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CHAMBER EVENTS

- 5/18 **Small Business Workshop: Doing Business In Opelika**
12 Noon • Saughatchee Country Club
Sponsor: **OPSONe**
- 5/24 **Thompson Tractor Ribbon Cutting**
2:30 • 508 Columbus Parkway
- 5/26 **Bandy Park Ribbon Cutting**
11:30 am • 214 Jeter Avenue
- 5/29 **Opelika Fitness Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 2115 2nd Avenue

Small Business Week: Doing Business in Opelika Workshop

May 18 • 12 Noon • Saughatchee Country Club

Sponsor: **OPSONe**

In Celebration of Small Business Week, OPS One and the Opelika Chamber are hosting a workshop concerning questions you might have doing business in Opelika. Come to this workshop and find answers! Opelika City Directors will be available to answer those and more questions all in one place! For more information, call 334.745.4861. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. [Register Here](#)

Questions About:

- Starting a Business
- Expanding a Business
- Signage Requirements
- Inspections
- Improving a Building
- Moving a Driveway
- A Business Downtown
- Outdoor Events / Sales
- Business, Alcohol & Other Licenses

CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Bill Trant • Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home & Crematory • 1500 Frederick Road • Opelika, AL 36801 • 334.749.8700 • www.jeffcoattrant.com • At the ripe old age of 13 in Opp, Alabama, Bill got his start in the funeral business. As the President of Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home & Crematory, which opened in 1988, Bill oversees funeral directing and embalming. Bill is the past president of the Opelika Rotary Club and is now serving as the Rotary District Governor of 6880, the southern part of Alabama. He also was awarded the Paul Fellows award from Rotary. He has also held office and served on many other boards including the State Board of Funeral Service, Keep Opelika Beautiful, Boys and Girls Clubs, Opelika Chamber of Commerce, and Camp ASCCA. In his very little spare time, Bill enjoys walking and playing golf.

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Opelika's Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams Placed 1st Over all at District Meet.**

More than 300 competitors representing eight cities met to qualify for the ARPA State Track and Field Meet.

Opelika's Girls and Boys Teams both finished in 1st, with 25 athletes qualifying to compete at the State Meet. Opelika's **Ava Thomas** and **Kamari Jones** took home the titles of Female Co-Athlete of the Week and Opelika's **Justin Patterson** and **Braedon Dowdell** took home the titles of Male Co-Athlete of the Week.

- The East Alabama office of **Three Sixty {real estate}** welcomes Jeff Ingram to a quickly expanding East Alabama office. Jeff Ingram's greatest satisfaction is when he sees his clients happy because of something he has done to help them. He looks forward to helping clients find new homes and to building long-lasting relationships.

- **Opelika Middle School Wins 2017 Safe School Initiative Award Of Excellence**

Attorney General Steve Marshall presented Opelika Middle School for the second year in a row with the **Attorney General's Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for Alabama State Board of Education District 2**. Schools were selected as winners for 2017 from seven Alabama State School Board of Education districts, as well as private schools for three regions of the state.

MEMBER NEWS

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

Aletheia Digital Offering a Chamber Member a Chance to Win a \$3,000 Targeted Display Campaign

Contest ends May 31 • Register: <https://www.aletheiadigital.com/contest>

Win \$1,000 per month for three months from Aletheia Digital. They'll design and implement the ad to reach your target audience. There's no catch here except you have to register for a chance to win. That's it! They believe in digital marketing so much that they're willing to spend their money to show one lucky winner that it works. Hurry up and register though because the contest ends May 31!

Opelika Parks & Rec's Concert Series

- Noon Tunes • May 16 • Martha's Trouble • 12 Noon • Courthouse Square
- Summer Swing • May 22 • Kidd Blue • 7 pm • Municipal Park

Opelika City Schools Upcoming Events

- OHS Spring Football Game at Troy University • May 19
- OHS Baccalaureate • May 20 • 8:30 • OPAC
- Board of Education Meeting • May 22 • 4:15 pm • Jeter Primary School
- OHS Graduation • May 25 • 7 pm • Bulldog Stadium

East Alabama Mental Health Hosting: Be the Light Races

May 19 • Ogletree Village • Auburn

These races will bring awareness to mental health in our area and benefit East Alabama Mental Health.

Registration ends May 17. For information or to register, [click here](#).

- 5K 8:30 – 11 am \$20 Fee plus \$2.50 Sign-up Fee
- 1 Mile Run 8 - 11 am \$10 Fee plus \$2.00 Sign-up Fee

Junior League of Lee County Hosting 2nd Annual Empower Leadership Institute

May 19 • 9 am – 12 pm • AU Harbert of College of Business, Room 129

This event is open to all women of Lee County. Admission is \$15 per person and includes the cost of lunch. To purchase tickets or for more information, email empowerjllc@gmail.com.

Lee County Master Gardeners of Alabama Bi-Annual Garden Tour

May 19 • 9 am - 5 pm & May 20 • 12 - 5 pm

The Master Gardeners Program educates volunteers in science-based gardening and landscape practices and

Helps them effectively extend research-based information to the public as Master Gardeners. Buy your tickets now to see fabulous gardens in Lee County. Advance Tickets: \$30 / Day of Tour: \$35 / Advance Group of 10 or more: \$28. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.leemg.org/upcoming-2018-tour.html>.

Auburn Opelika Tourism Sponsoring The Fresh Air Market

May 19 & 20 • Chewacla State Park

The Fresh Air market is a new event to add to your calendar! Shop from a variety of talented artisans and local businesses, enjoy music from live bands, buy lunch from your favorite food vendors, demo outdoor equipment, take part in a rubber ducky race or simply enjoy the beauty of nature! All at this new fun event! All of the proceeds from this event help abused, abandoned and neglected girls from the Auburn-Opelika communities. Local organizations have come together to organize this event to help better the community and provide a fantastic day with your family. For more information, visit <http://auburnfam.com/about.html>.

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).

- **May 21** 4 – 8 pm
- **June 10** 3 – 7 pm
- **June 26** 4 – 8 pm
- **July 15** 3 – 7 pm

O Grows Farmers Market

Every Tuesday • 3 – 6 pm • 1103 Glenn Street

For more information, call 334.750.2215.

The Achievement Center – Easter Seals Open House

May 22 • 10 – 11:30 am CST • 510 W. Thomason Circle

Tour the Achievement Center and enjoy refreshments in the Cafeteria. For more information, call 334.745.3501. For more information about The Achievement Center, visit achievement-center.org.

Thompson Tractor Hosting Grand Opening Celebration of Thompson Cat Rental Store

May 24 • 3 – 6 pm • 508 Columbus Parkway

Drop by and see this fabulous new building and enjoy dinner, drinks, music and lots of door prizes! The first 50 people to RSVP will be entered to win an additional door prize! [RSVP HERE](#)

Door prizes include:

- **Toro 30" Walk Behind Mower**
- **Echol Straight Shaft Trimmer**
- **Echo Backpack Blower**
- **Echo Pro Attachment Series**
Includes Powerhead, Trimmer & Edger Attachments
- **Cat 2000W Generator**
- **Rental of Cat 303.5 Mini Escavator for 1 week**
(does not include hauling)
- **Rental of Cat 259D for 1 week**
(does not include hauling)

Gallery Reception Featuring Work by Perry Austin at Chirpwood

May 24 • 5 – 8 pm • 405 S. 10th Street

Enjoy some wine and refreshments when you stop by Chirpwood, LLC and meet Perry Austin. Learn more about his truly beautiful, award-winning oil paintings. For more information, call 844.692.4477.

Family Day at Bandy Park

May 26 • 11:30 am • 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 inviting to RSVP a space for a tent. For more information, call 334.444.5869 or email tiffanygpitts@gmail.com [Flyer](#)

Farm City - Auburn University - Lambert-Powell Meats Laboratory & Chicken Salad Chick Tour

May 30 • 9 am • AU Lambert-Powell Meats Laboratory • 500 Shug Jordan Parkway • Auburn

The group will meet at the AU Lambert-Powell Meats Laboratory for a tour. Then head to Chicken Salad Chick on Opelika Road by 11 am to eat lunch on your own. After lunch, the group will go to the Chicken Salad Chick Test Kitchen on Dean Road for a tour. Pictures will be taken at both places. Please register by calling Lee County Extension Office, 334.749.3353 or email vyv0001@auburn.edu by May 23rd. They will need to know how many, and which tour, if not both, you will be making on the 30th.

BigHouse News: May is Foster Care Awareness Month

211 Samford Avenue • 334.363.2634 • www.ourbighouse.org

Over 5,000 children are in foster care in the state of Alabama. Here are some ways you can help this month and this summer at BigHouse.

- **Yard Sale • June 2 • 7 am – 1 pm** Now accepting donations. Help them “fill the Pod” with great items to raise money for BigHouse programs. Volunteers are needed to help organize ahead of time of during the sale.
- **Send a Kid to Camp • June 25 – 29** Want to sponsor a child at camp? Any gift is appreciated. Only \$214 will cover the cost of camp for one child. Donate through their website.
- **Back to School 2018** They anticipate needing 75-100 sponsors to help shop for a child in foster care’s school supplies or monetarily sponsor their list.

Opelika Main Street’s Annual Touch-a-Truck

June 2 • 9 am - 12 Noon • Downtown Opelika

Vehicles of all types will line the street of downtown Opelika at this fun family event. Kids of all ages can come and explore military vehicles, race cars, dump trucks, and more. Admission is free, and visitors are encouraged to touch and go inside the vehicles. Auburn University’s mascot, Aubie, will even be there to hang out and take pictures.

Opelika Rotary’s Burger Wars

June 2 • 11 am – 2 pm • North Railroad Avenue • Downtown Opelika

Everyone loves a burger –even very different burgers! Come to the 4th Annual Burger Wars and find your favorite burger! This year there are more grillers than ever before. Great burgers, live music, games and so much fun! Aubie will make a special appearance again this year. Both the Opelika and Auburn Fire Departments will compete again in the BIG BITE CHALLENGE. Tasting tickets are \$2 each and sold at the event. If you would like to be a griller, the deadline is May 30. [Details](#)

Free Vein Screening At Varicosity Vein Center

June 8 • 195 E. Glenn Avenue • Auburn

Dr. Duane Randleman of Varicosity Vein Center will host a free vein screening. Call 334.647.1811 to schedule an appointment.

Dad’s League / I Run

June 16 • 8 am – 12 pm • Opelika High School • 1700 Lafayette Parkway

Families can team up to participate in the 5K Run and afterward come inside to participate in the NBA All-Star themed, skills challenge activities. [Register Here](#) or call 334.749.8400 for more information.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Cooper Library Hosting Paws to Read - A Story Time for all Ages & Species

May 19 • 10 am • 200 S. 6th Street

Bring your favorite four-legged friend to Story Time at Opelika Dog Park at Floral Park for a fun time reading!
For more information, call 334.705.5380.

Control Your Money Financial Literacy Workshop

May 21 & May 22 • 5:30 – 7:30 pm • EAMC Education Center • 2027 Pepperell Parkway

This two-session workshop over two days covers basic financial information such as how to track spending, how to budget, and more. For more information, call Tina, 334.705.0001 or visit <http://www.leecountyliteracy.org>.

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.

- **May 22** **Excel 2016 Advanced** **\$225**
- **May 24** **QuickBooks Level 1** **\$225**
- **May 25** **QuickBooks Level 2** **\$225**

City of Opelika Memorial Day Services

May 28 • 10 am • City Hall • 204 South 7 Street

Guest Speaker: Jamie Popwell (Flags for Vets)

Reception following at Museum of East Alabama at 11 am, 121 South 9th Street.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Goodwill Career Center Seeking Manager

The Career Center Manager provides operational direction and leadership to the given Career Center of Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers (GoodwillSR). He or she advances relationships and partnerships with local businesses and community agencies to identify potential employment opportunities for people using the services we provide. He or she promotes and participates in career fairs; researches and identifies employment trends; and demonstrates skills and abilities to coordinate and collaborate with an engaged and diverse community and population. The Career Center Manager promotes open communication with the Career Center staff regarding employment opportunities in the community, and coaches and develops the talents of each Career Center team member to encourage optimum professional development. [Complete Job Details & Application](#)

Food Service Job Fair at Goodwill Career Center

May 24 • 9 am – 12 Noon • 3740 Pepperell Parkway

This Job Fair is for Hardees. For more information, call 334.275.4816 or visit www.goodwillsr.org.

SAVE THE DATE

June 2018

- 77th Annual Meeting ● June 20
- Opelika Parks & Rec: Float in Movie: ● June 22

Character Trait: **Obedience**

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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