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CHAMBER EVENTS

- 6/19 **Southeast Mortgage, Inc. Ribbon Cutting**
4:30 pm • 2701 Frederick Road, Suite 103
- 6/21 **River Bank & Trust Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 2394 E. University Drive • Auburn
- 6/26 **AMEA – OPS Project Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 600 Fox Run Parkway
- 6/28 **First Responders Exhibit at Museum of East Alabama Ribbon Cutting**
4 pm • 121 S. 9th Street

77th Annual Meeting ---SOLD OUT

June 20 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • The Bottling Plant Event Center

Presenting Sponsors: **Opelika Ford • Chrysler • Dodge • Jeep**

Gold Sponsors: **Baxter International • Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home & Crematory
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Who will be the winners this year for the *Spirit of Opelika*, the *Distinguished Citizen* or the many other awards? Please join us as we celebrate **YOU** – the amazing members of the Opelika Chamber.

CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Brandon Morgan • KBK Writing Essentials • 404.390.0336 • www.kbkwritingessentials.com/

A native of Dadeville, AL, Brandon Morgan is an alumnus of Auburn University and The University of Denver. He is the current Director of Marketing/Senior Consultant for KBK Writing Essentials, a consulting firm that focuses on career services (resume and cover letter writing), with additional services in communication and educational reorganization. As the director of marketing, he leads the development of marketing events, publications and public communications that enhance the awareness of the services provided by the firm. Brandon is also an adjunct speech communication instructor for Southern Union State Community College. He is honored to be an alumnus of Leadership Lee County and Opelika's TOP 20 under 40. Brandon currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Opelika Rotary Club, the Community Foundation of East Alabama, and the 20 Under 40 Leadership Program. In his spare time, he enjoys participating in and attending performing arts events, bingeing on the television, community service through his fraternity (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.) and spending time with friends and family.

CONGRATULATIONS

• **John Emerald Distilling Company Continues to Make National Headlines!**

They were featured by writer Elaine Glusacin in "The National Magazine" Amtrak's onboard magazine, in an article entitled "It's Not Scotch, It's American Single Malt". They are mentioned with prominent US craft distilleries as leaders in developing a new style of American Whiskey. When they started John Emerald they made a decision to

make a single malt whiskey rather than Bourbon, even though they knew single malt would be a tougher sell. But seems being on the forefront of a new style of whiskey might just be paying off. So Opelika is now one of the homes of the new whiskey style, “American Single Malt” or maybe we should say “Alabama Single Malt”. Check it out at <http://www.amtrakthenational.com/its-not-scotch-its-american-single-malt>

MEMBER NEWS

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

United Way of Lee County’s Annual Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive

This initiative assists families struggling to provide the necessary supplies to start school. If your business or organization would be willing to run an employee school supply drive or host a donation drop-off site, please contact Chandler Barrett at chandler@unitedwayofleecounty.com or 334.745.5540.

Free Summer Meal Program

Sponsored by USDA and Opelika City Schools, this program is for all individuals up to 18 years old, regardless of where you reside. Please call Nancy Olaveson, CNP Director for more information, 334.745.9700. [MENU](#)

Monday – Friday through July 20 • 11 am – 1 pm (Closed July 2 – July 6)

Carver Primary School: 307 Carver Avenue (Please use backdoor entrance to the dining area)

Jeter Primary School: 700 Jeter Avenue (Please use front entrance at the far right end, then right into the dining area)

Opelika Parks & Rec’s Concert Series

• Summer Swing • June 19 • Conner Lorre, Neil Diamond & Friends Show • 7 pm • Municipal Park

O Grows Farmers Market

Every Tuesday • 3 – 6 pm • 1103 Glenn Street

For more information, call 334.750.2215.

Emma Jane Designs Event Benefiting March of Dimes

June 14 • 5 – 7 pm • 337 East Magnolia Avenue • Auburn

Looking for a gift for that special someone or a treat for yourself? Come shop with EJD on June 14 and they will donate a portion of all proceeds to the March of Dimes, who fights radically to improve the health care for moms and babies. For more information, email Linda, lgross@marchofdimes.org or call 334.513.7381. [Flyer](#)

Pursell Farms Offering a Special Weekend at the Inn

Friday & Saturday, June 15 & 16

Enjoy a wonderful weekend for only \$229 plus tax and fees at Pursell Farms! Enhance your stay with a round of golf, a signature Spring House Spa treatment or a round on the Orvis 12 Station Sporting Clay Course! Pursell Farms is also pet friendly! [Click Here for Details](#)

Float in Movie at SportsPlex

June 22 • 7 pm • Opelika SportsPlex

Bring your float and your family to the SportsPlex pool to enjoy a movie as you float around! This event is free for SportsPlex members and the cost is \$5 for SportsPlex guests. For more information, call 334.705.5560.

Tennis & Pickleball Camp at the Marriott at Grand National

June 25 -28 or July 23-26 • 8 -11:30 am • 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail

The Marriott is hosting a four day camp at the Tennis Complex. Camp includes tennis instruction, pickleball instruction, group play, water breaks, break-time on the Frisbee Golf Course and Basketball Court. For more information or to sign up, email Amanda Watt, Amanda.watt@marriottgrandnational.com. The cost is \$120 for four day camp. Drop in rate for one day of play is \$35. [Flyer](#)

Family Day at Bandy Park Rescheduled

June 30 • 11:30 am Ribbon Cutting / Family Day Afterwards • 214 Jeter Avenue

Celebrate the present upgrades of Bandy Park with a rededication and ribbon cutting at this Family Day event. All churches, families, social clubs, and graduating classes are invited to RSVP a space for a tent. For more information, call 334.444.5869 or email tiffanygpitts@gmail.com.

Basketball Games • Community Slide • Live Entertainment

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Cooper Library Summer Reading Options –Are You Up for it?

- **Summer Reading Challenge 2018 • June 4 – July 27: Read 30 minutes a day, 5 days per week**
- **Extreme Reads Challenge 2018 • June 1 – July 31: Read 1 hour every day**

For more information or to sign up, [Click Here](#).

Better Business Bureau Seminar

June 21 • 4:30 – 5:30 pm • Goodwill Career Center

For more information, visit www.goodwillsr.org.

- **10 Things to Know When Hiring a Contractor**
- **Code of Advertising**
- **Dispute Resolution**
- **Fighting Fraud 101**
- **Phone Scams**
- **Scams Against Seniors**
- **Schemes Against Businesses**

Lee County Literacy Coalition to Host Workshops

EAMC Education Center • 2027 Pepperell Parkway • tina@leecountyliteracy.org • 334.705.0001

• **Financial Literacy Workshop** This financial workshop will be in two sessions and is offered three different dates for your convenience. Learn how to track your spending, how to create a budget and so much more.

June 25 & 26 • 5 – 7 pm / July 25 & 26 • 10 am – 12 Noon / August 13 & 14 • 5 – 7 pm

• **TAG (Tutoring, ASVAB and GED)** 5:30 – 7:30 pm every Wednesday evening for those who need assistance preparing for the GED or improving an ASVAB score.

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, www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift, [@auprojectuplift](https://twitter.com/auprojectuplift).

- **June 26 4 – 8 pm**
- **July 15 3 – 7 pm**

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](#)

Goodwill Career Center Job Fairs

334.275.4815 • 3740 Pepperell Parkway • www.goodwillsr.org

- **June 14** **Multi-Industry Positions** **10 am – 12 Noon**
[Flyer](#)

Auburn University Internship and Part Time Job Fair

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

Registration is open now! 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 . For questions contact, Ayshia Calloway, greenay@auburn.edu or 334.844.3862.

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](#)

Gigi's Cupcakes Seeking a Baker

Must be available Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings from 6 to 11 am or 12 pm. This is a not just a summer job as this would be continued through the fall and spring. Please apply to: ana@gigisauburn.com. Hours are roughly 20 per week.

Homelink Realty Hiring Administrative Assistant

HomeLink Realty is now hiring an administrative assistant. For more information, email carrie@thehomelink.com.

B&B Bartending Is Now Hiring

B&B Bartending is hiring a Marketing Account Manager for their AmPro promotional marketing division. The Account Manager will act as a point of contact for the company's clients. To succeed in this position, candidates should have exceptional communication, computer, and problem-solving skills, and should be resourceful, analytical, adaptable and organized. The candidate should also have the ability to build rapport with contractors and clients. Please visit http://auburnchamber.com/job_listings for details.

SAVE THE DATE

June 2018

- Opelika Parks & Rec: Float in Movie: ● June 22
- LC Literacy Hosting Financial Workshops ● June 25 & 26

July 2018

- Freedom Celebration ● July 3
- New Members Breakfast ● July 11
- Spa 180 Wellness Business After Hours ● July 12
- Business Over Breakfast with Alabama Retail Assoc. ● July 26
- Lee County Schools Educator's Breakfast ● July 30

Character Trait: Resourcefulness

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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