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**CHAMBER EVENTS**

- 5/2 **Fire Station No. 1 Ribbon Cutting & Open House**  
2 pm • 604 Avenue B
- 5/7 **APR/DINAN Ribbon Cutting**  
10 am • 4800 US Hwy 280 West
- 5/18 **Small Business Workshop: Doing Business In Opelika**  
12 Noon • Saughatchee Country Club  
Sponsor: **OPSONe**

**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. Where do you go if you have questions about starting a business or expanding a business? What are the requirements for signage or moving a driveway or improving a business? 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](#)

**CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT**

**Bill Loosier • Edward Jones Investments • 1437 Fox Run Parkway • Opelika, AL 36801 • 334.745.3219 • www.edwardjones.com** • Bill has been a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments for over 10 years. He helps people accumulate, grow, and distribute their wealth for retirement. Bill can help you prepare for the future: wealth management, retirement & college savings, stocks & bonds, business solutions, annuities and insurance, etc. His number one hobby is spending time with his family. He also enjoys playing music in a cover band around town with his best friend (and is quite good!).

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Opelika Power Services** has earned a **Reliable Public Power Provider (RP<sub>3</sub>)**® designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service. The RP<sub>3</sub> designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. Opelika Power Services joins more than 240 of the nation’s 2000 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP<sub>3</sub> designation. Those represented are recognized nationally as providers of the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.

**Thanks to the following sponsors for fantastic 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Member Golf Tournament!**

**Presenting Sponsor Opelika Ford-Jeep-Dodge-Ram**

Eagle sponsors: **Glynn Smith Chevrolet & Max**  
Lunch Sponsor: **Longhorn Steakhouse**

	<u>Morning Winners</u>	<u>Afternoon Winners</u>
Low Gross	Premier Services	Cook's Pest Control
2 <sup>nd</sup> Low Net	S & S Termite & Pest Control	Southern States Bank
1 <sup>st</sup> Low Net	ESG	Hudmon Construction
Closest to Pin (#13)	Barry McClain	Bob Petty
Closest to Pin (#4)	Earle Hudson	Jerry Ray
Longest Drive (#17)	PJ Simmons	Chad Scott
Straightest Drive (#17)	PJ Simmons	Mitch Pugh
Poker Run	Verge Pipe Media	Hudmon Construction

### MEMBER NEWS

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

#### Pursell Farms Offering The Sunday Weekender at The Inn

Enjoy very special "Weekender" room rate on select Sunday and Monday nights below and make it a weekender retreat to Pursell Farms. For more information or to make a reservation, call 1.877.292.3276 or visit [www.pursellfarms.com](http://www.pursellfarms.com).

Sunday 4/29	Sunday 6/3
Sunday 5/6	Sunday 6/10
Sunday & Monday 5/13 & 14	Sunday & Monday 6/17 & 18
Sunday & Monday 5/20 & 21	Sunday 6/24 & 25

#### Noon Tunes Concert Series

**Wednesdays, May 2 – 30 • 12 Noon • Courthouse Square**  
Enjoy free concerts by the fountain every Wednesday at lunchtime.  
Visit [www.opelika.org/opr](http://www.opelika.org/opr) for a full lineup of entertainment.

#### National Day of Prayer

**May 3 • 12 Noon • Courthouse Square**

#### Lee County Literacy Coalition Hosting Open House

**May 3 • 2- 4-pm • 1365 Gatewood Drive #519 • Auburn**

They have recently moved to this new location in Auburn and would like to invite our tutors, learners, partner organizations, and supporters within the community to see this wonderful, new space. They'll also be accepting book donations for our new lending library during our Open House, so if you have adults or children's books you'd like to donate, they would love to have them!

#### Southern Union Hosting Adult Education Open House

**May 3 • 6 – 8 pm • Business & Technology Center • SUSCC Opelika Campus**

Come to this Open House and see the many different programs that are being offered at Southern Union. This is a great opportunity to meet the directors, staff and instructors and to register for summer classes. You can also learn how to you earn your GED for free. Lots of options available! Find your career! For more information, call 334.749.8480 or visit [www.suscc.edu](http://www.suscc.edu). [Flyer](#)

#### Tequila Tasting Dinner at Niffer's at the Tracks

**May 4 • 7 pm • Niffer's at the Tracks Private Dining Room • 917 S. Railroad**

Enjoy a fun night at Niffer's at the Tracks with tequila samplings, tequila – themed games and prizes throughout the evening! Purchase tickets at [www.niffersplace.com/tequila](http://www.niffersplace.com/tequila).

- Introducing their newly designed tequila drink menu featuring samplings of fan favorites including: 1800, Hornito's Black Barrel and Suaza Anjeo! Also introducing, Good People's newest Lager: Muchacho Mexican Lager
- Musical Entertainment: Dallas Dorsey
- Fully-catered meal featuring a "Prima Fajita Bar" with steak, chicken and pork carnitas.
- Games with door prizes including gift cards (\$25-\$50) from downtown merchants including Almost Anything ● Southern Crossing ● Coveted Closet and Envy Salon

### **Keep Opelika Beautiful: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden in the Park**

#### ***Opelika's Annual Festival Showcasing Homegrown and Handmade Art***

**May 5 ● 8 am – 3 pm ● Municipal Park ● Denson Drive**

Throughout the day, a variety of vendors, children's activities, and live entertainment will be showcased. Items for sale will include handmade jewelry, bags, paintings, bird feeders, personalized items, children's clothing, and pottery. Children will be able to participate in activities such as inflatables, Rocky Brook Rocket rides, making a bird feeder, planting flowers and building kits. Farmer Brown's Petting Zoo will have a camel, donkey, kangaroo, tortoise and more for children to enjoy. Don't miss an introduction to the animals at 12:45pm. The Lee County Master Gardeners and Saugahatchee Bee Keepers Association will also be displaying their exhibits. Live entertainment will be provided by Jeter and Carver Singers, West Forest Singers, Southview Singers and Northside Singers. Also on stage will be Opelika High School Impressions, Opelika Middle School Sensations, Make Your Move and Opelika Theatre Group. Food vendors will be selling BBQ, hotdogs, fish, cakes, pies, smoothies, and more. There is no charge for admissions into Garden in the Park. Garden in the Park is a rain or shine event. Please leave all pets at home. For more information, visit [www.keepopelikabeautiful.com](http://www.keepopelikabeautiful.com).

### **Door Prize Opportunity for Garden in the Park**

**May 2 – 4 pm ● Opelika Municipal Park**

A great way to support Keep Opelika Beautiful's Garden in the Park is by donating a prize for the raffle drawing. Raffle tickets are \$2 each and funds are used to support community environmental program like outdoor classrooms in Opelika Schools. For more information or to donate a raffle prize, contact Tipi Miller at [tipi@keepopelikabeautiful.com](mailto:tipi@keepopelikabeautiful.com) or 334.749.4970.

### **March of Dimes: March for Babies**

**May 12 ● Registration 8 am / March Begins 9 am ● Opelika Municipal Park**

More than 380,000 babies are born prematurely in the U.S. each year. Too many babies start their life in the NICU, unable to breathe on their own. When a society supports every family, the future is brighter for us all. And when communities work together, even the toughest problems can be solved. For more information or to register for the march, visit [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org).

### **Two Men and Truck: Movers for Mom**

Join Two Men and a Truck in giving special Mother's Day helping hand to moms who are living in shelters and are victim of domestic violence or homelessness. Donations encouraged include soaps, hair styling products, robes, slippers, pillows, etc. Donations should be dropped off on or before Mother's Day at Two Men and Truck Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm or Saturday 7:30 – 11:30 am. Contact Katie if your business would like to be a drop-off location, [Katie.enzor@twomen.com](mailto:Katie.enzor@twomen.com).

### **Stamp Out Hunger Benefiting the Food Bank of East Alabama**

**May 12 ● Before Your Letter Carrier Arrives**

Letter carriers all across the United States will collect food items and deliver them to local food banks to help some of the millions of Americans, including an estimated 16 million children, who face hunger every day. You can help feed your neighbors in need. Simply place bags filled with NONPERISHABLE food items like canned meats, canned soup, juice, pasta, canned vegetables, cereal and rice next to your mailbox on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> before your letter carrier arrives. Your letter carrier will pick up the bags and deliver them to the Food Bank of East Alabama.

### **Mother's Day Brunch at the Marriott**

#### **May 13 • Marriott at Grand National**

Give mom a delicious treat and yourself too this Mother's Day by making reservations at the newly renovated Lakeview Room at the Marriott at Grand National! They have a wide variety from chilled, hot and dessert selections that will please every taste palate. To reserve your spot, call 334.737.2187 or find them on OpenTable to make a reservation. [Full Menu](#)

### **Trinity United Methodist & CarePoint Offer Free Community CPR Training**

#### **May 15 • 6:30 pm • Trinity United Methodist Church • 800 Second Avenue**

Come to this training and learn how to use an AEd as you watch a live demonstration. This is a family-friendly event and supervised children are welcome and encouraged. Seating is limited, so reserve your seats today by visiting [www.communitycpr.us](http://www.communitycpr.us). Learn:

- What causes Sudden Cardiac Arrest?
- How do I know if someone needs CPR and an AED?
- What is an AED?
- How can I help someone who is choking?

### **BigHouse News: May is Foster Care Awareness Month**

#### **211 Samford Avenue • 334.363.2634 • [www.ourbighouse.org](http://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.

### **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. Register by May 15 for a chance to win weekly giveaways leading up to the event!

### **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>.

## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Upcoming Events at the Goodwill Career Center**

#### **334.275.4815 • 3740 Pepperell Parkway • [www.goodwillsr.org](http://www.goodwillsr.org)**

- **1 On 1 Staffing Agency Job Fair • May 3 • 9 am- 12 pm** Flyer
- **Making Medicare Easy • May 4 • 10:30 am- 12:30 pm** Flyer
- **Multi Industry Job Fair • May 10 • 9 am- 12 pm** Flyer

### Software Made Simple Trainings

9 am – 4:30 pm (EST) • 233 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 911-A • Columbus, GA

To register, call 706.332.7372 or email [training@softwaremadesimple.net](mailto:training@softwaremadesimple.net).

- May 8 Excel 2016 Intermediate \$225
- May 22 Excel 2016 Advanced \$225
- May 24 QuickBooks Level 1 \$225
- May 25 QuickBooks Level 2 \$225

### AU Leadership Series Presents The Art of Change Management with Lori King-Taylor

May 15 • 8 am - 12 Noon • AU Student Center

This workshop will give any leader tools to implement changes more smoothly and to have those changes better accepted. Participants will gain an understanding of how change is implemented and some tools for managing their reactions to change. More info: <http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/opce/blm/leadershipseries.htm>

### QuickBooks Online Workshop

May 15 • 334.844.5193

This two-part workshop was created for anyone who wants to use QuickBooks. Both courses qualify attendees to earn CPE and A&A. More info: <http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/opce/quickbooks/>

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

May 19 • 10 am • 200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> 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>.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### 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](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

### June 2018

- Touch-A-Truck • June 2
- Burger Wars • June 2
- Opelika Parks & Rec: Float in Movie: • June 22

Character Trait: **Obedience**

### 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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