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Welcome our new Manager of Programs & Events-----Mackenzie Kayler

Mackenzie received her Bachelor’s in Hospitality Management from Troy University and is a native of Roswell, Georgia. Before moving to Opelika, she worked for the City of Troy and assisted with community events and special projects in Troy, Alabama. Mackenzie also worked for Troy University’s Student Involvement Office as the Graduate Assistant. She is currently working on her Masters of Public Administration from Troy University and intends to graduate May 2019. She enjoys watching sports, good food, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

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

- 1/17 **Borland Benefield Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 6759 Society Hill Road Auburn
- 1/17 **El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant Ribbon Cutting**
4:30 pm • 814 Geneva Street
- 1/22 **Women’s Business Council Luncheon**
11:30 am – 1 pm • Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National
Presenting Sponsor: **Jackson Thornton**
- 1/24 **Business Over Breakfast – Education Edition – with Dr. Mark Neighbors**
7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club
Presenting Sponsor: **Glynn Smith Chevrolet – Buick – GMC**
Gold Sponsors: **Baxter International • S & S Termite & Pest Control • MAX
Huntingdon College • Opelika Power Services • Opelika-Auburn News**
- 1/24 **East University Veterinary Hospital Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 1675 E. University Drive • Auburn
- 1/24 **AuburnBank Mortgage Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 1967 E. Samford Avenue • Auburn
- 1/29 **Business After Hours / Pre-Performance Series Reception**
5 – 6:45 pm • John Emerald Distilling Company
Sponsored by: **Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau**

Women’s Business Council: Keynote Luncheon

January 22 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National
Presenting Sponsor: **Jackson Thornton, Certified Public Accountants & Consultants**

Gold Sponsors: East Alabama Medical Center, Chicken Salad Chick, Three – Sixty Real Estate

Dominique Love is the guest speaker for the event. She is an entrepreneur, philanthropy expert and lover of food and drink – especially the Southern variety. She has built a career on her passions from

working in community and founding the Atlanta Food & Wine Festival to her most recent role leading the IWSC Group North America. The cost is \$20 / Chamber Members and \$25 / Potential Members.

[Register Here](#)

Business Over Breakfast – Education Edition

January 24 • 7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club

Presenting Sponsor: Glynn Smith Chevrolet – Buick – GMC

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The guest speaker for this Education Edition is Dr. Mark Neighbors, superintendent of Opelika City Schools. He will give an update on the well-being of the schools and what is coming down the pike. This is a great time to learn about the many programs OCS has established that prepares the students for the future. The cost is \$20 for Chamber members and \$25 for potential members. [Register Here](#)

Pre - Performance EAA Reception / Chamber Business After Hours

January 29 • 5 – 6:45 pm • John Emerald Distilling Company • 706 N. Railroad Avenue

Sponsored by: Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau

This reception is scheduled before the East Alabama Arts presentation, *“We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”*

State of the City

February 1 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National

Presenting Sponsor: ESG & Point Broad Band

Gold Sponsors: MAX Credit Union & Opelika Power Services

Don't miss this important event! The Honorable Mayor Gary Fuller will give an update of this past year and what is planned for 2019! The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$30 for potential members.

Seating is limited, so a reservation is required. [Register Here](#)

Deadline to register is January 25.

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

- **Dyna-lift**
Industrial/Commercial Supplies & Services
- **Resting Pulse Brewery**
Restaurants

-----CONGRATULATIONS-----

● **The Spa at Grand National was among the 100 best in North America in 2018, according to a list released by Spas of America!** The Spa at Grand National is a part of the **Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National.**

● **Chicken Salad Chick Celebrating 11th Anniversary**

In honor of their birthday, Chicken Salad Chick is hosting its annual Guest Appreciation Day on Thursday, January 24th at 1345 Opelika Road in Auburn. Any guest who visits that day will receive a free scoop of Classic Carol, with no purchase necessary.

- **BigHouse Foundation Celebrating 10th Anniversary!** Come to the Birthday Bash on February 21, 2019. Jason Johnson (jasonjohnsonblog.com) will be the featured keynote speaker! There isn't a cost to attend, but there is an opportunity to give generously presented during the event. Reserve your tickets or table by emailing BigHouse, bighouse@ourbighouse.org.

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

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

City Engineers Inspecting Waterways

Over the next few weeks, the City of Opelika Engineering Department storm water crew will be walking streams in the area to perform required inspections of waterways. These streams are considered public waters of the U.S., they are sometimes in close proximity to residential areas. The city employees will have identification and a vest on so they can be easily identified. If you have any questions, please contact the Engineering Department at 334.705.5450.

Better Bodies Massage Now Open for Student & Professional Clinic Education

334.737.1400 ● 1010 Renfro Avenue ● www.betterbodiesal.com

- **Student Clinic – Tuesday & Thursday ● 5:30 – 8 pm**
Friday ● 10 am – 2 pm & 5 – 8 pm
Saturday ● 10 am – 2 pm
- **Professional Clinic – Monday – Friday ● 9 am – 7 pm**
Saturday ● 10 am – 5 pm

BigHouse News

211 Samford Avenue ● 334.363.2634 ● www.bighouse@ourbighouse.com.

- **Glitz, Glam & Gowns**
Donations of prom dresses and formal attire are being accepted now through the end of February.
- **Birthday Bash - 10th Anniversary Celebration ● February 21**
Featuring Jason Johnson. No cost to attend but a donation opportunity will be presented during the bash.
- **Swimsuit & Towel Drive Collection Sites Needed**
Collection dates are March 1 – April 30. If your school, church or business is interested in hosting a collection drive, please contact them.

AU's The Alabama Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Initiative

January 22 ● CASIC Building ● AU Research Park

This initiative is starting a 6-week **FREE** education program for couples who wish to make their relationship the best it can be. Classes start on January 22. Dinner is provided and parking is hassle-free. You have the opportunity to **earn \$100 as a couple or \$50 per person** if you participate in the surveys. Pre-registration is required, call 334.844.8711. Spaces and childcare spots are limited.

Project Uplift Mentor Training

January 27 • Cary Hall 158 • AU Campus

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to children in the area between ages 5 – 12, then you need to attend one of the monthly training sessions. There are 2 trainings offered every month. For more information, please call 334.844.4430 or email puplift@auburn.edu.

www.auburn.edu/projectuplift • www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift • [@auprojectuplift](https://twitter.com/auprojectuplift)

EAA: “We Shall Overcome – A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

January 29 • 7:30 pm • Opelika Center for the Performing Arts

Inspired by the words and action of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the performance showcases repertoire from across the African American music tradition that electrified a generation of civil rights activists and defenders with interwoven spoken word from Dr. King’s recorded speech. This production ties together a living lineage of music and culture that includes traditional gospel, modern gospel, classical, jazz, Broadway and spirituals. [Purchase Tickets Here](#)

Boys & Girls Clubs Champion for Kids Luncheon

January 31 • 11:30 am (CST) • The Southern Room • Southern Union State Community College

Keynote speaker will be Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill. For more information, call 334.502.1311 or visit www.bgcleco.org.

The AU Career Center is Now Accepting Nominations for the Student Employee of the Year Award

The deadline to submit a nomination is January 31, 2019.

They are asking Auburn-Opelika businesses who employ AU students to participate in the nomination process by submitting the name of a student employee that does an outstanding job. All nominees will receive recognition during the awards ceremony on April 10, 2019, and two students will receive special recognition as the On-Campus Student Employee of the Year and the Off-Campus Student Employee of the Year. To submit a nomination, please visit <http://career.auburn.edu/seoty>. For questions email-greenay@auburn.edu.

J.W. Darden Foundation: 7th Annual Black Tie Legacy Gala

**February 2 • 6 pm – Cash Bar / 7 pm Dinner / Awards Following
Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National**

The Gala perpetuates the legacy of Dr. J.W. Darden, Opelika’s first black physician. The Foundation gives scholarships to future medical providers enrolled in a post-graduate degree program, supports the Darden Wellness Center and benefits the mission of the Foundation. To purchase a ticket or a table, please contact Peggy Hansen, 334.663.1833 or Jeanette Peters, 334.745.6578 or email jeanettepeters@bellsouth.net. January 17 is the deadline.

Pursell Farms Hosting Sweet Events for Valentines

February 14, 15 or 16 • 2200 Farmlinks Blvd. • Sylacauga • www.pursellfarms.com

Take your sweetheart on a fun stay at Pursell Farms for Valentines. Check out the flyer for all the details. Call 256.208.7600. [Flyer](#)

Lee County News: Special Election on February 19

The Lee County Commission has called and ordered a special election to be held on February 19 for the renewal and continuation of the levy of the one mill countywide school tax in Lee County.

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

AU & City of Auburn Offering Free Tax Prep Class

Boykin Community Center / Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church

This is for households earning up to \$54,000 with children, or up to \$20,000 without children. Call 1.888.998.2925 for an appointment for IRS-Certified Tax Preparation Class.

[Flyer](#)

Cooper Memorial Tuesday at 2 Events

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

• January 29 • 2 pm • Frances Robb: "Talking About Tallulah"

Tallulah Bankhead (1902-1968), Alabama's most celebrated actor, was a talented performer, Jazz Age celebrity and a determined champion of racial equality. The presentation has three parts:

1. Her most notable achievements
2. Her personal life, including her noted Alabama political family, her difficult upbringing, her success on the English stage, and her early appearances in film and stage
3. Her work for racial tolerance and equality, including her encouragement of black sports figures and musicians, her showcasing of black entertainers on The Big Show, and her forthright views that talent has no color bar and that racial equality was long overdue.

New Online! Graphic Design: Up and Running on Photoshop

February 4- March 4

In this online, instructor-led course, students will work through examples of real-world creative challenges they will encounter as they learn to master Adobe Photoshop CC. This course is offered by the Auburn University Office of Professional and Continuing Education as part of the new online graphic design program. To register: <http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/opce/graphicdesign/#register>.

Auburn University is Offering Grant Writing: The Essentials

February 15 • 9 am – 4 pm • CASIC Building • Auburn Research Park • Auburn

This one-day comprehensive workshop will cover several topics including getting your ideas across clearly and concisely, improving writing mechanics, "hooking" reviewers with a great need statement, following proposal guidelines, and locating grant opportunities. Experienced grant specialists at the AU Food Systems Institute can help no matter your level of grant-writing experience or where you are in your search for funding. Register online at aufsi.auburn.edu. Space is limited. [Details](#)

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

<https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=physician%20liaison%20therapysouth&l=Auburn%2C%20AL&vjk=0eefa53261af7ca6>

TherapySouth is Seeking a Part Time Physician Liaison

This growing outpatient, therapist-owned practice, **TherapySouth**, has 29 locations throughout Alabama and Georgia. They are committed to "hands-on care, close to patients' home or work" by providing comprehensive and compassionate treatment which has been a cornerstone of our practice for the past 12 years. As their practice has grown, they need an additional **Physician Liaison to serve the Alabama market including the areas of Auburn, Opelika and Montgomery**. This **part-time position will require**

16 - 20 hours per week, serving as a liaison to facilitate referral flow to the clinics from referring entities. Primary activities include communicating with potential referring physicians and office staff for the purpose of relationship development, identification of service improvement opportunities, and increased awareness of TherapySouth's services and clinicians. [Details and Application](#)

Goodwill Industries is Seeking 3 Part-Time Cashiers

3740 Pepperell Parkway • www.goodwillsr.org • 334. 275.4815

These positions are 4 days a week, mainly over the weekend. Hours are 3 – 9 hours a week. For more information, call the number above.

Auburn University Internship and Part Time Job Fair

January 29th • 10 am - 1 pm • AU Student Center Ballroom

Contact Ayshia Calloway, greenay@auburn.edu or 334.844.3862 if you interested in hiring Auburn Students. The event has a fee of \$50 for employers. To reserve your spot, visit

https://app.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/8230/employer_preview. Registration is filling up fast.

Job Fairs & Workshops at Goodwill Career Center

3740 Pepperell Parkway • 334.275.4815 • www.goodwillsr.org

- **Multi- Business Job Fair • January 23 • 10 am – 12:30 pm (CST) [Flyer](#)**
- **Joann Job Fair • January 24 • 10 am – 12 pm (CST) [Flyer](#)**

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

FEBRUARY 2019

- **TherapySouth Ribbon Cutting • February 5**
- **Project Uplift Mentor Training • February 11 & 26**
- **River Bank & Trust Business After Hours • February 12**
- **RAD: Self Defense for Women Class • February 25 & 26 & March 4 & 5**

Character Trait: Innovation

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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