by their showroom and “Visit InLine Electric-For All Your Electrical Needs.”

Lunch being served from 11 am – 1 pm.

**Auburn Opelika Dental Hosting Renovation Reveal Party**

**April 19 • 6 pm • 1610 Second Avenue**

Join Dr. Abigail Northcutt Adams and her staff as they celebrate their newly renovated office. Enjoy delicious food and drinks, take a behind-the-scenes tour of the office, sample their relaxation amenities, and enter to win exciting giveaways! For more information, visit [AuburnOpelikaDental.com](http://AuburnOpelikaDental.com) or call 334.745.6295.

**Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lee County Hosting: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Black Male Summit**

**April 21 • 8 am – 1:30 pm • Opelika High School OPAC**

The Summit is designed for middle and high school African American males to discuss critical issues they face. The goal is for them to come away with a greater sense of purpose, accountability and motivation and dreams of what their future holds for them as responsible young men. For more information, contact Marion Sankey, 334.663.6638. Register online at [www.dreamdayblackmalesummit.com](http://www.dreamdayblackmalesummit.com).

**Opelika Mystery Players Return to the Stage in “I Buried An Idol”**

**April 22 • Doors Open: 6:30 pm / Show Begins: 7 pm • Irish Bred Pub**

Join the kooky characters of America’s Favorite Reality TV show & find out what really goes on behind the scenes. Do people really get crazy, lose their heads, and pursue desperate measures for stardom and ratings? Could murder even be considered? Join us for a great dinner, laughs, fun and audience participation as we explore reality TV. This is a fundraiser for Opelika Theatre Company (OTC). Ticket price includes: food from Irish Bred Pub (salad, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage), tax, tip, the show. Two Thirds of ticket price is tax deductible. OTC is a 501 (c) 3 organization. For reservations, call 334.663.2593. Seating is limited.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Town Benefiting the Museum of East Alabama**

**April 24 • 6 – 8 pm • The Museum of East Alabama • 121 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street**

This delicious event will feature 17 of the area’s restaurants and caterers, along with 2 wineries and specialty coffees. From appetizers to desserts, chefs will showcase tastings of their best dishes, while a silent auction will feature a variety of items and packages. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the museum or from any board member.

**East Alabama Arts: A Gentleman’s Guide to Love & Murder**

**April 26 • 7:30 pm • OPAC**

Getting away with murder can be so much fun . . . and there's no better proof than the knock-em-dead hit show that's earned unanimous raves and won the 2014 Tony Award for Best Musical. As one most gentlemanly NPR critic put it, "I've never laughed so hard at a Broadway musical!" For more information, call 334.749.8105 or visit [www.eastalabamaarts.org/performance-series/](http://www.eastalabamaarts.org/performance-series/).

**JCSM: Celebrating the Birthday of John James Audubon**

**April 26 • Jule Collins Smith Museum • 901 S. College Street • Auburn**

April 26 is the 233<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the naturalist and artist John James Audubon. The museum is celebrating with the exhibition and companion publication, Audubon’s last *Wilderness Journey: The Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America* through May 6 and features artifacts from the Alabama Department of Archives and History. On that day, museum visitors will receive the sales price for the book of \$49.95 from the Museum Shop. For more information, visit <https://aub.ie/quads>.

**Summer Swing Concerts in the Park**

**Tuesdays, May 1 – July 31 • 7 pm • Municipal Park**

Relax on the bank of Rocky Brock Creek and enjoy a free concert every Tuesday evening all summer! Visit [www.opelika.org/opr](http://www.opelika.org/opr) for the full lineup of entertainment!

### **Noon Tunes Concert Series**

**Wednesdays, May 2 – 30 • 12 Noon • Courthouse Square**

Enjoy free concerts by the fountain every Wednesday at lunchtime.

Visit [www.opelika.org/opr](http://www.opelika.org/opr) for a full lineup of entertainment.

### **Keep Opelika Beautiful: Garden in the Park**

***Opelika's Annual Festival Showcasing Homegrown and Handmade Art***

**May 5 • 8 am – 3 pm • Municipal Park • Denson Drive**

Throughout the day, a variety of vendors, children's activities, and live entertainment will be showcased. All items sold are handmade or homegrown. Children enjoy inflatables, Rocky Brook Rocket rides, planting a tree seedling, Farmer Brown Party Animals and Home Depot building kits. Live entertainment is provided by local schools and dance groups. Delicious food is sold throughout the day. There is no charge for admissions into Garden in the Park. Food donations will be collected for the East Alabama Food Bank. Garden in the Park is a rain or shine event. We do ask that personal pets be left at home. For more information, visit [www.keepopelikabeautiful.com](http://www.keepopelikabeautiful.com).

### **Sponsorships Available for Storybook Farm's 10th Annual Kentucky Derby Dinner and Auction**

**May 5 • 4 pm • 300 Cusseta Road**

Attendees will enjoy tasty Southern cuisine from local restaurants, sip on classic Mint Juleps and bid on auction packages to support Storybook's mission of "Hope on Horseback." Individual tickets are \$85. Corporate sponsorships are still available. For reservation and sponsorship information, visit [www.hopeonhorseback.org/events/derby](http://www.hopeonhorseback.org/events/derby), call 334.444.5966 or email [dena@hopeonhorseback.org](mailto:dena@hopeonhorseback.org).

### **AU's Harbert College of Business (HCOB) Seeking Mentors for Students**

The HCOB students have shown a great interest and need for meaningful mentoring relationships as they develop professionally. In an effort to provide our students with the best opportunities to succeed, the Office of Professional and Career Development is launching the College's redesigned mentorship program—**Harbert Connects** which is supported by an online platform (People Grove) that is feature-rich, allowing for more targeted and meaningful connections, easier and more secure communication, and detailed analytics. Harbert Connects is user-friendly and easily tailored to your specific needs and availabilities. There are two mentorship relationships available, formal and informal, depending on the time you can spend with the mentee. The students and the program could not succeed without your help. Students are eager to form these professional relationships.

[Mentorship Details](#)

## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Olli at Auburn Hosting Upcoming Wisdom Wednesday Lecture Series**

**2:30 – 4 pm • Jule Collins Smith Museum • 901 S. College Street • Auburn**

OLLI at Auburn offers academic not-for-credit programs for adults aged 50 years or older. For more information contact Ileeia Cobb, 334.844.3105 or [olli@auburn.edu](mailto:olli@auburn.edu).

- **April 18 • Dr. Carol Daron :“An Examination of Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night.”**
- **April 25 • Civil Rights Attorney Julian McPhillips: “Civil Rights in My Bones.”**

### **Software Made Simple Trainings**

**9 am – 4:30 pm (EST) • 233 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 911-A • Columbus, GA**

To register, call 706.332.7372 or email [training@softwaremadesimple.net](mailto:training@softwaremadesimple.net).

- **April 19      Excel 2016 Intermediate    \$225**
- **April 26      Excel 2016 Advanced        \$225**
- **April 26      QuickBooks 2017 Level 1    \$225**

- April 27      QuickBooks 2017 Level 2 \$225

**AU Office of Professional & Continuing Education Hosting QuickBooks Class**

**May 15 ● 8 am – 5 pm ● Auburn School of Nursing ● 710 South Donahue Drive ● Auburn University**

This workshop is a one-day, two-part training course, and participants can register for one or both courses in the series. Both courses qualify attendees to earn CPE and A&A. For more information or to register: [Click QB Class](#)

- **Introduction to QuickBooks Online      8 am – 12 pm**

You will learn an overview of the software's reporting benefits and capabilities and learn to navigate and record transactions.

- **QuickBooks Online (QBO) - DeeperDive into Reporting Add-ins & Apps      1 – 5 pm**

You will be take a deeper dive into the reporting benefits and capabilities of QBO, the approved add-ins and mobile apps to expand usability. This course will review a few of the most popular QBO add-ins (Online Payments & Payroll) and Apps in more detail.

**Junior League of Lee County: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual EMPOWER Women's Leadership Institute**

**May 19 ● 9 am-1 pm ● Lowder Hall, Room 129 ● Auburn University**

Please join them to hear inspiring talks from EMPOWERed women about how to BE UNSTOPPABLE! The event will be followed by a networking lunch in the Alabama Power Room! Empower 2018 is open to all women of Lee County. The cost is \$15 for admission and lunch. Please email [empowerjllc@gmail.com](mailto:empowerjllc@gmail.com) to ask questions.

[Register Here](#)

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Taziki's Mediteranean Café Seeking Sales & Marketing Director**

They are seeking a qualified candidate to become their Sales & Marketing Director for both Auburn and Opelika. This individual will help not only brand the business, be an onsite ambassador to the community, but also increase catering and in-store sales. This person will, of course, have the greatest social skills while being able to field catering calls, attend and create events, handle social media posts, and participate in touching tables in the stores. Please send a resume to [auburn@tazikiscafe.com](mailto:auburn@tazikiscafe.com).

**Drake Martin – State Farm Seeking Account Representative**

Are you outgoing and customer-focused? Do you enjoy working with the public? If you answered yes to these questions, working for a State Farm independent contractor agent may be the career for you! State Farm agents are independent contractors that market State Farm insurance and financial services products. [Job Details](#)

**ADS Seeking Outside Sales Representative**

They are looking for highly motivated individuals who want to be part of a winning team. Sales Consultants daily responsibilities includes prospecting (self-generate), follow-up on company sales leads, presenting security products and services to businesses and homeowners, ensure proper contracts and continuous communication with sales management. Email resume to [jculberson@adssecurity.com](mailto:jculberson@adssecurity.com) or mail to: ADS Security ● 1619 Thomason Drive, Opelika, AL 36801 (No phone calls, please).

[Job Requirements & Benefits](#)

**The Hotel at AU & Dixon Conference Center Has Positions Available**

Positions open include: Conference Services Manager, Chef de Partie, and Guest Relations Coordinator. For more information, contact Kelly Giddens, [kelly.giddens@auhcc.com](mailto:kelly.giddens@auhcc.com).

**Economy Air, Heating & AC Hiring Sales / Service Technician**

For more information, call 334.524.5328 or email [economyairauburn@gmail.com](mailto:economyairauburn@gmail.com) to apply.

Qualifications:

- EPA Certified
- 3 – 5 years min. Experience

- High School Diploma or Higher
- Valid Driver's License
- Positive Attitude, Organized
- Works Well with Others

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

##### **May 2018**

- March of Dimes: March with Us ● May 12
- Two Men & A Truck Mother's Day Gift Project ● May 13
- Cooper Library: Paws to Read ● May 19
- Fresh Air Market at Chewacla State Park ● May 19 – 20

##### **June 2018**

- Touch-A-Truck ● June 2
- Burger Wars ● June 2
- Dad's League / Run-Family Games & 5K ● June 16
- Opelika Parks & Rec: Float in Movie: ● June 22

**Character Trait: Truthfulness**

##### **The Connector Policy**

Please contact Dinah Motley, [dmotley@opelikachamber.com](mailto:dmotley@opelikachamber.com) if you have an event that you would like to put on **The Connector** newsletter which is emailed to all members on Wednesday. Our policy is to run the event for 2 weeks. Deadline is noon Monday. Because of so many members getting the newsletter on their phones, the information is limited to 3 lines and an email address, website or phone number for additional information. Check out our community calendar on our website, [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com).

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