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### CHAMBER EVENTS

- 5/18 **Small Business Workshop: Doing Business In Opelika**  
12 Noon • Saugahatchee Country Club  
Sponsor: **OPSONe**
- 5/24 **Thompson Tractor Ribbon Cutting**  
3 – 6 pm • 508 Columbus Parkway
- 5/29 **Opelika Fitness Ribbon Cutting**  
10 am • 2115 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

### Small Business Week: Doing Business in Opelika Workshop

**May 18 • 12 Noon • Saugahatchee 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
- Signage Requirements
- Improving a Building
- A Business Downtown
- Business, Alcohol & Other Licenses
- Expanding a Business
- Inspections
- Moving a Driveway
- Outdoor Events / Sales

### CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT

**Sheriff Jay Jones • Lee County Sheriff's Office – W.S. Jones Center • 1900 Frederick Road • Opelika, AL 36801 • 334.749.5651 • [www.leecountysheriff.org](http://www.leecountysheriff.org)** • Sheriff Jay Jones was elected to office in 1998 and is in his 5<sup>th</sup> term as sheriff of Lee County. Since a young boy, Jay knew law enforcement would be his calling in life. He oversees the daily operations of the Sheriff's department for Lee County. He utilizes resources to reduce opportunities for crime and aggressive behavior in our community by offering defense classes to women, increasing the presence of deputies in the schools to protect the children, and establishing numerous programs that benefit the community as a whole. Jay is a member of many professional organizations such as FBI National Academy Assoc., Police Futurists International, Alabama Sheriff's Assoc., National Sheriff's Assoc., Law enforcement Executive Development Assoc. just to name a few. He has served on several boards including United Way of Lee County, Lee County Youth Development Center, Lee County Emergency Communications District, and Domestic Violence Intervention Center. He was recognized as a Distinguished Citizen by the Boy Scouts of America and won the Distinguished Service Award by the Opelika Chamber in 2014. In 2017, he won the Alabama Sheriff of the year! In his spare time, Jay keep busy with the Rotary Club, the Bleecker Ruritan Club, as well as serving as an adjunct instructor of Criminal Justice for Auburn University and Southern Union Community College in Opelika. He enjoys an occasional road (running) race and likes to build things...some of which he says actually work!

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**The Three Sixty Resort Living** team is growing to accommodate all of the activity heating up at Lake Martin this spring! They are pleased to announce the addition of **Scoop Langston**, REALTOR® and licensed homebuilder.

## **Homeworks of Alabama Launching New Website**

After a lot of thought and effort, Homeworks of Alabama is very proud and excited to show you their new website. They wanted to build a place where they could communicate in a thoughtful way and strike a balance between their work and their involvement in the community. Check them out at [www.homeworksofalabama.com](http://www.homeworksofalabama.com)

**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.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

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

### **Noon Tunes Concert Series - Murray Brown Band**

**Wednesdays, May 9 • 12 Noon • Courthouse Square**

Enjoy free concerts by the fountain every Wednesday at lunchtime.

### **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.

### **Jody Fuller "The Stuttering Comic" at the Bottling Plant Event Center**

**May 12 • Doors Open 6 pm / Show Begins 7 pm • 614 N. Railroad Avenue**

Join us for a laughter filled evening as Comedian, Speaker, and Soldier Jody Fuller a.k.a. "The Stuttering Comic"

comes back to the stage. Advanced tickets are \$15 / At the Door are \$20 / Reserved Tables of 4 are \$100 and Reserved Tables of 8- are \$200. For more information or to reserve your spot, call 334.705.5466 or visit <http://www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com/>.

### **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](#)

### **The Hotel at Auburn University Hosting Mother's Day Events**

#### **241 S. College Street • Auburn • 334.844.5140**

##### **• Floral Arrangement Class with Jess Margeson • May 12 • 3 – 5 pm**

Give Mom the perfect gift for Mother's Day this year; time with you! Treat her to a special afternoon on the A-T patio. You will have the opportunity to make a floral arrangement with Jess Margeson, owner of Frou Frou. The class is \$55 per person or \$100 for a mother/daughter couple. The price includes the supplies, your arrangement to take home and one glass of sparkling wine. Reservations are required and can be made at <https://flowerswithmom.eventbrite.com>.

##### **• Mother's Day Brunch • May 13 • 11 am – 2 pm**

Treat Mom to a special brunch in the newly renovated ballroom. The lavish brunch features a complimentary glass of wine and pin-on corsage for each mom. Reservations can be made by contacting 334.844.5140.

\$45 per adult | \$19 children ages 6-12 | 5 & under Free. 18% gratuity added to all checks

[Menu](#)

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

Enjoy very special "Weekender" room rate on select Sunday and Monday nights. Select from available 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 & Monday 5/13 & 14**

**Sunday 6/10**

**Sunday & Monday 5/20 & 21**

**Sunday & Monday 6/17 & 18**

**Sunday 6/3**

**Sunday 6/24 & 25**

### **Summer Swing Concert Series: East Alabama Community Band**

**May 15 • 7 pm • Municipal Park**

### **Trinity United Methodist & CarePoint Resources 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?

### **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](mailto: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>.

**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](http://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
- Echo 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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 – Register (by May 15)**

**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!

**EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Upcoming Events at the Goodwill Career Center**

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

- **Multi Industry Job Fair ● May 10 ● 9 am- 12 pm** Flyer

**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>.

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

**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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