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**VETERANS DAY**  
**November 11, 2018**  
Remembering those who have fought and are fighting for  
our **FREEDOM** and those who have paid the  
**ULTIMATE PRICE**

**CHAMBER NEWS**

- 11/9 Point Broadband Ribbon Cutting**  
11 am • 600 Fox Run Parkway
- 11/12 Chamber Closed for Veterans Day**
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Market: 9 am – 4 pm • The Bottling Plant Event Center

**City of Opelika Veterans Day & WWI Armistice Celebration**

**November 10 • [lkrehling@opelika-al.gov](mailto:lkrehling@opelika-al.gov) • 334.705.5136**

*In the event of rain, the program and concert will be moved to the 3:16 Center at First Baptist Church, located at 301 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street.*

- **8 – 9:45 am**      **Free Breakfast for Veterans & Families**  
Niffers at the Tracks • 917 South Railroad Avenue
- **10 am**            **Veterans Day & WWI Armistice Celebration**  
**Courthouse Square**
  - Featuring Guest Speaker Dr. Marty Oliff
  - Live Performance by The New American Freedom Train Band including U.S. Army Veteran & Award-winning Nashville recording artist Tim Maggart
  - Live Performance by The Opelika High School Ovations Group

- The Auburn University Southeastern Raptor Center is bringing Aurea, a golden eagle who truly represents patriotism.

- **Following Celebration Special Reception for to Honor all Veterans**  
The Museum of East Alabama • 121 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street

### 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](#)

### 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](mailto: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!

## CONGRATULATIONS

**La Quinta Inn & Suites** is the first hotel in the state to introduce **Robot Butler!** This delivery-service robot, affectionately named TigerBot, essentially serves as a butler, ensuring guests have a comfortable and memorable stay. The La Quinta is the first property in Alabama to implement the room service robot.

### River Bank & Trust: River Financial Corporation Announces Merger

River Financial Corporation, parent company of River Bank & Trust, announced it has completed a merge with Peoples Southern Bank and its parent company, PSB Bancshares, Inc. With the addition of Peoples Southern Bank, on a pro forma combined basis, the bank has total assets exceeding one billion dollars and becomes one of the largest community banks headquartered in Alabama. There are now fourteen River Bank & Trust locations across the state.

## NEW MEMBERS

- **Auburn Equities, LLC**  
*Real Estate Development*

## MEMBER NEWS

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

### Spa at Grand National Opening in November

**Auburn/ Opelika Marriott Hotel • 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail**

Book your Spa experience at this 3 story, world class spa! This 20,000 square foot spa features private relaxation areas for men and women that include whirlpools, infrared saunas, showers, hideaway lounge and more. Great spa retail selections, as well. Book your spa and salon appointments now and be one of the first to experience this relaxation oasis! For more information, email [spa@mariottgrandnational.com](mailto:spa@mariottgrandnational.com).

### BigHouse Foundation News: November is National Adoption Month

**334.363.2634 • [www.ourbighouse.org](http://www.ourbighouse.org) • [bighouse@ourbighouse.org](mailto:bighouse@ourbighouse.org)**

Below are some ways to get involved with BigHouse this Christmas. Visit [ourbighouse.org/santas-workshop](http://ourbighouse.org/santas-workshop) for more information.

- **Donate Toys & Gifts**    *Suggestions: Lego Sets ● 18 inch Dolls ● Character Toys ● Craft Sets ● Toy Kitchens ● Dress Up Clothes ● Nerf Guns ● Sports Toys ● Baby Toys ● STEM Toys ● Magnet Tiles ● Outside Riding Toys, etc.*
- **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)**

#### **Oscar Myer Weiner Mobile Coming to Opelika**

**November 8 ● 5:30 – 6:30 pm ● South Railroad Avenue near big Tree**

#### **Ware's Jewelers Offering Charles Krypell Designs**

**November 8 & 9 ● TigerTown Location ● 2163 TigerTown Parkway**

Come see these beautiful one-of-a kind pieces from their private collection.

For more information, call 334.749.5005. [Flyer](#)

#### **Time to "GIG" Out at Point Broadband's Grand Opening**

**November 9 ● 11 am – 2 pm ● 600 Fox Run Pkwy, Opelika**

Have you heard the exciting news? OPS ONE will become Point Broadband on Nov. 8! Point Broadband will celebrate its Grand Opening on Friday, Nov. 9, with a Ribbon Cutting at 11 a.m. Come out and hear more about the fastest Internet speed in town – up to a GIG through lightning fast fiber! "GIG" out on FREE hot dogs with all the trimmings, win prizes and take advantage of some great Grand Opening specials! In addition, register to win a 60" Smart TV! Can you "GIG" it? Visit [www.point-broadband.com](http://www.point-broadband.com) to learn more about them or call 334.748.9800.

#### **Buffalo Wild Wings (BWW) Offering Free Special to Veterans on Veterans Day**

**November 11 ● 2257 TigerTown Parkway ● TigerTown**

To show their appreciation, BWW is offering a free Small Boneless or Traditional Wings & Fries for all active-duty and retired military personnel. The offer is dine-in only and is available all day. Limit one per person. For more information, call 334.741.0989 or email [128@buffalowildwings.com](mailto:128@buffalowildwings.com).

#### **John Emerald Distilling Company Hosting Penny & Sparrow**

**November 13 ● 7 – 11 pm ● 706 N. Railroad Avenue**

Come and hear Penny & Sparrow with special guest Joy Oladokun. For more information, email Kasi Davis, [kasi@cottonseedstudios.com](mailto:kasi@cottonseedstudios.com).

#### **The Hotel At Auburn University 27<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **The Christmas Market**

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

For more information, visit [www.aochristmasmarket.com](http://www.aochristmasmarket.com) / Facebook: [thechristmasmarket](https://www.facebook.com/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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Project Uplift Mentor Training**

**November 12 • 4 – 8 pm • Cary Hall 158 • AU Campus**

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to children in the area between ages 5 – 12, please come to this training session. No registration is required. For more information, call 334.844.4430 or email, [puplift@auburn.edu](mailto:puplift@auburn.edu). Visit [www.auburn.edu/projectuplift](http://www.auburn.edu/projectuplift) or [www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift](https://www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift) to know more about the organization.

### **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.olliauburn.org](http://www.olliauburn.org).

### **Software Made Simple, Inc. Upcoming Classes**

**233 12th Street • Suite 911-A • Columbus, GA**

[www.SoftwareMadeSimple.net](http://www.SoftwareMadeSimple.net)

- **Excel 2016 Advanced • November 14 • 9 am – 4:30 pm • \$225**
- Working with Multiple Worksheets and Workbooks
- Using Lookup Functions and Formula Auditing
- Automating Workbooks (Data Validation, Macros)
- Creating Sparklines and Maps
- Forecasting Data
- Importing and Exporting Data

- **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](http://www.goodwillsr.org)

- **Golden State Foods Job Fair** ● November 8 ● 10 am – 12 pm (CST)

*Available Positions: Patty Packer Forklift Operators ● Machine Operators  
Material Handling ● Housekeeping ● Packaging / Stocking ● Welding*

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

*Available Positions: TEAM members at the Auburn University Campus location*

### 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](http://www.pchresortscareers.com).

### Autosport Bodyworks Seeking Office Manager

The Office Manager will be the first face and interaction customers encounter and will set the tone for their entire experience. They are also essential to the daily function and flow of the business from clerical tasks to marketing opportunities, and more. Send resumes to: [officemanager@betterfasterrepairs.com](mailto:officemanager@betterfasterrepairs.com). [Job Details](#)

[Indeed Site](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

### DECEMBER 2018

- Christmas in Camelot ● Month of December
- Opelika Christmas Parade ● December 1 ● 10 am
- Chicken Salad Chick Business After Hours ● December 4 ● 5 – 7 pm
- 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
- Marriott Spa Business After Hours ● December 10 ● 5-7 pm
- Direct Auto & Life Insurance ● December 11
- 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](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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