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-----CHAMBER NEWS-----

- 2/20 Onin Staffing Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 2805 Frederick Road • Opelika
- 3/14 MAX Business After Hours**
5 -7 pm • 3021 Frederick Road • Opelika
- 3/18 Trip to Ireland Informational Meeting**
12 Noon or 5 pm • Opelika Chamber • 601 Avenue A
- 3/26 Women's Business Council Expert Series: Bikes**
James Bros. Bikes • 8 am • 113 S. 9th Street • Opelika
Presenting Sponsor: **Jackson Thornton**
- 3/26 First South Farm Credit Ribbon Cutting**
4 pm • 1613 Frederick Road • Opelika
- 3/28 Business Over Breakfast with Dr. Joe Summers**
Presenting Sponsor: **Glynn Smith Chevrolet – Buick - GMC**
7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club • Opelika
- 3/28 Lifestyle Group Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • Northwoods Subdivision • Auburn

Member Enterprise Mailer

Deadline: February 22 / Email to Chamber Members: March 1

Got a terrific sale, event or service going on? Want to reach over 1600 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 Member Enterprise 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.

Realtor Tour of Opelika City Schools

March 14 • 8 am – 12 Noon

Calling all realtors! If you would like to see the amazing Opelika City Schools system, then here is your chance! Join the Chamber on a tour of three City schools and then have lunch on us! For more information or to register, call 334.745.4861.

Ireland Trip Informational Meeting

March 18 • 12 Noon or 5 pm • Opelika Chamber • 601 Avenue A • Opelika

Trip: November 6 – 13, 2019

The Emerald isle is a land renowned for its “forty shades of green” and is filled with rolling hills, stately castles, warm people and rollicking fun! Come to this informational meeting and hear all about this amazing trip. Email Pam, psmith@opelikachamber.com if you plan to attend.

Women’s Business Council: Sports Expert Series: Bikes

March 26 • 8 am • James Bros. Bikes • 113 S. 9th Street

Presenting Sponsor: Jackson Thornton

You probably rode a bike when you were younger. Well, biking isn’t just for young people anymore. Whether you ride bikes for pleasure or for exercise, you will want to attend this breakfast and learn about the many different types of bikes, the local biking clubs, the safety of riding a bike, and so much more! You will even get to ride a bike at this event! Let’s get healthy in 2019 – Ride a bike!

The cost is \$25. [Register Here](#)

Business Over Breakfast with Dr. Joe Sumners

March 28 • 7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club

Dr. Sumners is the Executive Director of the Government & Economic Development Institute at Auburn University. With over 30 years of outreach experience, working with communities and local governments in Alabama, Dr. Sumners has authored numerous publications on the topic of rural economic and community development, specifically the link between civic engagement and economic prosperity. The cost for the breakfast is \$20 for Chamber Members and \$25 for non-members. Seats are limited. Advanced registration is required. There will be no refunds after the deadline of March 22.

[Register Here](#)

Small Business of the Quarter

Deadline for nominating your favorite business is March 15.

If you have a business that you would love to recognize for their customer service, generosity or achievements, please email Pam, psmith@opelikachamber.com by the deadline. The award will be given out at the Business Over Breakfast on March 28. [Nomination Form](#)

Annual Membership Golf Tournament

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

The saying is that more business deals are made on the golf course than in the boardroom. Whether you love the game of golf, or just want to have fun, this tournament is one that you won’t want to miss! There are a few team spots left in the morning flight and some sponsorship opportunities as well. Contact Jill, jrobinson@opelikachamber.com for all the details.

-----CONGRATULATIONS-----

● **Ware’s Jewelers welcomes Emily Horner to their staff!** Emily has been a jeweler for 7 years and was an apprentice for 3 years. She also studied Art and Design at the Kansas City Art Institute. She does fantastic custom work! Go meet her at the Tigertown location.

-----NEW MEMBERS-----

● **Ogletree Deakins**
Business & Professional Services

MEMBER NEWS

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

Keep Opelika Beautiful Upcoming Events

For more information, contact Tipi, tipi@keepopelikabeautiful.com or call 334.749.4970.

- **Community Canopy Meeting**

February 21 • 6:30 pm • Cooper Library • 200 S. 6th Street • Opelika

Ever had a question about a specific tree or wonder which trees are your responsibility? During this meeting you'll hear from Arborist George Barker on his plans for assessing trees on city property. They will also discuss future tree plantings. Contact Keep Opelika Beautiful for more information, tipi@keepopelikabeautiful.com or 334.749.4970.

- **Citywide Cleanup**

March 2 • Various Locations throughout Opelika

Contact KOB for areas to clean and to collect supplies.

- **The Pepperell Branch Watershed Partnership Environmental Fair**

March 2 • 8 – 10 am • Shady Park • Opelika

Have lots of fun and learn about the environment and clean water. Breakfast snacks will be served. There will be booths with fun water related activities, recycling information and you can even make a fish print. To sign up, call the Lee County Extension Office, 334.749.3353

- **Shred & Recycle Day**

March 16 • Northside Recycling Center • 600 8th Avenue • Opelika

All shredding is done onsite. There is a limit of 10 boxes per vehicle. Please note the location change. This location is the former fire station.

- **Garden in the Park**

May 4 • Opelika Municipal Park

Garden in the Park is Opelika's annual festival featuring handmade and homegrown art.

Ward 2 Academy Presents: "Watch Me Lead, Watch Me Make Change"

February 21 • 6:30 pm • Opelika Learning Center • 214 Jeter Avenue • Opelika

This is a Black History Month Celebration! Join them as their after-school participants' show off their art work and acting skills. There will be live performances, an art showcase, and lots of fun! For more information, contact Ward 2 Representative, Tiffany Gibson-Pitts, tiffanygpitts@gmail.com.

Taylor Made Designs 18th Birthday Celebration

February 21 - 22 • 10 am - 6 pm • 120 S. 8th Street • Downtown Opelika

Join them for a 2-day birthday party event and sale! For more information, call 334.749.2343 or visit www.taylormadeopelika.com.

Child Care Resource Center Hosting Workshop

February 23 • 8 am – 12 Noon • Southern Union Community College

This family resource center provides free training for child care providers in our region. For more information, call Susan Morris Fordham, 334.749.8400. [Register Here](#)

March Of Dimes: The March For Babies Kickoff

February 26 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • EAMC Education Center • 2027 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika
Let's fight for the health of all moms and babies! The funds they raise help March of Dimes empower families with programs, information and tools to have healthier pregnancies. By giving every baby the best possible start, they're building a brighter future for us all. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Linda Gross at lgross@marchofdimes.org, or call 334.513.7381 by **February 21**.

EAMC: "Walk with a Doc"

February 26 • 8 am – 4 pm • EAMC Fitness Trail • Pepperell Parkway
This is a one mile walk with the EAMC Health Care Physicians Group. For more information, call 334.528.2404.

Pursell Farms: St. Patrick's Weekend Getaway

March 15, 16, & 17 • 2200 Farm Links Blvd. • Sylacauga, Alabama
Receive a beautifully appointed room at The Inn and a welcome gift including:

- **Bottle of Champagne**
- **Complimentary Irish- Themed Cocktail**
- **Chef-inspired Canapés' at The Pub**
- **Special Pricing on 17 Holes of Golf**
- **Complimentary Spa Enhancements and so much more!** [Flyer](#) [Reservations](#)

17th Annual Philanthropy Board: Spring Symposium & Luncheon with Chef Emeril Lagasse

April 8 • The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center • Auburn
Chef Emeril Lagasse will be the keynote speaker for the upcoming symposium. He will do a "Kick it Up a Notch" cooking demonstration and tasting after the luncheon through a purchase of a Premium Table Sponsorship. Also speaking are Teri Lovelace, "Social Impact Investing" and Olivia Hails, "The Science of Negotiating: A Guide for Women." For sponsorship opportunities or to purchase a ticket, visit www.carycenter.auburn.edu/wpb.

2019 Administrative Professionals Conference

Not All Superheroes Wear Capes: Develop and Celebrate Your Superpowers
April 23 • 8 am – 4 pm

Auburn University Office of Professional and Continuing Education has recruited expert and innovative leaders to present a full day of interactive sessions and group intensives. Flex your creative and analytical muscles, solve problems more easily, make better decisions and gain recognition, confidence, and credibility. This event is designed to help you develop your Super Powers past today's challenges and soar into the future. [Register now](#) and save! Early Registration ends **March 22, 2019**.

-----**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**-----

Upcoming Classes at Software Made Simple

9 am – 4:30 pm 233 • 12th Street, Suite 911-A • Columbus, GA • 706.332.7372

- **February 22** **EXCEL 2016 Advanced** **\$225 per person**
 - *Working with Multiple Worksheets & Workbooks*
 - *Using Lookup Functions and Formula Auditing*
 - *Automating Workbooks (Data Validation, Macros)*
 - *Creating Spark Lines and Maps*
 - *Forecasting Data*
 - *Importing & Exporting Data*

- **February 28** **QUICKBOOKS Level 2** **\$275 per person**
 - *Memorizing Transactions*
 - *Creating Custom Forms (Invoices, Statements)*
 - *Working with Asset, Liability and Credit Card Accounts*
 - *Working with Payroll*
 - *Working with Sales Tax*
 - *Creating Custom Reports*
 - *Estimating, Time Tracking, and Job Costing*
 - *Managing Company Files*

SHRM-CP/SCP Test Prep

Tuesdays, Now - April 30 • 6 pm - 9:15 pm • 356 Davis Hall • Auburn University

The SHRM-CP/SHRM-SCP certification preparation course is designed primarily for individuals seeking credentials that focus on identifying and testing the knowledge and practical real-life experiences HR professionals around the world need to excel in their careers today.

[Register Today!](#)

RAD: Self Defense for Women Class

February 25 & 26 / March 4 & 5 • 5 – 8 pm • Southern Union • Southern Room

The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. It is not a Martial Arts program. The class is free compliments of Sheriff Jay Jones and is led by Corporal Pamela Revels. For more information or to register, email Amy Rogers, arogers@suscc.edu or call 334.745.6437, ext. 5530. **This 12 - hour course requires your attendance at each session to participate in the final simulation for safety reasons.*

Project Uplift Mentor Training

February 26 • 4 – 8 pm • Cary Hall 158 • AU Campus

If you interested in becoming a mentor to children in the area between ages 5 – 12, please come to one of these trainings. No registration is required. Please call 334.844.4430 or email puplift@auburn.edu. Web: www.auburn.edu/projectuplift Facebook: www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift

Ogletree Deakins Offering a Complimentary Seminar

“Show Me the Money! Laws, Policies & Practices that Can Add to Your Company’s Bottom Line”

9 am – 3 pm / Breakfast & Registration: 8:30 am

Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National • 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail • Opelika

This will be an informative and educational seminar to address the latest labor and employment law topics impacting all employers. Register online at www.ogletree.com or contact Brandi Hall, 205.714.4424 or brandi.hall@ogletree.com. [Flyer](#)

Graphic Design Online: Mastering Adobe Illustrator

March 5 – March 30

Adobe Illustrator is the designer's essential tool for creating vector logos, professional type effects, maps, diagrams, illustrations and more. Understand the unique features of Illustrator, the difference between vector and raster graphics and how to create complex graphics with simple components and selection tools. This course is offered by the Auburn University Office of Professional and Continuing Education as part of the new online graphic design program. [Register Today!](#)

AU Leadership Presents Matt Overby: The DNA of a Level 5 Leader

March 19 • 8 am - 12 noon • Auburn University Student Center • Ballroom B

The AU Leadership Series returns for 2019! In his presentation, Overby will use his past experience with national brands including Chick-fil-A, Starbucks Coffee Company and Target, to help participants apply the attributes of a healthy culture, emotional intelligence, teamwork, vulnerability, generational differences and communication to become leaders worth following.

[Register Today!](#)

-----JOB OPPORTUNITIES-----

The Alabama CASA Network Has Several Openings

Submit your resume and 3 references to support@alabamacasa.org by February 28, 2019.

Please include the position title in your email subject line. No phone calls.

For complete job description, visit <https://alabamacasa.org/get-involved/#careers-with-alabama-casa>

Current Opportunities

- **Local Program Manager – Montgomery**

This position is ultimately responsible for the overall management of the local program's operations. This includes the supervision and coordination of volunteer services to abused and neglected children.

- **Operations Specialist – Opelika**

This position will assist and support the operations manager goals and objectives for the organization. To include but not limited to preparation for monthly, quarterly and annual grant submission.

- **Resource Specialist – Opelika**

This position will assist and support the stakeholder and resource development goals and objectives for the organization. To include but not limited to volunteer recruitment campaigns, media and communication projects, program development, data mining and compilation, general research; events and training coordination.

- **Local Advocate Coordinator – Dothan**

This position is responsible for the supervision and management of program cases to ensure that abused and neglected children receive quality advocacy in court.

Job Fairs & Workshops at Goodwill Career Center

3740 Pepperell Parkway • 334.275.4815 • www.goodwillsr.org

- **Alliance HR Job Fair** • February 20 • 10 am – 12 pm (CST)

Current Openings: Assembly • Press • Machine Operators

- **McDonald's Restaurants Job Fair** • February 21 • 9 am – 12 pm (CST)

Current Openings: Crew Members • Maintenance Person • Shift Managers

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

MARCH 2019

- Project Uplift Training • March 5 • 4 – 8 pm
- Kids Clothes Connection • March 9 – 23
- Ware Jewelers “Great Estate Buying Show” • March 11 - 13
- MAX Business After Hours • March 14 • 5 - 7 pm
- Project Uplift Training • March 17 • 3 – 7 pm
- Lifestyle Group Business After Hours • March 28 • 5 -7 pm

Character Trait: **TOLERANCE**

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.

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