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October 3, 2018

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CHAMBER NEWS

- 10/3 Performance Series Reception / Business After Hours**
5 -6:45 pm • Adams Beverages
Sponsor: **Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau**
- 10/9 All Aboard at Southern Crossing Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 813 S. Railroad Avenue
- 10/10 New Members / Connections Breakfast**
8 am • The Southern Room (SU Opelika Campus)
Sponsored by: **Southern Union Community College**
- 10/11 Oliver Henry & Studio 3:19 Ribbon Cutting**
4:30 pm • 804 N. Railroad Avenue
- 10/17 Chappy's Deli - Auburn Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 754 E. Glenn Avenue • Auburn
- 10/18 Greyhound Lines, Inc. Ribbon Cutting**
9 am • 300 Columbus Parkway
- 10/23 Business Over Breakfast**
7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club
- 10/23 Alliance HR Services Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 1995 Pepperell Parkway, Suite 3
- 10/25 Glenn Shepard Seminar**
October 25 • 8:30 am – 3 pm • LaQuinta Inn & Suites
Sponsors: **River Bank & Trust & JD Byrider**

Pre-Concert Performance Series Reception / Business After Hours

Before the Yekwon Sunwoo Piano Recital

October 3 • 5 – 6:45 pm • Adams Beverages • 2800 Wyndham Industrial Drive

Sponsor: **Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau**

Join us for a Performance Series Reception with wine, beer & hors d' oeuvres. The event is open for Opelika Chamber Members and Performance Ticket Holders. No RSVP is necessary. [Purchase Performance Tickets](#)

Christmas Parade Committee Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please email vanthony@opelikachamber.com by October 5.

- **Week of Event Volunteers:** Delivering flyers, placing route signs
- **Day of Event Volunteers:** Barricade watchers, line up, disbanding, clean up
- **Construction/ Design Committee:** Give input on how to design and build a float
- **Solicitation Committee:** Ask people to build hand-crafted floats
- **Sponsorship Committee:** Find sponsors and cars for entries

New Members / Connections Breakfast

October 10 • 8 am • Southern Room Southern Union

Sponsored by: Southern Union State Community College

Join us in welcoming new Chamber members. Make those lasting business relationships and enjoy a delicious meal at this quarterly breakfast! No RSVP is required.

Chamber Accepting Christmas Parade Applications

Now through October 19 –No late Entries Accepted After 5 pm on October 19

Parade Date: Saturday December 1 • 10 am • Downtown Opelika

Grand Marshal Sponsor: Prewett Insurance Group

Grand Marshal: Dixie Boys State Champions

Help us usher in the Christmas season by being a part of the Opelika Christmas Parade. The theme this year is Christmas Showcase. Each handcrafted float entered should be decorated with fun tributes to Christmas-themed films, songs, musicals, etc. The Parade Committee must approve each float idea. If you would like to be on a committee to help with the Christmas parade, please email coc@opelikachamber.com.

[Christmas Parade Application & Guidelines](#)

Chamber Taking Small Business of the Quarter Nominations

Deadline to Submit: October 12, 2018

Sponsored by: OPS One

If you have a Small Business that you would like to honor because of their hospitality, great customer service or generosity, please nominate them for the Small Business of the Quarter! They will be recognized at the upcoming Business Over Breakfast on October 23. [Nomination Form & Guidelines](#)

Chamber Membership Mailer

Deadline: October 24 / Email to Chamber Members: November 1

Got a terrific sale or service going on? Want to reach over 1300 emails with your message? Send Dinah your flyer in a pdf format and your logo in a jpeg and you will be included in the Membership Mailer that will go out to all the Opelika Chamber members! The cost is \$50. Big bang for your buck! For more information, email dmotley@opelikachamber.com or call 334.745.4861.

Business over Breakfast with Alabama Association of Realtors

October 23 • 7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club

Presented by: Glynn Smith Chevrolet – Buick – GMC

Gold Sponsors: Baxter • S & S Termite & Pest Control • MAX • OA News • Huntingdon College • OPS

Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Walker is responsible for the active management of the affairs of the Association. He will talk about his role and what the market looks like for the next 6 months. He will also talk about how our area ranks with other areas and states and some new regulations that might be coming down the pike. The cost of the breakfast is \$20 / Chamber Members and \$25 / Potential Members. [Register Here](#)

Back by Popular Demand: Glenn Shepard Seminars

“How to Supervise People & Lead a Team”

October 25 • 8:30 am – 3 pm • LaQuinta Inn & Suites • 3151 Capps Way

Sponsors: River Bank & Trust & JD Byrider

Don't miss learning the simple but powerful strategies you need to solve your worst workplace problems, energize your people and “Be the Manager Other Managers Envy and Bosses Can't Wait to Reward!” Nationally Known Speaker Glenn Shepard brings a lot of great information. He understands how to solve the challenges of managing people better than anyone. So many people say that Glenn's seminar turned their organization around! The Opelika Chamber members can attend this event for only \$197. Non-members for \$247. Also, when 3 or more enroll the 4th person attends for FREE! Lunch is included. [Register Here](#)

NEW MEMBERS

- Hardwick Vision Center
 - Mama Mochas Coffee
 - The Oaks School
 - Three – Sixty Management, LLC
 - Thalamus, LLC
- Physicians – Ophthalmology/Optomety*
Restaurants
Schools – Private
Real Estate
Electrical Contractors

MEMBER NEWS

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

Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau (AOTB) Launches Volunteer AO program

This new volunteer program will allow local citizens to be involved in a multitude of area events. These events include Bo Bikes Bama, Cheers on the Corner, Super 7 and more. Volunteer AO is more than just a way to gain community service hours; it's a way to enhance the experience of visitors by showcasing our unique, hometown hospitality. As a Volunteer AO member, you can choose to offer your assistance in a variety of activities including conferences, community events, festivals, sporting events and more. Participants in the program are required to work just one event per calendar year but are able to be more involved if desired. The AOTB is an economic enhancement tool for the communities of Auburn, Opelika and Lee County. They promote and develop our area through the travel and tourism industry and introduce the unique spirit of Auburn-Opelika to visitors from around the world. Register to sign up at aotourism.com/volunteer. For more information, contact Anthony Terling at anthony@aotourism.com or call 334.203.1261.

Oliver Henry and Studio 3:19 Opening Together

804 N. Railroad Avenue ● October 11 Grand Opening
Studio 319 Closeout Sale ● October 1 – 8 ● 204 S. 8th Street

Residential designer Stacey Jordan and Southern fashionista Molly Anderson are combining forces. The new space will provide both women with the chance to expand and complement each other's businesses. Once opened, their hours will be 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturdays and closed each Sunday. For more information or updates, like and follow the two businesses on social media.

Louie's Chicken Fingers (Opelika) Hosting 5th Quarter Fridays After OHS Home Games

1479 Fox Run ● 334.745.0050

Every Friday night after an OHS home game Louie's (Opelika location only) will be open late and have a \$5 chicken fingers and fries special. [Flyer](#)

Lee County Master Gardeners Monthly Meeting

October 3 ● 12:30 – 1:30 pm ● Lee County Extension Office

Researching and designing an ecologically performative and aesthetically valuable right-of-way will be discussed.

Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art Exhibitions

Three exhibitions will be on view throughout the fall. View The Inward Eye: Prints by Rauschenberg, Nevelson, Anuszkiewicz and other recent gifts of Hugh Latta now through October 28. The Mississippi is available now through December 7 and Showcase: The Work of Creative Scholarship will be available September 29 – October 14. Select artists will perform their pieces on September 30 at 2 pm, October 4 at 12 & 7 pm, and October 7 at 2 pm.

Annual Dixie Electric Plumbing & Air: Catch Me in the Pink Campaign

Month of October

During the month of October, Dixie Electric is joining the *Catch Me in Pink* campaign. When you see an employee wearing pink in October, take a selfie with the employee and post it on Dixie Electric's Facebook page with

#catchmeinpink to be entered to win prizes. For each photo posted with the hashtag, they will donate to the Joy Life Foundation.

72nd Lee County Fair

Now – through October 6 • Lee County Fair Grounds

Tickets are \$3 – Adults / \$2 – Children / \$1 – Seniors & Former Military / \$20 – Armbands

For more information, call 334.749.3353.

- **October 2 & 3** **Miss Lee County Fair Beauty Pageant**
- **October 4** **State-wide Goat Show**
- **October 5** **“Have all the Fun You can Have Night”**
- **October 6** **Music under the Tent**

Think Pink Walk

October 6 • 9 am Registration / Walk 10:30 am • Courthouse Square • Downtown Opelika

This annual event celebrates breast cancer survivors and raises awareness of the ongoing fight against this disease. The cost is \$15 which includes water, snacks and a Think Pink T-shirt. Live music, entertainment and games will be provided by DJ Ozz. For more information and updates on the event, call 334.528.4370 or visit the

[Think Pink Opelika Facebook page.](#)

East Alabama Gun and Hunting Show

October 6 & 7 • 9 am to 6 pm • Village Event Center • 804 Columbus Parkway

There will be vendors setting up to both showcase and sell all things gun, sporting, and hunting related. This is the second gun and hunting show to grace Opelika and Auburn area, and the first was a huge success back this spring. Contact for information Craig McCullough, 334.500.2878 or Sawyer Jones at 334.707.4717.

Granger – Thagard Luxury Real Estate Auction

Visit www.gtauctions.com or call 205.326.0833

● **October 10 • 1 pm • Logan Martin Lake – The Griffitt Bend Retreat**

This property area is 209+/- acres and 1,000 +/- feet waterfront. It is to be offered in nine parcels, combinations or as an entirety. Entrances are on Griffitt Bend Road, N. Lakeshore Dr., Lakeland Hills, Dr., Honeysuckle Dr. and Water Tank Dr. It was once proposed as County Road 264 and still remains as a logging road / ATV trail.

[Details](#)

● **October 12 • 1 pm • 2230 Estate Drive • Auburn**

The property is 750+/- feet of lake-frontage in the exclusive neighborhood of Hickory Hills. The main residence is built with stacked rock walls and a cedar shake roof. The view from the backside porches is casual elegance, aligned with nature. The residence was updated three years ago to include hardwood, travertine and slate floors, new appliances, and granite countertops. HVAC and many more extras. All bedrooms including the master are on the main level and each bedroom has its own bath. The full basement can be separate living quarters as well.

[Details](#)

Cooper Library Hosting Events

200 S. 6th Street • 334.705.5380 • www.cooperlibrary.com

The Cooper Library offers many weekly and recurring programs plus tons of fun and educational special events.

Visit their website and get all the details or email library@opelika-al.gov. Here are just a few of the upcoming special events in October.

● **Imagination Lab –Special School’s Out Edition • October 15 & 16 • 1 pm**

Cars, cell phones, airplanes: What do they have in common? They were once only a spark of the imagination!

Imagination Lab is for young minds to explore and create. From magnetic circuits making sound to programming a small robot, the lab is waiting for BRAIN power to create a spark!

● **Crafter Hours Book Art Group • October 18 • 6 – 7 pm**

Learn how to turn old books into lovely crafts for gifts or for your home. The group will be making book page

wreaths!

● **The Hallows** ● **October 27** ● **10 am – 12 pm**

This fun and not-too-spooky event is open to all ages. Attendees will rotate through age – appropriate stations for tricks and treats. Our event will end with a spooky story time.

Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers Offering 10% Off Entire Purchase to Opelika Chamber Members

October 17 ● **1701 Capps Landing**

In honor of *National Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day* on **October 17**, Opelika Chamber Members are being treated to 10% off their entire order! Drop by Freddy's for a delicious meal, get a discount and support the Chamber! [Flyer](#)

Opelika Historic Preservation Society Launches Membership Drive

October 18 ● **7 pm** ● **Brownfield House** ● **611 N. 8th Street**

This annual event will feature a program by Mr. Richard Patton called "Bringing New Life to Opelika's Historic Past." Following the program, there will plenty of time to mingle and enjoy refreshments. If you're a member of the Historical Society, this is a great time to renew your membership. If you are interested in becoming a member, it's a wonderful time to hear about the purposes of the Society, meet many members, and join!

25th Opelika Main Street's On the Tracks

October 19 ● **6 – 11 pm** ● **Downtown Opelika**

This fun outdoor event will feature a Food and Wine Tasting trail and will weave in and out of the businesses in downtown. Live music performances will be in several locations. Tables for groups or businesses with up to 10 people are also available for purchase. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at www.onthetracks.org. There will also be a limited supply of tickets available at the Gallery on Railroad, 809 S. Railroad Avenue. For more information, visit On the Tracks Facebook pages.

Second Annual Auburn-Opelika Wine Trail

October 19 ● **8 am – 4 pm** ● **Meet at Lee County Fair Grounds**

Don't miss this chance to experience three wineries in East Alabama with a special farm-to-table lunch. For more information or to purchase tickets, click [Here](#)

KOB: Free Opelika Recycle & Shred Day

October 27 ● **8 – 11 am** ● **Jeter Recycling Center (675 Jeter Avenue)**

Residents are encourage to bring their outdated documents for onsite shredding. Items accepted daily at the Jeter Recycling Center are electronics, glass, aluminum cans, steel, appliances, cardboard, newspaper, plastic scrap iron, yard debris and used cooking oil. For more information, contact Tipi, tipi@keepopelikabeautiful.com.

Orvis Game Fair & Sporting Weekend at Pursell Farms

October 27 & 28 ● **9 am – 5 pm** ● **386 Talladega Springs Road** ● **Sylacauga, AL**

This is an excellent opportunity to try your hand at shooting or casting a fly rod. Expert instructors will be on site offering free fly-casting lessons and the opportunity to shoot under their watchful eye in a fun, safe environment. This is a perfect time to introduce the whole family to these lifelong pursuits. Plus, enter to win Orvis clothing, dog beds and more! For more information, call 855.799.2826 or email pursellfarms@orvis.com.

The A|O Christmas Market Hosting Inaugural Event

November 29 – December 1 ● **The Bottling Plant Event Center**

This PREMIERE shopping event will include 40-50 merchants and hopes to attract several thousand shoppers from our area. Interested in being a sponsor, a contributor of door prizes | giveaways, or want to be a merchant? Please email larkin@aochristmasmarket.com for more details or visit aochristmasmarket.com. The Christmas Market will host a variety of special events where a portion of proceeds will benefit various causes in the Auburn | Opelika area. [Event Details](#)

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Olli At Auburn: Wisdom Wednesday Series

2:30 – 4 pm • 334.844.3105 • Jules Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art • olli@auburn.edu

● **October 3 • 2:30 – 4 pm**

Dr. Robert Strom and Dr. Paris Strom will present “Middle Age Caregiver and their Aging Parents.”

● **October 10 2:30 – 4 pm**

Dr. Mark Fagan scheduled for October 10, 2018 from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the Jules Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. This lecture is free and open to the public and will feature Dr. Fagan’s book, *The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail: Its History and Economic Impact*.

Project Uplift Training Sessions

Cary Hall 158 • Auburn University

No registration is required and only one session is needed. If you would like to become a mentor to children in the area, please come to one of these sessions. For more information, call 334.844.4430 or visit www.auburn.edu/projectuplift.

October 8 4 – 8 pm

October 21 3 – 7 pm

October 29 4 – 8 pm

November 12 4 – 8 pm

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Village Friends is Seeking Part-Time Coordinator

The position starts at \$15 per hour, 20 hours per week. General responsibilities include connecting our members with our volunteers to perform service tasks, use word processing, spreadsheets and Village Friends management systems, provide system support to membership, field telephone calls, assist in filing and data entry, maintain social media marketing, and perform general administrative duties. For more information or to apply, send a resume to Martha Shepherd at aovillageseniors@gmail.com.

Goodwill Career Center Hosting Job Fairs

334.275.4815 • 3740 Pepperell Parkway

● **Ross – Dress For Less • October 5 • 9 am – 12 Noon**

Sales Associate Positions Available. Customer Service Experience Preferred.

● **Department of Corrections • October 9 • 9 am – 12 Noon**

- Clerical, Administrative, Fiscal & Information Technology
- Engineering, Science, & Allied
- Social Services, Rehabilitation Counseling & Allied
- Public Safety, Corrections and Inspection
- Steward Positions
- Maintenance & Operations Positions

● **1 On 1 Staffing Agency • October 18 • 9 am – 12 Noon**

- Carpenters & Welders
- Commercial Glass Window Installers
- CAN, LPN, RN, Dieticians
- Material Handlers, General Assembly, & Warehouse Clerks
- Forklift Drivers

- Automotive Painters & Automotive Electricians

SAVE THE DATE

October 2018

- EAA Presents: The Prague Philharmonic Children's Choir ● October 21
- Parks & Rec: Tour de Fright ● October 23
 - Halloween Drop-In ● October 25
 - Great Pumpkin Splash ● October 26
 - Fall Movie at the Plex: Halloweentown ● October 27
 - Fall Festival ● October 30
- Business Over Breakfast with Alabama Association of Realtors ● October 23
- KOB's Shred Day ● October 27
- Alzheimer's Association: East Alabama Walk to End Alzheimer's ● October 28
- City-wide Trick or Treat Night ● October 31

November 2018

- Women's Business Council: Sports Edition ● November 5
- March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction ● November 8
- Batson-Cook Treating Veterans ● November 9
- Business After Hours with Three-Sixty ● November 15

Character Trait: **Integrity**

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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