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**July 11, 2018**



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## CHAMBER NEWS

- 7/17 Opelika Town Auto Ribbon Cutting**  
11 am • 1419 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- 7/26 Business Over Breakfast with Alabama Retail Association**  
7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club
- 7/30 Lee County Schools Educator's Breakfast**  
8 am • Lee County Board of Education  
Platinum Sponsor: **Chicken Salad Chick**  
Gold Sponsors: **BBVA Compass & Metro City Bank**
- 7/31 Which Wich Ribbon Cutting**  
10 am • 2105 Interstate Drive

### Informational Meeting on Trip to Iceland Rescheduled

**August 27 • 5:30 pm • Opelika Chamber**

Come hear all the details about this fantastic 7 day trip! Jack from Collette will be here to answer all your questions. [Trip Details](#)

### Chamber Membership Mailer

**Deadline: July 17 / Email to Chamber Members: July 20**

Got a terrific sale or service going on? Want to reach over 1300 emails with your message? Send Dinah your flyer in a pdf format and your logo in a jpeg and you will be included in the Membership Mailer that will go out to all the Opelika Chamber members! The cost is \$50. Big bang for your buck! For more information, email [dmotley@opelikachamber.com](mailto:dmotley@opelikachamber.com) or call 334.745.4861.

### Business Over Breakfast with Alabama Retail Association Representative

**July 26 • 7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club**

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

**Gold Sponsors: Baxter International • S & S Termite & Pest Control • MAX  
OA News • Huntingdon College • OPSOne**

Melissa Warnke from Alabama Retail Association (ARA) will be the guest speaker for the upcoming Business Over Breakfast. She'll talk about the Shop Alabama campaign and focus on "The Power of LOCAL. The ARA represents 4,200 members statewide ranging from small, family owned retail stores to large national chains. Their primary objective is to lobby on behalf of retailers at the local, state and national levels of government. The association continually monitors legislative activity and represents retailers on such issues as workers' compensation regulation, worthless check fees, tax reform and business license reform. The cost is \$20 for Chamber members / \$25 or potential members. [Register Here](#)

### **Chamber Accepting Small Business of the Quarter Nominations**

**Presenting Sponsor: OPSOne**

If you have a Small Business that you would like to honor because of their hospitality, great customer service or generosity, please nominate them for the Small Business of the Quarter! They will be recognized at the upcoming Business Over Breakfast on July 26. Deadline for nominations is July 13. [Nomination Form & Guidelines](#)

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

● **Synergy HomeCare of East Alabama** is the first home care agency in the area to earn their Dementia Care Specialist Certification. They were recognized by the Alabama Department of Senior Services, Central Alabama Aging Consortium and Dementia Friendly Alabama.

### **Welcome NEW MEMBERS**

- **Jay & Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University**  
*Entertainment*
- **Waller Electric**  
*Electrical Contractors*
- **Opelika Town Automotive**  
*Auto-Repair, Service & Towing*

### **MEMBER NEWS**

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

#### **O Grows Farmers Market**

**Every Tuesday ● 3 – 6 pm ● 1103 Glenn Street**

For more information, call 334.750.2215.

#### **United Way Annual “Stuff the Bus”**

**July 2 – July 31**

Every year the United Way of Lee County gathers school supplies to benefit the children of Auburn, Lee and Opelika School systems that are in need. Please help them by picking up supplies and placing them at bins in various locations through the month of July. The Opelika Chamber is a Stuff the Bus Site. For more information, contact Chandler, 334.745.5540 or [chandler@unitedwayoffleecounty.com](mailto:chandler@unitedwayoffleecounty.com).

#### **Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau Announces AO Photo Contest**

**Now Through September 3 ● [www.aotourism.com/photo-contest](http://www.aotourism.com/photo-contest)**

Professional and amateur photographers of all skill levels are welcome to submit up to three photos taken in Auburn or Opelika. One talented winner will be selected to win a \$500 gift card to Cameragraphics or the Auburn-Opelika business of their choice. Photos will be judged on four aspects: originality, creativity, overall artistic appeal and local emphasis. Photo content can focus on, but is not limited to, landscapes, architecture, activities, portraits and wildlife. To enter, visit [www.aotourism.com/photo-contest](http://www.aotourism.com/photo-contest) and submit your photo. There is no entry fee. The contest is open to all photographers, amateur or professional. You do not have to live in the area to participate. There is no time frame on the photo submissions; as long as the photo was taken in the area, it doesn't matter when it was taken. Bring on the snow photos! Note: Submitted photos might be used in future marketing materials. We will give full credit to the artist, but please leave off the watermarks. For more information, questions or concerns, contact Cat Bobo at [cat@aotourism.com](mailto:cat@aotourism.com).

#### **Proposed PY2018 Action Plan - City of Opelika**

**Now Through July 24 ● 4 pm ● Public Works**

A Public Hearing to introduce the proposed PY2018 Action Plan will be on July 9th at 4:00 pm at the Public Works Facility in the Planning Chamber. At that time, the proposed PY2018 Action Plan will be available for those

interested to review, ask questions, and make comments. The public comment period will end on July 24th at 4:00 pm. Comments may be forwarded to the Community Development Department either by mail or email.

[Plan](#)

**Opelika Parks & Rec's Summer Swing Concert Series**

July 17 • Fedoras • 7 pm • Municipal Park

**BigHouse Upcoming Events / News**

211 Samford Avenue • 334.363.2634 • [www.ourbighouse.org](http://www.ourbighouse.org)

• **Back to School Bash**

This year the goal is to match all children in foster care, adopted siblings, and biological siblings with a sponsor. In order to do this, they need your help! If you wish to sponsor a child (or family) by shopping for their school supplies or monetarily sponsoring their list, please use [this link](#) to sign up. If you would like to sponsor more than one child, or have any questions about being a sponsor, please email [bighouse@ourbighouse.org](mailto:bighouse@ourbighouse.org).

**Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday**

July 20 – July 22

Alabama's 13<sup>th</sup> annual sales tax holiday for school-related items gives shoppers the opportunity to purchase certain school supplies, computers, books and clothing free of the state's four percent sales or use tax. Opelika and Lee County are participating in the 2018 holiday event. Click on the link below to see the list of items.

<https://revenue.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/STHolidayQuickRefSheet18.pdf>

**Spicer's Music Exploratory Music Camp & Rock Band Camp**

July 23 – 27 • 10 am – 12 Noon • 2140 E. University Drive, Suite 5 • Auburn

Their experienced staff will provide an introduction to guitar, ukulele, drums, bass keyboard and vocals. After choosing their favorite instrument, the campers will begin working on basic musical skills as they learn to play a carefully chosen rock song with positive lyrics. Together with other young musicians, they will practice their skills all week in a creative, supportive and energetic environment. On the last day of camp, the campers will perform their song on stage in front of family and friends. Music education has fantastic benefits for young children, including increased language skills, social skills, and cognitive functioning. Rock Band Camp Jr. focuses on encouraging the love of music as it lays a solid foundation for future musical skills. For more information, call 334.329.7529.

**Granger Thagard: The Sylacauga 515 Land Rush Auction**

July 26 • 1 pm • Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce • 17 W. Fort Williams Street • Sylacauga, AL

This family – owned acreage has been held through several generations. Decisions have been made to change the ownership. The savvy investor sees the future use of the property as its close proximity is to both of the Sylacauga major corridors of U.S. Highway 231 and 280. Come prepared to bid and buy. See flyer for all the details. For more information, visit [www.gtauctions.com](http://www.gtauctions.com) or call 205.326.0833. [Flyer](#)

**Upcoming Events at the Bottling Plant Event Center**

614 North Railroad Avenue • 334.705.5466 • [www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com](http://www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com)

- July 28 7 – 10 pm The David Lee Show – The Ultimate Elvis
- August 17 8 pm Velcro Pygmies
- August 24 7 – 10 pm James Gregory “The Funniest Man in America”  
Opening Comedian: Jody Fuller “The Stuttering Comic”
- November 29 6 – 9 pm Christmas Market  
(11/29 -12/1) November 30 - 9 am – 5 pm & December 1 - 9am – 2 pm

**Auburn University Internship and Part Time Job Fair**

August 29 • 10 am - 1 pm • AU Student Center Ballroom

The event is **FREE** for employers. If your business is interested in hiring Auburn students visit: [https://app.joinhandshake.com/career\\_fairs/5329/employer\\_preview](https://app.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/5329/employer_preview) . For questions contact, Ayshia Calloway, [greenay@auburn.edu](mailto:greenay@auburn.edu) or 334.844.3862. Registration is filling up fast reserve your spot today!

### **Region 5's – Annual Career Discovery Expo Set for September**

#### ***Helping Students Find their Career Path***

#### **September 13 & 14 • Southern Union • Opelika Campus**

The Career Discovery Expo is an industry-led initiative that targets 8<sup>th</sup> graders in 13 counties! How many students know what they want to be when they grow up? This Expo helps students make wise decisions about their future and helps them understand the value of education in preparing for careers that will lead to economic prosperity. Students will learn about occupations, educational requirements, and average salaries from 11 career clusters. If you would like to be in the Expo or a sponsor of this great event, please contact Rod Cater, [rcater@southernco.com](mailto:rcater@southernco.com). [Sponsorship Information](#)

### **Pursell Farms Offering “The Best Adventure in Alabama”**

#### **386 Talladega Springs Road • Sylacauga, AL • [www.pursellfarms.com](http://www.pursellfarms.com)**

This package starting at just \$232 per person plus tax includes one room in the Inn, the UTV MTN. experience, a round of 100 Shot Sporting Clays and a boxed lunch. Two exhilarating adventures plus lodging for one grate rate! Add more activities to enhance your stay! [Flyer](#)

## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Project Uplift at Auburn University Hosting Summer Training Sessions**

No registration is required and only one session is needed. Training will be held in Cary Hall 158. For more information, call 344.844.4430 or visit, [www.auburn.edu/projectuplift](http://www.auburn.edu/projectuplift), [@auprojectuplift](https://www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift),

- July 15                      3 – 7 pm

### **Software Made Simple Offering Crystal Reports Level I Class**

**July 26 – 27 or August 23 - August 24 • 9 am - 4:30 pm • Columbus**

**Seminar - Instructor Led • \$ 795 per person**

To register, call 706.332.7372 or 706.320.3990 or email [training@softwaremadesimple.net](mailto:training@softwaremadesimple.net).

[Course Content](#)

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Point University Seeking Communications Director**

Point University is a private liberal arts institution that educates their students within a Christian worldview so they are equipped to take their faith into the market place and all of life while achieving their professional goals. The Communications Director serves as the University's chief communications officer and is responsible for overseeing all marketing, branding, brand management and communication services for the University.

[Job Details](#)

### **Lee County Literacy Coalition Seeking Executive Director**

The LCLC is a volunteer, non-profit, United Way agency dedicated to providing free, one-to-one tutoring to their residents. For more information, call 334.444.2002 or to send a resume, email [betsy@leecountyliteracy.org](mailto:betsy@leecountyliteracy.org).

[Job Details](#)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **August 2018**

- NerdTorch Café Ribbon Cutting • August 7

- Tax Seminar ● August 15
- Young Leader Orientation ● August 26

#### September 2018

- Career Discovery Expo ● September 13 & 14
- National Bank of Commerce Business After Hours ● September 18
- First Responders Breakfast ● September 28

Character Trait: **Honor**

#### 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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