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Alabama's 200th Birthday

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

CHAMBER EVENTS

- 5/1 **19th Annual Member Golf Tournament**
 8 am / 1 pm Flights • Saughatchee Country Club
 Presenting Sponsor: **Opelika Chrysler – Jeep –Dodge - Ram**
 Eagle Sponsors: **Glynn Smith Chevrolet & MAX**
- 5/2 **Fire Station No. 1 Ribbon Cutting & Open House**
 2 pm • 604 Avenue B
- 5/7 **APR/DINAN Ribbon Cutting**
 10 am • 4800 US Hwy 280 West
- 5/18 **Small Business Workshop: Doing Business In Opelika**
 12 Noon • Saughatchee Country Club
 Sponsor: **OPSONe**

Small Business Week: Doing Business in Opelika Workshop

May 18 • 12 Noon • Saughatchee 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

Jerry Ray • Southern Insurance Consultants, Inc. • 1809 Corporate Drive • Opelika, AL 36801 • 334.749.0468

Jerry began his career in the insurance business in 1968 and opened his own agency in 1976. He is President and owner of Southern Insurance Consultants, Inc., and manages the day to day operations of the business such as estate planning, life insurance, and employee benefits. Jerry has been a member of the Opelika Kiwanis Club for 38 years and serves on the Southern States Bank Advisory Board. He loves to hunt, play golf and manage his farm. This is Jerry's second time to serve on the Opelika Chamber of Commerce Board. He also served from 1998 – 2001.

CONGRATULATIONS

• **John Emerald Distillery Received the Small Business of the Quarter Award!** They have won several awards including silver and bronze medals from the New York International Spirits Competition to gold and bronze awards from the American Distilling Institute and recently were featured in USA Today newspaper's article: "50 States / 50"

Distillers Sourcing Locally” for their *Hugh Wesley Gin*.

● **Wright’s Market** recently was awarded a **\$60,000 grant** by Governor Kay Ivey to help extend its online shopping and delivery program for Lee and Russell counties through funding provided by the “**Alabama Health Food Financing Act.**”

NEW MEMBERS

- **KBK Writing Essentials**
Business & Professional Services
- **Perfect Place Coffee**
Restaurants
- **Century 21 – Wood Real Estate**
Real Estate
- **Drive-by Tacos**
Restaurants

MEMBER NEWS

Visit our Community Calendar at www.opelikachamber.com for more details.

Pursell Farms Offering *The Sunday Weekender at The Inn*

Enjoy very special “Weekender” room rate on select Sunday and Monday nights. Select from available nights below and make it a weekender retreat to Pursell Farms. For more information or to make a reservation, call 1.877.292.3276 or visit www.pursellfarms.com.

Sunday 4/29	Sunday 6/3
Sunday 5/6	Sunday 6/10
Sunday & Monday 5/13 & 14	Sunday & Monday 6/17 & 18
Sunday & Monday 5/20 & 21	Sunday 6/24 & 25

JCSM: Celebrating the Birthday of John James Audubon

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

April 26 is the 233rd 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 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 for a full lineup of entertainment.

National Day of Prayer

May 3 ● 12 Noon ● Courthouse Square

Lee County Literacy Coalition Hosting Open House

May 3 • 2- 4-pm • 1365 Gatewood Drive #519 • Auburn

They have recently moved to this new location in Auburn and would like to invite our tutors, learners, partner organizations, and supporters within the community to see this wonderful, new space. They'll also be accepting book donations for our new lending library during our Open House, so if you have adults or children's books you'd like to donate, they would love to have them!

Southern Union Hosting Adult Education Open House

May 3 • 6 – 8 pm • Business & Technology Center • SUSCC Opelika Campus

Come to this Open House and see the many different programs that are being offered at Southern Union. This is a great opportunity to meet the directors, staff and instructors and to register for summer classes. You can also learn how to you earn your GED for free. Lots of options available! Find your career! For more information, call 334.749.8480 or visit www.suscc.edu. [Flyer](#)

Tequila Tasting Dinner at Niffer's at the Tracks

May 4 • 7 pm • Niffer's at the Tracks Private Dining Room • 917 S. Railroad

Enjoy a fun night at Niffer's at the Tracks with tequila samplings, tequila – themed games and prizes throughout the evening! Purchase tickets at www.niffersplace.com/tequila. [Flyer](#)

- Introducing their newly designed tequila drink menu featuring samplings of fan favorites including:
1800, Hornito's Black Barrel and Suaza Anjeo! Also introducing, Good People's newest Lager:
Muchacho Mexican Lager
- Musical Entertainment: Dallas Dorsey
- Fully-catered meal featuring a "Prima Fajita Bar" with steak, chicken and pork carnitas.
- Games with door prizes including gift cards (\$25-\$50) from downtown merchants including
Almost Anything • Southern Crossing • Coveted Closet and Envy Salon

Keep Opelika Beautiful: 13th Annual 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. Items for sale will include handmade jewelry, bags, paintings, bird feeders, personalized items, children's clothing, and pottery. Children will be able to participate in activities such as inflatables, Rocky Brook Rocket rides, making a bird feeder, planting flowers and building kits. Farmer Brown's Petting Zoo will have a camel, donkey, kangaroo, tortoise and more for children to enjoy. Don't miss an introduction to the animals at 12:45pm. The Lee County Master Gardeners and Saugahatchee Bee Keepers Association will also be displaying their exhibits. Live entertainment will be provided by Jeter and Carver Singers, West Forest Singers, Southview Singers and Northside Singers. Also on stage will be Opelika High School Impressions, Opelika Middle School Sensations, Make Your Move and Opelika Theatre Group. Food vendors will be selling BBQ, hotdogs, fish, cakes, pies, smoothies, and more. There is no charge for admissions into Garden in the Park. Garden in the Park is a rain or shine event. Please leave all pets at home. For more information, visit www.keepopelikabeautiful.com.

March of Dimes: March for Babies

May 12 • Registration 8 am / March Begins 9 am • Opelika Municipal Park

More than 380,000 babies are born prematurely in the U.S. each year. Too many babies start their life in the NICU, unable to breathe on their own. When a society supports every family, the future is brighter for us all. And when communities work together, even the toughest problems can be solved. For more information or to register for the march, visit www.marchforbabies.org.

Two Men and Truck: Movers for Mom

Join Two Men and a Truck in giving special Mother's Day helping hand to moms who are living in shelters and are victim of domestic violence or homelessness. Donations encouraged include soaps, hair styling products, robes, slippers, pillows, etc. Donations should be dropped off on or before Mother's Day at Two Men and Truck Monday

– Friday 8 am – 5 pm or Saturday 7:30 – 11:30 am. Contact Katie if your business would like to be a drop-off location, Katie.enzor@twomen.com.

Mother's Day Brunch at the Marriott

May 13 • Marriott at Grand National

Give mom a delicious treat and yourself too this Mother's Day by making reservations at the newly renovated Lakeview Room at the Marriott at Grand National! They have a wide variety from chilled, hot and dessert selections that will please every taste palate. To reserve your spot, call 334.737.2187 or find them on OpenTable to make a reservation. [Full Menu](#)

Trinity United Methodist & CarePoint Offer Free Community CPR Training

May 15 • 6:30 pm • Trinity United Methodist Church • 800 Second Avenue

Come to this training and learn how to use an AED as you watch a live demonstration. This is a family-friendly event and supervised children are welcome and encouraged. Seating is limited, so reserve your seats today by visiting www.communitycpr.us. Learn:

- What causes Sudden Cardiac Arrest?
- How do I know if someone needs CPR and an AED?
- What is an AED?
- How can I help someone who is choking?

Auburn Opelika Tourism Sponsoring The Fresh Air Market

May 19 & 20 • Chewacla State Park

The Fresh Air market is a new event to add to your calendar! Shop from a variety of talented artisans and local businesses, enjoy music from live bands, buy lunch from your favorite food vendors, demo outdoor equipment, take part in a rubber ducky race or simply enjoy the beauty of nature! All at this new fun event! All of the proceeds from this event help abused, abandoned and neglected girls from the Auburn-Opelika communities. Local organizations have come together to organize this event to help better the community and provide a fantastic day with your family. For more information, visit <http://auburnfam.com/about.html>.

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.

- **April 25 • Civil Rights Attorney Julian McPhillips: "Civil Rights in My Bones."**

Software Made Simple Trainings

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

To register, call 706.332.7372 or email training@softwaremadesimple.net.

- **April 26 Excel 2016 Advanced \$225**
- **April 26 QuickBooks 2017 Level 1 \$225**
- **April 27 QuickBooks 2017 Level 2 \$225**
- **May 1 Excel 2016 Basics \$225**
- **May 8 Excel 2016 Intermediate \$225**
- **May 22 Excel 2016 Advanced \$225**
- **May 24 QuickBooks Level 1 \$225**
- **May 25 QuickBooks Level 2 \$225**

Cooper Library Hosting Paws to Read - A Story Time for all Ages & Species

May 19 • 10 am • 200 S. 6th Street

Bring your favorite four-legged friend to Story Time at Opelika Dog Park at Floral Park for a fun time reading!

For more information, call 334. 705.5380.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Health Care Job Fair at Goodwill Career Center

April 26 • 10 am – 12 pm (CST) • 3740 Pepperell Pkwy

Positions Available: Care Givers • Technicians • Phlebotomists • RNs • LPNs

Businesses: Home Instead • EAMC • Summer Village • ReCare HomeCare • GRIFOLS

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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 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.

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