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CHAMBER NEWS

- 11/15** **Pre-Performance Series Reception / Business After Hours**
5 – 6:45 pm • The Bottling Plant Event Center
- 11/16** **Drive By Tacos Ribbon Cutting**
10:30 am • Bubba’s Medicine Shop • 512 2nd Avenue
- 11/20** **Alabama Retail Association Holiday Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • By Huge Christmas Tree on Railroad Avenue
- 11/22 & 23** Chamber Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/27** **The Oaks School Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 2201 Executive Park Drive
- 12/1** **Christmas Parade & Christmas Market**
Parade: 10 am • Downtown Opelika
Sponsor: **Allstate-Prewett Insurance Group**
Market: 9 am – 4 pm • The Bottling Plant Event Center
- 12/4** **Chicken Salad Chick Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 1345 Opelika Road • Auburn
- 12/10** **Auburn Opelika Marriott Spa Business After Hours**
Sponsored by: **Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau**
5-7 pm • 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail
- 12/11** **Direct Auto & Life Insurance Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 1906 Pepperell Parkway

EAA: Performance Series Reception / Chamber Business After Hours

November 15 • 5 – 6:45 pm • The Bottling Plant Event Center

Sponsor: Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau

Join us for a Pre-Concert Reception and Business After Hours before the **“Something Rotten”** performance. The event is open to Chamber Members and Ticket Holders. Beer, wine, and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

Something Rotten is Broadway’s big, fat hit! With its heart on its ruffled sleeve and sequins in its soul, **Something Rotten** is “The Producers + Spamalot + The Book of Mormon. Squared!” [Purchase Tickets](#)

Opelika – A Christmas Destination!

November 19 (Christmas Tree and Decoration Lights Turn On!)

The City has made it a priority to spruce up the holidays this year with some new Christmas decorations for the Downtown Historic District. The city’s goal is to create a magical Christmas Destination in Opelika for every citizen and visitor to enjoy. Some of the new decorations are an increase in lights and pole wraps on 8th & 9th Street and South and North Railroad; oversized ornament settabouts at Courthouse Square, downtown and at the Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library; beautiful ornaments that will adorn the downtown Christmas tree; large stationary

Season Greetings sign at the Opelika Chamber of Commerce and downtown; and skylines at Courthouse Square. Click here to see the many great events that make Opelika a destination for Christmas! [Events](#)

Black Friday Right Around the Corner

Please let the Chamber know if your shop / restaurant will be open on Black Friday and if so, what hours you will be open. Email psmith@opelikachamber.com.

Small Business Saturday – Shop Local

November 24

It's the annual holiday shopping tradition that gets communities everywhere out in support of their favorite small businesses. This is the biggest day of the year in the U.S. for the Shop Small Movement. Support the small businesses in our area and put money back in the community!

Veterans Career Summit Introducing the “Heroes Hub of Opelika”

December 4 • 8 – 11 am • Southern Union State Community College

“Employers Hiring Veterans: The Mutual Benefits.” This is the place of choice for Veterans to find careers! Come and get all the details about hiring veterans and meet these wonderful heroes. RSVP to the Opelika Chamber coc@opelikachamber.com by November 27.

CONGRATULATIONS

• Thanks to the following businesses for sponsoring the Christmas Parade Police Office Appreciation Breakfast!
Baxter International • City of Opelika • Hanwha Advanced Materials America • Henry J. Stern Family Foundation • Huntingdon College • Lynch Nissan • McDonald’s • Opelika Sportsplex • Renasant Bank

• **Dixie Electric, Plumbing and Air** helped fight breast cancer during the month of October. They donated \$5 for each photo posted by employees wearing pink. The total donation was \$2,055! Several prizes were given away and the 7 – day tropical vacation for two will be announced on Facebook on November 19.

NEW MEMBERS

- **Auburn Equities** *Real Estate Developers*
- **Dilworth Development** *Real Estate - Developers*
- **Railroad Investment Group** *Financial Planning Consultants*

MEMBER NEWS

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

Group Ordering Now Available with FetchMe Delivery!

FetchMe Delivery is the fastest and easiest way for coworkers and friends to order as a group. Whether it's a lunch meeting or just too cold / rain/ hot to venture outside, FetchMe Delivery makes online group ordering a breeze. Visit fetchmedelivery.com to start your group order today!

BigHouse Foundation News: November is National Adoption Month

334.363.2634 • www.ourbighouse.org • bighouse@ourbighouse.org

Below are some ways to get involved with BigHouse this Christmas. Visit ourbighouse.org/santas-workshop for more information.

- **Donate Toys & Gifts for Santa’s Workshop - [Item Suggestions](#)**
This is a free shopping event for the foster and adoptive families to get for their children.
- **Volunteer at Santa’s Workshop**
- **Host a Toy Drive**
- **Give Gift Cards for Teens: *Movie Tickets, iTunes, Fast Food, Game Stop***
- **Give Financially**

- Ornament Decorating Party Benefiting BigHouse at Taylor Made Designs (November 20)
- Shop at the The Christmas Market (November 29 – December 1)

The Hotel At Auburn University 27th Hospitality Gala

November 15 ● 5:30 pm ● 241 S. College Street ● Auburn

Tickets for this fun event are \$175 per seat. Additionally, table reservations and corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Guests will meet and taste with chefs and wine makers, participate in a silent auction, and enjoy a four-course, chef-guided culinary journey followed by an awards presentation and live auction. The gala has served as the main fundraising event for the Hospitality Management Program at Auburn University since 1992. [Purchase Tickets Here](#)

National Bank of Commerce in TigerTown Hosting Scavenger Hunt

November 17 ● 10 am – 4 pm ● TigerTown

Everyone loves to find things! Join National Bank of Commerce for this fun event through participating TigerTown retailers for your chance to win a gift basket worth over \$500 including gift cards to restaurants and stores, amazing merchandise and even a FREE night's stay at a TigerTown hotel! [Click here for all the details.](#)

Taylor Made Designs Hosting Ornament Decorating Party Benefiting BigHouse

November 20 ● 3 – 6 pm ● 120 South 8th Street

Join the creative minds at Taylor Made Designs in Downtown Opelika to make your one-of-a kind ornament. The cost is \$5 per ornament and proceeds benefit BigHouse! For more information, call 334.363.2634.

East Alabama Arts Presents: The 5 Browns

November 28 ● 7:30 – 9:30 pm ● OPAC

The 5 Browns are delivering on their dream to wake up classical music by introducing it to the widest, largest and most excited audiences they can find! Whether performing individually or together in various combinations from duo to complex five-piano arrangements, they reveal a deep connection while bringing a fresh energy and dynamic character to the color and tonal spectrum of their sound. To purchase tickets, visit <http://eastalabamaarts.org/performance-series/>.

The Christmas Market

November 29, 30 & December 1 ● The Bottling Plant Event Center

For more information, visit www.aochristmasmarket.com / Facebook: [thechristmasmarket](#)

- November 29 6 – 9 pm VIP Preview Party
- November 30 9 am – 5 pm General Shopping
- November 30 5 – 9 pm Girls Night Out
- December 1 9 am – 4 pm General Shopping
- December 1 9 am – 2 pm Cookies with Santa

Habitat for Humanity Having 23rd Annual Christmas Cookie Walk

December 1 ● 8 am – 1 pm ● Grace United Methodist Church ● 915 E. Glenn Avenue ● Auburn

November 30 ● Deliver Cookies from 2 – 7 pm (around back in kitchen / fellowship hall)

Come and taste all the delectable sweets and cookies at this delicious event that benefits Habitat for Humanity. For more information, contact Donna Roberts, 334.329.4879.

EAMC Implements Fast Pass System for Visitors

EAMC has begun a new visitor management program. The new identification system helps to ensure the safety of patients, visitors and staff in certain restricted access areas. The program began in the women and children centers. The emergency department, psychiatry unit and CVICU/ICU will be added throughout the month. Visitors will be asked to show drivers license (or other form of I.D.), which will be entered into the system and temporary badge will be created.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

OLLI at Auburn Wisdom Wednesday's Lecture

November 14 • 2:30 – 4 pm • Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art • 901 S. College St. • Auburn
Guest speaker Harold Bruner will give a presentation on “Day Hiking Opportunities in the Greater Auburn Area.” Topics for this lecture will include the benefits of hiking, why we hike, and plenty of specific trails to hike locally, near Lake Martin, the Tuskegee National Forest, and Franklin Roosevelt State park near Pine Mountain, Ga. For more information, call 334.844.3105 or visit www.olliatauburn.org.

Spending Plan Presentation at Goodwill Industries

November 15 • 4 – 5 pm • 3740 Pepperell Parkway • 334.275.4815 • www.goodwillsr.org
Presented by Alabama Extension, this presentation is an interactive, activity – filled workshop designed to help individuals set financial goals and track their spending.

Software Made Simple, Inc. Upcoming Classes

233 12th Street • Suite 911-A • Columbus, GA
www.SoftwareMadeSimple.net

• **Excel 2016 PivotTable Basics • November 16 • 10 am – 1:30 pm • \$125**

Online

- Preparing Data and Creating Pivot Tables
- Summarizing, Organizing, Filtering and Formatting Data
- Working with Pivot Charts

• **Excel 2016 Dashboards • November 29 • 9 am – 4:30 pm • \$225 per person**

- Creating Advanced Formulas (Range Names and Specialized Functions)
- Automating Workbooks (Data Validation, Forms and Controls)
- Applying Conditional Logic
- Creating Charts
- Analyzing Data with PivotTables, Slicers and Pivot Charts

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job Fairs at Goodwill Career Center

3740 Pepperell Parkway • 334.275.4815 • www.goodwillsr.org

• **McDonald's Job Fair • November 14 • 10 am – 1 pm (CST)**

Available Positions: TEAM members at the Auburn University Campus location

• **Job Fair • November 15 • 9 am – 1 pm**

Variety of positions: Clerical, Social Services, Janitorial, public safety, maintenance, operations and more.

Two Men and a Truck Now Hiring Customer Service Representative

Details

FetchMe Delivery is Now Hiring for Holiday Coverage!

Looking for some extra money this holiday season? FetchMe Delivery is looking to fill numerous full-time and part-time Fetcher positions. For more information, please contact ecalicoat@fetchmedelivery.com or apply online at www.fetchmedelivery.com/drivers.

Marriott Opelika at Grand National is Hiring

They are currently taking applications for the following departments: **Spa Sales • Spa Front Desk • Spa Attendant**

● *Licensed Massage Therapist* ● *Spa Supervisor* ● *Licensed Hairstylist* ● *Licensed Nail Technician* ● *Food and Beverage* ● *Housekeeping* ● *Maintenance*. To view a list of all of the positions, please visit their website, www.pchresortscareers.com .

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 2018

- Christmas in Camelot ● Month of December
- Opelika Christmas Parade ● December 1 ● 10 am
- Victorian Front Porch ● December 5 – 9
- CrafterHours at Cooper Library ● December 6 ● 6 – 7pm
- Christmas in a Railroad Town ● December 7 ● 6 – 9 pm
- HoHoHo Hike at the Preserve ● December 8
- Holiday Movie at the Plex ● December 8 ● 6 – 8 pm
- EAA: Reception / Chamber Christmas Reception ● December 13 ● 5 – 6:45 pm
- Reindeer Express ● December 13 - 15 ● 5 -8 pm
- Collinwood Neighborhood Luminaries ● December 14 ● 5 – 9 pm
- Fa-La-La Festival at Cooper Library ● December 21 ● 10 am – 12 pm

Character Trait: **Thankfulness**

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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