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**JUNE 20, 2018**



## CHAMBER EVENTS

- 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. 9<sup>th</sup> Street
- 7/11 **New Members / Connections Breakfast**  
8 am • Takizi’s Mediterranean Café • 2119 Interstate Drive, Suite C4
- 7/12 **180 Wellness Spa Business After Hours**  
5 – 7 pm • 824 Avenue A, #201

### Leadership Lee County Taking Applications for 2018-2019 Class

#### **Applications Must be Postmarked on or before July 2, 2018**

Leadership Lee County is a program sponsored by the Auburn and Opelika Chambers of Commerce. It seeks out, honors, educates, challenges, and develops a select group of Lee County citizens who have the potential to provide the leadership needed to solve problems of community and statewide significance. Participants are selected on the basis of ability, demonstrated interest in the community, and potential for responsible and effective leadership. For more information, visit [www.leadershipleeconomy.org](http://www.leadershipleeconomy.org).  
[Application](#)

### 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 Year!*

#### **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, Thinkvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, Vik, Glacial Lagoon, Skatafell National Park and so much more!**

## CONGRATULATIONS

- **Sydney Gootee Joins 360 Management as Director of First Impressions.**
- **The TownePlace Suites Auburn** has been officially recognized by Marriott, earning multiple prestigious awards for the McNeill Hotel Company property. **General Manager Emily White** has earned **Marriott’s Diamond GM of the Year Award for 2017** and staff member **Mary Munday** has earned **Marriott’s Service Team Member of the Year Award for 2017**. In addition, TownePlace Suites Auburn earned the Chairman’s Award, Platinum Circle Award,

Maintenance and Upkeep Award and the Overall Satisfaction Award.

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

They were featured by writer Elaine Glusac 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>.

**CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT**

**John W. Story** ● **S & S Termite & Pest Control, LLC** ● **Pesty Critters Wildlife Control, LLC** ● **1406 Fitzpatrick Avenue** ● **334.745.0666** ● [www.sandstermite.com](http://www.sandstermite.com) ● John was introduced to the industry as a student attending Auburn University working in the afternoons and during summer breaks. He later purchased the company and after several years, sold it to a large national pest company. The next 25 years were spend working with eh Alabama Department of Public Health as Director of the Emergency Medical Services Division. In 1998, he decided to start a new pest control company and S&S Termite and Pest Control was born with one truck and no customers. Consequently, S&S has grown into a premiere pest control company serving East Alabama and West Georgia. As Owner/President, John oversees the operations of the company to assure that they continue to deliver the best served as past president and board member of Opelika Main Street, current and past board member and president of the Opelika Rotary Club and present member and incoming treasurer of the Opelika Chamber of Commerce. When he can, he enjoys boating and spending time on Lake Martin and Orange Beach, Alabama.

**MEMBER NEWS**

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

**Donations Being Accepted for Opelika Neighborhood Mobile Wellness Clinic**  
**Getting Opelika on the Road to Good Health**

The City of Opelika is a community that cares about its citizens. With top quality education, recreational opportunities and state-of-the-art healthcare, our city ranks near the top of Alabama communities. However, not everyone in our area is enjoying the quality of life that we all cherish. Because of this, the City of Opelika is developing the Opelika Neighborhood Mobile Wellness Clinic to help the under-served. The traveling clinic will provide free medical services to the under-served such as primary and preventative healthcare; routine and chronic illness screenings; promote disease prevention; and build relationships to better learn what is needed in our neighborhoods. To do this, we need to convert the donated bus into a mobile wellness clinic. You can donate today to help us make this a reality. <https://eamcfoundation8686.thankyou4caring.org/opelika-neig...>

**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](mailto: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)*

### **O Grows Farmers Market**

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

For more information, call 334.750.2215.

### **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](mailto:Amanda.watt@marriottgrandnational.com). The cost is \$120 for four day camp. Drop in rate for one day of play is \$35. [Flyer](#)

### **Opelika Parks & Rec's Concert Series**

**• Summer Swing • June 26 • Muse • 7 pm • Municipal Park**

### **Opelika City Schools Board of Education Meeting**

**June 26 • 4 pm • 300 Simmons Street**

A work session with an instructional presentation from Opelika Learning Center will immediately follow the board meeting.

### **Opelika Theatre Company Presents Neil Simon's Hit Comedy "THE ODD COUPLE"**

**June 28 • 7 pm / June 29 • 2 pm & 7 pm • Southside Center for the Arts • 1103 Glenn Street**

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Go online to [www.opelikatheatrecompany.com](http://www.opelikatheatrecompany.com) to pre-order tickets or call 334.663.2593 for more information. Opelika Theatre Company is a member of the American Association of Community Theatres (AACT), Opelika Chamber of Commerce, Auburn Chamber of Commerce, and Opelika Mainstreet, and supports OHS, AHS, Auburn University, and Auburn Area Community Theatre. Come and support OTC and help us to continue to grow and keep Theatre alive in our community.

**Don't miss this hilarious presentation starring :**

**Wesley Knox** as Oscar Madison • **Garrett Bell** as Felix Ungar • **Sheriff Jay Jones** as Vinnie • **Ernie Golden** as Murray the Cop • **Dr. John Roberts** as Roy • **Kevin Caldwell** as Speed • **Cathy Mayhugh** as Cecily Pigeon • **Amanda Baker** as Gwendolyn Pigeon

### **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](mailto:tiffanygpitts@gmail.com).

**Basketball Games • Community Slide • Live Entertainment**

### **Lee County Night at the Columbus Civic Center: Columbus Lions vs Massachusetts Pirates**

**June 30 • 7 pm (EST) • Columbus Civic Center • Columbus, GA**

See the Columbus Lions in action at this thrilling, high-scoring arena football event for Lee County businesses and organizations. The Lions feature former Auburn QB Jeremy Johnson and LB Greg Hall, Jr. Have fun with "Leo the Lion," Lady Lions and the Jr. Lady Lions Dance Teams. The Lions have a 107 – 49 won-lost record with 3 league championships! Visit [www.columbuslions.net](http://www.columbuslions.net) or call 706.332.3336 or more information or to get tickets!

[Lions Flyer / Ticket Information](#)

### **Welcome and Befriend International Students with AFF Program**

Auburn Family Friends (AFF) is a cross-cultural program coordinated by the AU Graduate School that connects members of the Auburn/Opelika community with international graduate students and scholars attending Auburn University. AFF is currently recruiting local community members to become “Family Friends” to newly arriving students in early August. To apply or learn more information visit <http://foiauburn.org/>.

### **Opelika Parks & Recreation: 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Celebration**

July 3 • Opelika High School • 334.745.5560 • [www.opelika.org/opr](http://www.opelika.org/opr)

- 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

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.auburn.edu/projectuplift), [www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift](https://www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift), [@auprojectuplift](https://www.instagram.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](http://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](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.

#### **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](#)

#### **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](mailto:ana@gigisauburn.com). Hours are roughly 20 per week.

#### **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](http://auburnchamber.com/job_listings) for details.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

##### **July 2018**

- 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](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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