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

- 3/14 Exclusive VIP Realtor Tour /Lunch**
8 am – 12 Noon • Opelika High School (lunch provided)
Sponsor: **AuburnBank**
- 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
- 3/19 SUSCC Library Ribbon Cutting**
4 pm • 1702 Lafayette Parkway
- 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
- 3/26 Package of 4 Golf Clinics with John King**
March 26 / April 2, 4, 9 • Robert Trent Jones at Grand National
- 3/28 Business Over Breakfast with Dr. Joe Sumners**
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

Exclusive VIP Realtor Tour of Opelika City Schools

March 14 • 8 am – 12 Noon
Sponsor: **AuburnBank**

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: Jeter Primary, Northside Intermediate and Opelika High School. Talk to teachers, principals and OCS Superintendent Dr. Mark Neighbors. Lunch will be provided at OHS. For more information or to reserve your spot, email Pam, psmith@opelikachamber.com. Deadline is March 8.

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@opelkachamber.com if you plan to attend. [Details](#)

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. Deadline is March 22. [Register Here](#)

Golf Clinic Package with John King

Robert Trent Jones Practice Facility at Grand National

Partnering with Head Golf Professional John King, the Chamber proudly offers a package deal of four one-hour clinics focusing on putting, short game, full swing, and long game. Any level of player may attend. Players should bring their own equipment; however, if a player does not have equipment, please notify the Chamber we will make arrangements for equipment. Players are asked to wear golf attire, collared shirts and no denim. **Registration is limited. Deadline to register is March 22 at 5 pm.**

The cost is \$60 for the four 1 hour clinics. For more information, email Mackenzie,

mkayler@opelkachamber.com or call 334.745.4861.

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| March 26 | 5:30 pm | Putting |
| April 2 | 5:30 pm | Short Game |
| April 4 | 5:30 pm | Full Swing |
| April 9 | 5:30 pm | Long Game |

Business Over Breakfast with Dr. Joe Sumners

March 28 • 7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club

Presenting Sponsor: Glynn Smith Chevrolet - Buick – GMC

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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 26.

[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@opelkachamber.com by the deadline. The award will be given out at the Business Over Breakfast on March 28. [Nomination Form](#)

20th Annual Member 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-----

- **Samantha Bullinger, graduate fellow to the City of Opelika**, received a scholarship to attend the ICMA Southeast Regional Conference this week in Greenville, SC. Samantha is a student in the Auburn University Master of Public Administration program and received this scholarship based on an essay she wrote, "Innovation in Local Government: The Opelika Neighborhood Mobile Wellness Clinic".
- **OHS Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Carver-B'ham** in the AHSAA State Semi-Finals is today at 9 am in the BJCC Arena. **GO LADY DAWGS!**
- **Homeworks of Alabama** has won more awards for their model home, **The Dorset**, showcased at The Springs of Mill Lakes at the Best of 55+ Awards ceremony held during National Homebuilders Association International Builders Show in Las Vegas.

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

- **SMG Lake Harding** *Recreation*
- **Tru by Hilton Auburn** *Hotels*

-----MEMBER NEWS-----

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

Lee County Town Hall & Listening Session

February 28 • 6 – 8 pm • Family Life Center • Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church

This event is hosted by Alabama Representatives Pebblin Warren and Jeremy Gray. Questions can be submitted in advance to townhall@alabamahousedems.com.

Keep Opelika Beautiful (KOB) March Events

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

● **18th Annual Citywide Cleanup**

March 2 • Various Locations throughout Opelika

Organized by KOB to fight against litter, volunteers help clean up Opelika at this one-day event. Most of the volunteers clean their designated roadways throughout the year but this one day, everyone works together. The Opelika Exchange Club will feed all volunteers after the morning of picking up litter. Also helping with supplies is East Alabama Medical Center. Contact KOB for areas to clean and to collect supplies. **Help Keep Opelika Beautiful!**

- **The Pepperell Branch Watershed & KOB Partner for Environmental Fair**
March 2 ● 8 – 10 am ● Shady Park ● Opelika

In conjunction with Citywide Clean up, KOB and the Pepperell Branch Watershed Committee have partnered to offer an Environmental Fair. 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.

Village Friends Volunteer Training

March 5 ● 2 – 4 pm ● 517 Oak Park / 1265 Gatewood Drive ● Auburn

Village Friends utilizes the skills and services of volunteers to assist seniors in need of a support system to maintain their independent lifestyle in the Auburn / Opelika community. If you are seeking an opportunity to engage in your community, they invite you to volunteer with Village Friends. To register, call VF Coordinator, Bonnie Wilson, 334.209.4641 or email Martha Shepherd, aovillageseniors@gmail.com or visit www.village-friends.org. [Flyer](#)

Granger, Thagard & Associates Hosting Real Estate Auction in Pell City, AL

March 7 ● 1 pm (Register by 12:50 pm)

This is a professional office building with contents located at 1508 Cogswell Avenue in Pell City, Alabama. Although designed as a medical office, the layout of the building accommodates any professional services such as dentistry, legal, accounting, insurance or real estate as in the City Zoning is O & I. It appears ready for immediate use or to rent for the next savvy investor. For more information, call Bill Thagard, 205.410.6751 or email bill@gtauctions.com. [Flyer](#)

The Village Event Center Hosting Kids Clothes Connection

March 9 – 23 ● The Village Event Center

Kids Clothes Connection is a bi-annual sale specializing in gently used children's clothes and shoes, household items, toys, furniture, appliances and so much more! For more information, call Jennifer Hostetter, 334.524.0606 or email jennifer@kidsclothesconnection.com. The event will be open

March 9 ● 9 am – 6 pm / Weekdays ● 10 am – 6 pm / March 23 ● 9 am – 3 pm.

Ware Jewelers Hosting "The Great Estate Buying Show"

March 11 – 13 ● 10 am – 5 pm ● 2163 TigerTown Pkwy ● Opelika & 111 S. College St. ● Auburn

Many items such as: *Fine Jewelry ● Diamonds ● Watches ● Coins & Currency ● Scrap Gold & Silver ● Sterling Silver ● Fine Art ● Rarities ● Toys & Advertising*. For more information, call 334.821.7375 or 334.749.5005.

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 18 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.

SUSCC Hosting Simply Spring Fashion Show, Lunch & Marketplace

April 9 ● Southern Room ● Southern Union State Community College

Sponsored by the Southern Union Foundation, this event is a great opportunity to promote your business, while helping to raise funds for scholarships benefiting students in the community. Your participation as a vendor allows you to display and/or sell your products or provide information on your services. Vendor space is available for \$50. For more information about being a vendor, call Melissa Todd, 334.745.6437, ext. 5355 or email mtodd@suscc.edu. If you would like more information about the Foundation, please call Shondae Brown, 256.395.2211, ext. 5145 or email sbrown@suscc.edu.

Marketplace Open: 10 am – 2 pm. Lunch: 12 – 1:30 pm. [Vendor & Ticket Details](#)

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 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!](#)

Ogletree Deakins Offering a Complimentary Seminar

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

March 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 lose topics impacting all employers. Register online at www.ogletree.com or contact Brandi Hall, 205.714.4424 or brandi.hall@ogletree.com. [Flyer](#)

Project Uplift Training Sessions

March 5 • 4 – 8 pm or March 17 • 3 – 7 pm • Cary Hall 158 • Auburn University

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to children in the area between ages 5-12, please attend one of these training sessions. No registration is required and only one session is needed. For more information, call 334.844.4430 or email puplift@auburn.edu.

www.auburn.edu/projectuplift www.facebook.com/auprojectuplift

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!](#)

Cooper Library: Tuesdays @ 2

200 South 6th Street • Opelika • 334.705.5380 • www.cooperlibrary.com

• **March 12 • 2 pm • Daphne Simpkins: “Alabama’s Own Nat King Cole”**

• **March 26 • 2 pm • Alan Hinds: “Battle of Mobile Bay”**

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

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

APRIL

- EAA Performance Series: Tenting, Tine Thing Helseth Brass Ensemble • April 2
- Connections • April 10
- Genesis Health Business After Hours • April 11
- EAA Performance Series: The King and I • April 22
- Prestige Properties Business After Hours • April 25
- Joint Legislative Reception with Auburn Chamber • April 30

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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