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CHAMBER NEWS

- 4/24 Fetch Me Delivery Ribbon Cutting**
4 pm • Opelika Chamber • 601 Avenue A • Opelika
- 4/25 Griff Goods Ribbon Cutting**
3:45 pm • 719 First Avenue • Opelika
- 4/25 Resting Pulse Brewing Company Ribbon Cutting**
4 pm • 714 First Avenue • Opelika
- 4/30 O Town Ice Cream Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 700 2nd Avenue • Opelika
- 5/2 Here Molly Girl Ribbon Cutting**
1006 Opelika Road • Auburn
- 5/9 First South Farm Credit Joint Business After Hours**
5- 7 pm • 1613 Frederick Road • Opelika
- 5/17 Hometown Furniture & Appliance Grand Opening**
3:30 pm • 3720 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika
- 5/23 Prestige Properties - Auburn Opelika Lifestyle Group
Joint Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • Northwoods Subdivision • Auburn

20 Under 40 Program Gearing Up for Fall 2019

Deadline for Applications: May 17

Opelika Chamber’s 20 Under 40 program begins in August and runs through May. This program consists of 20 people under the age of 40 who live in Opelika, love Opelika and have a vested interest in shaping the direction of this city’s future. Participants will be encouraged and challenged to think of ways to make our city better and improve the quality of life. If you have questions, please contact Mackenzie, mkayler@Opelikachamber.com or call 334.745.4861.

[Application](#) [Scholarship Application](#) [Letter to Employer](#)

20th Annual Member Golf Tournament

May 7 • Morning Flights available • Robert Trent Jones Grand National

Ready to Rumble??? It’s a fight to the finish –NOT! This is one of the most fun golf tournaments to be a part of! Whether you love the game of golf, like to chase that little ball around or just want to have fun, be a part of the Opelika Chamber Member Golf Tournament. There are just a few team spots in the morning left and just a few sponsorships left! Contact Jill for all the details!

jrobinson@opelikachamber.com.

78th Annual Meeting

July 10 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • Opelika High School Indoor Practice Facility

Sponsored by: Opelika Ford Chrysler Dodge Jeep

H & S Commercial & Industrial Supplies & Services

NEW MEMBERS

- **Whistle Stop Brew Shop**

Retail

MEMBER NEWS

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

City of Opelika & Opelika Utilities: Roads Closed to Work on Water Lines

Opelika Utilities (Water) will be working to install water lines around 1st Avenue downtown. The contractor will close one lane of traffic. There will be proper construction barricade signs and flaggers to keep traffic safely moving around the work area in one open lane. The following dates and locations of the lane closures have been reported to the city:

- **Tuesday and Wednesday April 23 and 24 – One lane of North 7th Street will be closed from intersection of 1st Avenue to North Railroad Avenue**
- **Thursday, April 25 – One lane of 1st Avenue will be closed at the intersection of North 8th Street**

EAMC Mend Program Provides Recovery Services to Tornado Victims

Established by EAMC as a community-wide effort to provide recovery services to individuals and families affected by the March 3 tornadoes that hit in Lee County. Mend brings together the many local service organizations, churches, civic groups and businesses, along with national and state organizations, to work on long-term recovery efforts. Mend's mission is to ensure that all affected by tragedy and disaster are able to fully recover physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. [More Information](#)

Davis Direct Offers Display Graphics

www.davisdirect.com • 1006 Opelika Road • Auburn

Davis Direct now offers banners, display graphics and other wide-format printing. For more information on Davis Direct, call 877.277.0878 or email ronnie@davisdirect.net.

Jewelry By Design (JBD) Bridal Event

590 North Dean Road • Auburn

JBD is now offering 0% interest for 60 month or 20% off cash purchases. Walk in and apply for their Special April Promotion and get your FREE 3-Piece Jewelry Cleaning Set! For more information call 334.821.9940. [Flyer](#)

5th Annual Unity 5K Stampede

April 27 • Race: 5:30 pm • Opelika Sportsplex & Aquatics Center

If you like to run, walk or wheel, this race is for you! There will also be some festivities and live music with Jeremy McCall. For more information, email Amy, arogers@suscc.edu.

- **Late Registration • 4 pm**
- **Festivities • 4:30 pm**

- Race ● 5:30 pm

[Details and Race Application](#)

Southern Union Adult Education Open House

April 30 ● 4 – 6 pm ● 1701 Lafayette Parkway ● Opelika

There will be refreshments and door prizes, but more importantly, you will be able to see the many FREE services they offer to the community. The population of students they serve is the adults who left high school before graduation and adults who are English Language Learners. They have GED Preparation and a High School Diploma option for students who are 19 years and older. They also have short-term certificates available for their students to help them move into the direction of a specific career path. For more information, call 334.745.6437, ext. 5331.

Noon Tunes Concert Series

Wednesdays in May ● 12 – 1 pm ● Courthouse Square

Bring a chair or blanket, grab lunch and enjoy a picnic while listening to the sounds of local artists!

- May 1 Larcus Fuller
- May 8 Murray Brown Band
- May 15 Martha's Trouble
- May 22 Muse
- May 29 Strawberry Whine

10th Annual Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM) Bike Ride Across Alabama

May 3 - 5

ARM is having its 10th bike ride across Alabama, called **Cycle of Service**. There are options for the full day ride, a 1 day century, and 1/2 day ride from Tuskegee to Phenix City. There are also options for spin and stationary bikes. Proceeds from the ride will assist with Lee County tornado relief. Register at www.arm-al.org/cos2019 and for information see www.cycleofservice.arm-al.org.

Keep Opelika Beautiful: 14th Annual Garden in the Park

Opelika's Annual Festival Showcasing Homegrown and Handmade Art

May 4 ● 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.

Graduation Brunch At Ariccia Cucina

May 4 – 6 ● 11 am – 2 pm ● 241 S. College Street ● Auburn

Celebrate graduation in style! Enjoy a buffet brunch from 11 am – 2 pm followed by the regular dinner menu. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 334.844.5140 or clicking [Here](#).

Southside Speakeasy Event to Benefit Arts Association of East Alabama

May 10

Imagine you are dressed in your best cocktail attire ready for a night out, and your destination is a secret! A limo will be waiting to take you to the exclusive undisclosed location. Your driver will reveal a code word that gets you in the door. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, live jazz for listening and dancing and other surprises! Proceeds from The Southside Speakeasy will go to The Arts Association of East Alabama in support of its more than 50-year history of bringing the best of the arts to the Opelika / Auburn community. [Purchase Tickets Here.](#)

EAMC's Fit to Fight Event Benefiting the Robert & Marjorie Goodson Oncology Wellness Program

May 11 • 8 am – 12 pm • HealthPlus Fitness Center • Auburn

There are Group Fitness Classes, Skin Cancer Screenings, Chair Massages, Silent Auction and more! For more information, call 334.887.5666 or email Rachel, carswra@gmail.com.

To register for walk, [Click Here](#). Register by May 3 to guarantee a Fit to Fight t-shirt. Registration is \$20. [2019 Fit to Fight Event Flyer.pdf](#)

Upcoming Camps at Saugahatchee Country Club

334.749.4342 • 3800 Bent Creek Road • Opelika

Sign up now for these fun activities before they the space is gone! All golf camps are taught by PGA Certified Golf Professional, Charlie Richardson. Call 334.749.4342 to register or email Charlie, Charlie@saugahatcheecountryclub.com.

- **Junior Golf Camp** ● June 11-13 / June 18-20 / July 9-11 / July 30-Aug 1 [FLYER](#)
10 am-2 pm Each Day – Lunch Included

- **Junior Golf Academy** ● Every Wednesday from August 7th – October 23rd
3:45 pm – 5 pm [FLYER](#)

- **Saugahatchee Kids Summer Discovery Camp** ● June 25-28 [FLYER](#)
9 am – 4 pm Each Day – Snacks & Lunch Included
EXPLORE. DISCOVER. ENRICH
334.749.3441 or Mary@saugahatcheecountryclub.com

-----EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES-----

SUSCC Hosting Adult Education Free Computer Literacy Class

April 15 – June 10 / Orientation April 15 • 4 -6:30 pm • Southern Union

Classes are on Mondays from 5 – 6:30 pm.

Each participant has the opportunity to earn up to 10 different certificates from NorthStar Digital Literacy. All adults in the community are invited to improve their computer skills! Call Stephanie, 334.745.6437, ext. 5413 or visit <http://www.suscc.edu/adulted>.

Software Made Simple QuickBooks Training

223 12th Street, Suite 911-A • Columbus, GA

These classes are from 9 am – 4:30 pm (EST) and are instructor led. For more information, call

706.332.7372 or email training@softwaremadesimple.net.

- April 24 QuickBooks 2019 Level 2 \$250 per person
- April 30 Excel Level 2, Level 3 \$225 per person

Heroes Hub of East Alabama Hosting Employment Workshop

April 25 ● 9 am – 3:30 pm ● SUSCC ● 301 Lake Condy Road ● Opelika

During the workshop, you will engage in activities to prepare you for the Veteran’s Hiring event which is scheduled for the following day, April 26. Registration is free. Participating in this workshop guarantees you a ticket to the Veteran’s Hiring Event. For more information, contact Greg Leikvold, gleikvold@suscc.edu. [Register Here](#)

The Auburn University Office of Professional and Continuing Education Upcoming Events

● **Korean American Grassroots Conference ● April 27 ● 8am – 4 pm**

The conference is organized by the Korea Corner, in joint efforts with the national Korean American Grassroots Conference in Washington, D.C., the Overseas Koreans Foundation, and the Alabama Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs. They welcome all Korean Americans residing in the State of Alabama to register and attend. In particular, they strongly recommend young adults, college students and high school students to attend. The seats are limited to 90; registration required.

[Register Today!](#)

● **Graphic Design Online: Up and Running on Adobe Photoshop ● May 6 – June 3 (Online)**

In this hands-on course, we will work through examples of real-world creative challenges you will encounter as you learn to master Adobe Photoshop CC. They will start from the basics and work up to more challenging and exciting techniques. You'll learn about adjusting colors, masking, retouching, and manipulating images. As a graphic designer, you will learn what it takes to work efficiently and effectively, gaining the skills needed to add Photoshop into your creative toolkit. This course is offered as part of the new online graphic design program.

[Register Today!](#)

● **AU Leadership Presents Lori King Taylor: Emotional Intelligence ● May 16 ● 8 am – 12 pm**

Emotional intelligence is the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and with empathy. As a leadership tool, emotional intelligence provides a leader with the ability to analyze, interpret, and assess the environment and use that information to inform the decision making process. In this emotional intelligence leadership course, you will increase your personal leadership by learning how to manage your emotions in your most difficult moments, enabling you to perform and lead at your best, and connect with others in a more meaningful way. **This session is recognized by SHRM to offer Professional Development Credits (PDCs).*

[Register Today!](#)

● **Hap Arnold Lecture Series (Free and open to the public.) ● May 16 ● 6 – 8 pm**

In partnership with the Office of Professional and Continuing Education, the Hap Arnold Lecture Series is an outreach effort of the United States Air Force Air War College with the goal of fostering direct discussion and exchange between senior military officers and the public on matters related to national security. The platform employs a panel of senior officers, designated for their military experience, academic accomplishments and expertise in the area of national security. Held annually, this program was created to foster dialogue and to expand understanding between senior military leaders and the surrounding communities.

[Register Today!](#)

Emerging Leadership Training at Goodwill Career Center

May 3, 17 & 31 / June 14, 28 / July 12 • 9 -11 am • 3740 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika

This is a great training to understand your strengths and how to leverage them in a positive, effective way that helps improve productivity and results. Seating is limited to 12 so make sure you get registered today! [Details](#)

Harbert College of Business Recruiter Summit

May 15 • 8 am – 3:30 pm • Auburn University CASIC Building

Space is limited and registration is required. The cost to attend is \$50, which includes breakfast and lunch. This summit qualifies for 4 CEU credit with both SHRM and HRCI.

Topics include:

- **Best Practices for Creating a World Class Internship Program**
- **Harbert College of Business Update**
- **Update on Current Hiring Practices and Strategies – What the Data Tells Us**
- **Panel Discussion with Harbert College of Business Program Representatives**

[Register Here](#)

-----**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**-----

Peaches 'n Clean Seeking Office Manager

This position is a full-time job. Office Management experience is preferred. If interested, drop off a resume at their location, 1962 Mall Blvd Auburn, Alabama.

Job Fairs at Goodwill Career Center

334.275.4815 • 3740 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika • www.goodwillsr.org

• Bath & Body Works • April 25 • 10 am – 12:30 pm (CST)

Please Dress for Success and bring your resume.

Positions: Key Holder • Sales Associate • Assistant Manager • Top Seller

-----**SAVE THE DATE**-----

MAY

- **Chamber Closed for Memorial Day • May 27**

JUNE

- **Lee County Commission:
Lee County Courthouse Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours • June 3**
- **Business Leaders Legislative Luncheon • June 19**
- **Joint Legislative Reception with Auburn Chamber • June 24**
- **Kathy Powell - State Farm Business After Hours • June 27**

Character Trait: Tenacity

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.

Registration Policy

Because the Chamber needs to give a headcount to the venue, please register for events by the deadline. No reservations will be taken after the deadline or at the door.

Having Trouble Registering Online?

Here are 3 easy steps to help you. [Steps](#)

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