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CHAMBER NEWS

- 7/9 Iceland Informational Trip Meeting**
5:30 pm • Opelika Chamber
- 7/11 New Members / Connections Breakfast**
8 am • Taziki's Mediterranean Café • 2119 Interstate Drive, Suite C4
- 7/26 Business Over Breakfast with Alabama Retail Association**
7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club

[Visit Iceland's Magical Northern Lights in March 2019 – Almost Sold out!](#)

The Lights will be dimming soon – This Year is Last Chance to See the Lights for Years

Informational Meeting • July 9 • 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. This trip includes 10 Meals, Round Trip Air from Hartsfield Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, and Hotel Transfers! Limited spots.

Highlights: Reyjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, Vik, Glacial Lagoon, Skatafell National Park and so much more!

[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 or call 334.745.4861.

[Business Over Breakfast with Alabama Retail Association Representative](#)

July 26 • 7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club

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," which is a challenge to local business owners to harness and make their businesses and their community a stronger, more vibrant place. 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

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.

MEMBER NEWS

Visit our Community Calendar at 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.

Opelika Parks & Recreation: 66th Annual Freedom Celebration

July 3 ● Opelika High School ● 334.745.5560

- 6:30 pm Celebration begins with inflatable games, hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn, activities for the whole family and entertainment by Route 66
- 7:30 pm Silver Wings
- Dark Ultimate Fireworks Show

Proposed PY2018 Action Plan

July 9 ● 4 pm – 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 10 ● Martha's Trouble ● 7 pm ● Municipal Park

*Note: July 3 – No Concert

BigHouse Upcoming Events / News

211 Samford Avenue ● 334.363.2634 ● 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.

Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday

July 20 – July 22

Alabama's 13th 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 or call 205.326.0833. [Flyer](#)

Upcoming Events at the Bottling Plant Event Center

614 North Railroad Avenue • 334.705.5466 • 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

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 8th 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. [Sponsorship Information](#)

Pursell Farms Offering “The Best Adventure in Alabama”

386 Talladega Springs Road • Sylacauga, AL • 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

OLLI at Auburn Hosts Brown Bag Lecture Series

July 10 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts Humanities Pebble Hill

Guest Speaker Stacie Money with the Lee County Literacy Coalition will provide a presentation entitled “*Real Life Literacy and Our Community.*” This discussion centers on the issue of illiteracy and how it affects those in our community as a whole and what we can do to make a difference. For more information, call 334.844.3105 or email olli@auburn.edu.

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, [@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.

[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.

[Job Details](#)

SAVE THE DATE

July 2018

- Lee County Schools Educator's Breakfast ● July 30

Character Trait: **Honor**

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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