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March 21, 2018

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CHAMBER EVENTS

- 3/26 Azalea and Dogwood Trail Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • Corner of 2nd Avenue & 8th Street (across from Trinity UMC)
- 4/3 Iceland Trip Informational Meeting**
12 Noon or 5:30 pm • Chamber
- 4/11 New Members / Connections Breakfast**
8 am • Taziki's Mediterranean Café • 2119 Interstate Drive, Suite C4
- 4/12 Business After Hours at Storybook Farms**
5 – 7 pm • 300 Cusseta Road
- 4/16 Legislative Reception**
5 – 7 pm • AU Regional Airport
- 4/24 Business Over Breakfast with DesignAlabama**
7:30 – 9 am • Saughatchee Country Club

Chamber Members

Please let us know what year your business opened for our records. Please email coc@opelikachamber.com.

Chamber Taking 20 Under 40 Applications for 2018-2019

Presenting Sponsor: Opelika City Council

Platinum Sponsor: Baxter International • Opelika Industrial Development Authority

Gold Sponsors: Chicken Salad Chick • MAX • The Opelika Rotary Club

The “20 Under 40” program, under the direction of the Opelika Chamber of Commerce, is looking for 20 outstanding people under the age of 40 who live in Opelika, love Opelika and have a vested interest in shaping the direction of this city’s future. You will be encouraged to think outside the box and you will be challenged to think of ways to make our city better and improve the quality of life. For more information, call 334.745.4861 or visit www.opelikachamber.com. Deadline to Register is March 31, 2018.

[Application](#) [Employer Letter](#) [Scholarship Application](#)

Iceland Trip Informational Meeting

April 3 • 12 Noon or 5:30 pm • Opelika Chamber

Trip Date: March 16 – 22

Highlights: Reykjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, Vik, Eyjafjallajokull Volcano Visitor Center, Skogar Folk Museum, Skogafoss, Jokulsarlon, Glacial Lagoon, Skaftafell National Park, Vatnajokull Glacier, Blue Lagoon

Chamber Accepting Small Business of the Quarter Nominations

Honor a business that has really gone above and beyond to help you by nominating them for the Small Business of the Quarter. Deadline for applications is April 6. [Nomination Form](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Opelika Middle School** has been chosen to receive the **2017 Safe School Initiative Award** of Excellence! This is the 2nd year in a row that OMS has received this honor. On April 3, Attorney General Steven T. Marshall will present the award to the school.
- **Laura Sellers** was named to **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices' Honor Society** for her exemplary performance in closed residential GCI, commercial GCI or closed residential units in 2017.
- **Comfort Keepers Celebrating 10th Anniversary in Opelika!**

CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Chris Jane • Comfort Keepers • 119 A South 8th Street, Opelika • 334.749.8461

www.comfortkeepers.com • Chris and Brenda Jane launched Comfort Keepers in 2008 and just recently celebrated 10 years serving the East Alabama region. Comfort Keepers is a leading provider of non-medical, in-home care for senior citizens. They provide seniors with top-rate in home services including dementia care, Alzheimer's care, incontinence care, transportation, housekeeping, end of life care, respite care, and more. In Chris' spare time, he is very involved in his church, leading Small Groups while Brenda leads a Women's group in their home. They also have 10 awesome grandchildren who joyously occupy much of their time!

NEW MEMBERS

- **AGS Distribution, Inc.**
Logistics
- **Auburn - Opelika Dental**
Dentists – General
- **Steve Alberts - Century 21 – Koullas Realty**
Real Estate Agents
- **Golden State Foods**
Distributors, Manufacturing
- **Irish Bred Pub**
Restaurants
- **The Harbor at Opelika**
Assisted Living Community
- **Landscape Workshop**
Landscaping / Lawn Service

MEMBER NEWS

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

Upcoming Events at the Bottling Plant Event Center

For more information, call 334.705.5466 or visit www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com.

- **Wine Down Wednesdays** Every Wednesday - ½ Price House Wine 5 pm
- **March 24** East Alabama Home & Garden Show 9 am – 1 pm

United Way of Lee County Bunny Box Fundraiser

United Way of Lee County is partnering with Gigi's Cupcakes to raise funds for our 28 partner agencies and programs. Each Bunny Box is \$15 with \$5 being donated to United Way of Lee County.

All orders are due Thursday, March 22nd. You may call United Way of Lee County to order also, 334.745.5540

Dad's League "Family Man" Locker Room Sessions

March 22 • 6 – 8 pm • 510 S. 7th Street

Father and father figures from all over the community can now attend these Locker Room Sessions, which are meant to provide an environment primarily for non-custodial fathers to discuss some of the issues facing them, connect with others and local resources to assist with some of the difficulties that

fathers face today. To register for the session, visit dleagueconnects.org/jtc. For more information, call Antione Harvis, 334.749.8400, ext. 235.

CarePoint Resources Offers First Aid CPR Training Opportunities

For more information, call 877.242.2527 or visit www.mycarept.com.

- March 22 • 6:30 pm • Free Community CPR AED Training • Collaboration Station
- March 29 • 4:30 pm • First Aid CPR Certification Class • Auburn Chamber

CharterBank Hosting BBQ Lunch to Benefit BigHouse Foundation and New Hope Rescue

March 23 • 10 am – 2 pm • Charter Bank • 701 2nd Avenue

Drop by CharterBank for a delicious BBQ lunch. There will be a bouncy house all day and snow cones from 2 – 5 pm. Donations will be accepted, plus onsite pet adoptions with Jody Fuller and his dog, Tin Man. For more information, visit www.charterbank.net

KOB Hosts Opelika Recycle & Shred Day at Jeter Recycle Center

March 24 • 8 – 11 am • 675 Jeter Avenue

All shredding will be done on sight. Paper clips and staples do not have to be taken out but paper will need to be removed from binders. There is a 10-box limit for shredding. Other items accepted daily at the Jeter Recycle Center include electronics, aluminum cans, appliances, cardboard, glass (brown, clean & green), newspaper, plastic, scrap iron, steel cans, tires, used cooking oil and yard debris. For more information, call 334.749.4970 or email Tipi, tipi@keepopelikabeautiful.com.

The Opelika-Auburn News Hosting The East Alabama Home & Garden Show

March 24 • 9 am – 1 pm • Bottling Plant Event Center

Presented by The Home Depot, the show's admission is only one canned good or a \$1 donation to Newspapers in Education. Please join us for a day of fun featuring vendors who are looking to help you complete your indoor & outdoor home projects. While you're there, enter to win great door prizes from sponsors & vendors! For more information, please contact Sheila Haydel at the Opelika-Auburn News, 334.737.2538 or shaydel@oanow.com.

Niffers at the Tracks Donating Portion to OHS Project Graduation

March 26 • 917 S. Railroad

Niffers will donate a portion of their proceeds for the evening to Opelika High School's Project Graduation. Plan to go by and have a great dinner and support Project Graduation at the same time. All you have to do is sign the bottom of your receipt and leave it with them. For more information, call 334.787.5989.

Granger Thagard's Upcoming Commercial Real Estate Auctions

For more information, call Jack Granger, CAI, 873, 205.326.0833 or visit www.gtauctions.com.

- March 28 • 1pm • Exit #282 • Warrior, AL [Flyer](#)
- April 5 • 1 pm • 3453 Sierra Drive, Hoover, AL [Flyer](#)

Opelika Parks & Recreation Easter Events

For more information, call 334.705 5560.

- Flashlight Egg Hunt • March 29 • 7:30 pm • Moore Stadium (3rd – 5th grade) [Flyer](#)
- Underwater Egg Hunt • March 30 • 6 – 8 pm • Sportsplex (6 – 10 years old) [Flyer](#)
- Easter on the Square • March 31 • Courthouse Square (2nd grade and Under) [Flyer](#)
 - 10 – 10:45 am Easter Egg-Tivities
 - 10:40 am Easter Bonnet Contest
 - 10:45 am The Ultimate Parade
 - 11 am Super Spectacular Egg Hunt

Paint On The Patio At Ariccia Trattoria

March 29 • 5:30 – 7 pm

Join Lauren Duncan from THE locAL market at A•T Ariccia Trattoria for a series of Easter-themed

paintings. Individuals will be guided through a cross and church. The class is \$50 per person and includes the class, materials, two Easter paintings to take home and one glass of wine. [Purchase tickets](#)

Easter Brunch at the Marriott at Grand National

April 1 • 11 am – 3 pm • 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a delicious Easter lunch at the Marriott. Make your reservations by calling 334.737.2187. [Menu](#)

Easter Brunch at Ariccia Trattoria

April 1 • 10:30 am – 2 pm • The Hotel at Auburn University • 241 S. College Street • Auburn

The brunch buffet features an omelet station, artisan cheeses, Mrs. Annie's fried chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, creamed corn, a mac & cheese bar and a carving station with a steamship round. There will also be a Kids Corner and an appearance by the Easter Bunny. The cost is \$45 for adults; \$19 for children 6 – 12 years old and free for children under 5. To reserve your spot, call 334.844.5140.

Celebrate Easter at Pursell Farms

April 1 • 2200 Farmlinks Blvd. • Sylacauga, AL

Celebrate and enjoy Easter with your family at the Farm! There are two options: Easter Brunch or an Easter Package Stay. For more information, call 256.208.7600 or click on [Pursell Farm Easter](#).

Kindergarten / First Grade Registration at Opelika City Schools

April 2, 3 & 4 • 8 am – 3 pm • Primary Schools

To be enrolled in kindergarten in August, a child must have their 5th birthday no later than September 2 of the year entering school. To be enrolled in 1st grade, a child must have their 6th birthday no later than December 31 of the year entering school. All children must live within the city limits of Opelika and within the school zone in which they are registering. Parents unable to register during these hours on these days should call the school office to set up an appointment for after-hours registration.

What to Bring with You: Birth Certificate • Certificate of Immunization • Child's Social Security Card • Proof of Residency • Picture ID of Parent / Guardian

Schools: Carver Primary • 307 Carver Avenue • 745.9712

Jeter Primary • 700 Jeter Avenue • 745.9723

Southview Primary • 2712 Marvyn Parkway • 745.9711

Board of Education • 745.9700

OLLI at Auburn Spring Term 2018

April 2

OLLI offers academic not for credit programs for adults aged 50 years or older through program sites at Auburn University, AUM in Montgomery, Alabama, and the Chambers County Public Library in Valley, Alabama. OLLI a program of the Office of the Vice President for University Outreach at Auburn University. For more information regarding this program, contact Ileeia A. Cobb, Ph.D., OLLI Director, at 334.844.3105, olli@auburn.edu, or visit the website at www.olliatauburn.org.

Alabama Launchpad Finale Event

April 4 • 4 – 8 pm • ALFA Pavilion – Ag Heritage Park • Auburn University

This event is to support start-up companies at a "Shark Tank" style event where each company will pitch their idea to compete for a share of \$100,000. Open to the public, the admission to this event is \$10 which includes: networking, panel discussion, startup competition, live music, great food and drinks. For more information or to register, [click here](#).

Red Clay Brewing Company Anniversary Celebration

April 6 • 6 pm • 704 N. Railroad Avenue

Join Red Clay in celebrating their 3rd anniversary! There will be live music from Daniel Webster and the Devil, Leroy Gold, Dogwood Lung, Beagles, West Chewacla Section Rhythm. Call 334.737.5409 for more information.

Hudson Family Foundation Concert

April 6 • 6-10 pm • Campus Green at Auburn University

The event features Brothers Osborne, an Auburn pep rally and Blane Rudd. Pit tickets are \$30. Sponsorships are still available. For additional information, please contact Jenny Hall at 334.707.9007 or info@hudsonfamilyfoundation.com.

SUSCC Hosting 3rd Annual Simply Spring Luncheon, Fashion Show, & Marketplace

Vendors for Market & Table Sponsorships available

April 10 • 10 am – 2 pm • SUSCC – Opelika Campus • Southern Room

This fun event is a fundraiser for the Foundation Scholarship Program. For vendor or table information or to buy a ticket, please call 334.745.6437, ext. 5352. [Flyer](#)

10 am – 2 pm Marketplace
12 pm Luncheon and Fashion Show

Opelika Historic Preservation Society: “All Aboard” Grand Slam

April 12 • 7 pm • The Bottling Plant Event Center

Only 300 tickets will be sold! Come join the fun and maybe win \$10,000! Tickets can be purchased from Opelika Historical Preservation Society board members.

Sponsorships Available for the 13th Annual Mayors Ball

Guest Speaker: NFL Hall of Famer Andre Reed

April 19 • The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center • Auburn

The Mayors Ball is a joint fundraiser between Mayor Fuller & Mayor Ham to raise funds that contribute to the daily operating expenses of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County. If you would like to sponsor this event, visit www.bgcleeco.org/mayors-ball or call 334.502.1311.

- **Table Sponsor of 10 with VIP Tickets \$2,500**
- **Table Sponsor of 10 \$ 2000**
- **Individual VIP Ticket \$ 150**
- **Individual Ticket \$ 100**

Alabama Rural Ministry’s Cycle of Service Registration is Underway

April 20 – 22 • Across Alabama or Local Gyms

Cyclists can ride across Alabama or join local gyms including Opelika Sportsplex and Aquatics Center for a 245 mile spin competition. For information, visit www.cycleofservice.arm-al.org

Unity Stampede 5K /1 Mile Fun Walk/ Wheel Event Has Sponsorships Available

April 28 • Opelika Sportsplex

Envision Opelika & Southern Union are teaming up again for this unique community event with an even greater mission: to strengthen relationships among citizens of all cultures in our community. For more information, contact:

Amy Rogers arogers@suscc.edu 745.6437, ext. 5530	Barbara Patton bhpatton@myops.net 745.4861	Tom Tippet thtippet@juno.com 524.9148
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Spicer’s Music 12th Annual Summer Music Camps

For more information and online registration, visit www.spicersmusic.com.

Each camp is designed to build musical skills and encourage the love of music in a fun and positive environment. [Camp Details](#)

- **Camp Kazoo Ages 3 to 5**
- **Rock Camp Jr. Ages 6 to 7**
- **Rock Camp Ages 8 – 11**
- **Rock Camp Pro Ages 12 - 18**

EAMC Foundation’s Christmas Ball Benefiting the Cancer Center of East Alabama

November 29

There are several sponsorship levels available for the upcoming Christmas Ball. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity! For more information, call 334.528.5923, visit <http://www.eamcfoundation.org> or

email Mimi, mimi.martin@eamc.org.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

GED for Free at Southern Union

Take the official GED Practice test FREE. If you pass, take the GED Test FREE (\$144 value). Call Southern Union Adult Education Department for details, 334.749.8480 and ask about *See 4 Free*.

Walk in times: **Opelika Campus: Wednesdays, 8 am – 2 pm (CST)**
Valley Campus: Mondays, 8 am – 2 pm (EST)
Wadley Campus: Wednesday, 3 -8 pm (CST)

Upcoming Events at the Cooper Library

Lewis Cooper Memorial Library • 200 S. 6th Street

For more information or to register, call 334.705.5380 or visit www.cooperlibrary.com

- **Full STEAM Ahead • March 19 -23 • 1:30 pm daily**
Join Library staff for a full week of exciting STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) events
- **Tuesdays @ Two Director's Program Series • March 27 • 2 pm • Of Goats & Governors**
- **Library Week • April 8 – 14**
Special events all week long
- **Library: Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit • Month of April**

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 5 Excel 2016 Basic \$225**
- **April 19 Excel 2016 Intermediate \$225**
- **April 26 Excel 2016 Advanced \$225**
- **April 26 QuickBooks 2017 Level 1 \$225**
- **April 27 QuickBooks 2017 Level 2 \$225**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Fritz Clinic Seeking Patient Coordinator

Send resume to Barry, barry@fritzclinic.com. [Job Description](#)

- Must have excellent written and oral communication skills
- Must possess telephone etiquette and customer service skills
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and other basic computer programs
- Previous Office Administration, receptionist or experience in a medical office setting preferred

Goodwill Career Center Events

334.275.4815 • 3740 Pepperell Parkway • www.gwisc.org

- **March 23 Health Fair – Free Health Resources**
- **March 28 GED Orientation**
- **March 29 Advantage Solutions Job Fair**
- **April 3 Time & Stress Management**
- **April 17 Career Spotlight: Healthcare**

Drake Martin – State Farm Seeking Account Representative

Are you outgoing and customer-focused? Do you enjoy working with the public? If you answered yes to these questions, working for a State Farm independent contractor agent may be the career for you! State

Farm agents are independent contractors that market State Farm insurance and financial services products. [Job Details](#)

ADS Seeking Outside Sales Representative

They are looking for highly motivated individuals who want to be part of a winning team. Sales Consultants daily responsibilities includes prospecting (self-generate), follow-up on company sales leads, presenting security products and services to businesses and homeowners, ensure proper contracts and continuous communication with sales management. Email resume to rgarrido@adssecurity.com or mail to: ADS Security • 1619 Thomason Drive, Opelika, AL 36801 (No phone calls, please).

[Job Requirements & Benefits](#)

The Hotel at AU & Dixon Conference Center Has Positions Available

Positions open include: Conference Services Manager, Chef de Partie, and Guest Relations Coordinator. For more information, contact Kelly Giddens, kelly.giddens@auhcc.com.

Home Instead Senior Care Hiring Training & Engagement Coordinator

The coordinator is expected to meet the needs of the CAREGivers, develop and maintain a workplace culture and organize and execute the training programs. For more information, contact Bridget Sager, 334.321.1050 or bridget.sager@homeinstead.com. [Job Details](#)

Economy Air, Heating & AC Hiring Sales / Service Technician

For more information, call 334.524.5328 or email economyairauburn@gmail.com to apply.

Qualifications:

- EPA Certified
- 3 – 5 years min. Experience
- High School Diploma or Higher
- Valid Driver's License
- Positive Attitude, Organized
- Works Well with Others

SAVE THE DATE

April 2018

- **Main Street: On the Tracks** • April 20
- **Boys & Girls Clubs: Black Male Summit** • April 21
- **Sensigreen Foundation Golf Classic and Silent Auction** • April 23
- **Business Over Breakfast** • April 24
- **Museum of East Alabama: 6th Annual Taste of the Town** • April 24
- **EAA: A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder** • April 26

May 2018

- **19th Annual Member Golf Tournament** • May 1
- **Summer Swing Concerts in the Park** • May 1 – July 31
- **Noon Tunes Concert Series** • May 2 – 30
- **Two Men & A Truck Mother's Day Gift Project** • May 13

Character Trait: Sincerity

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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