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

- 1/24 **Business Over Breakfast – Education Edition – with Dr. Mark Neighbors**  
7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club • Opelika  
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 • Opelika  
Sponsored by: **Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau**
- 2/1 **State of the City Luncheon**  
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**
- 2/5 **TherapySouth Ribbon Cutting**  
10 am • 2701 Frederick Road • Opelika
- 2/12 **Big Blue Crawfish & Cajun Market Ribbon Cutting**  
10 am • 2611 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika
- 2/12 **River Bank & Trust Business After Hours**  
5 – 7 pm • 1804 Thomason Drive • Opelika

**Business Over Breakfast – Education Edition**

January 24 • 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**

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. **Deadline is TODAY!**

[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.**

**Having Trouble Registering for an Opelika Chamber Event Online?**

- You can click on the registration link on the invitation OR newsletter;  
**OR** visit our website, [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com) and click on the scrolling section of events
- When event page comes up, click on the “**Register Now**” button. **IF** you have a user name and password already, you can log in here. **IF NOT** and we have your email address already, you can enter your email address on the bottom line and proceed from there. **IF** we do not have your email, then you will need to contact us to register you.

Also, a registration deadline is given in order to provide a headcount to the venue. Apologies in advance, **No** reservations will be taken after the deadline.

-----**NEW MEMBERS**-----

- **Miracle-Ear**  
*Physicians – Auditory*
- **Bethesda Learning Academy**  
*Schools*
- **Craftmaster Printers**  
*Printers*
- **J. Dean Insurance**  
*Insurance*

-----**CONGRATULATIONS**-----

- Welcome **Greg Leikvoid** and **Jeff Dyal** to the New Workforce Development Staff at Southern Union Community College.
- **Lewis Cooper Jr., Memorial Library Director Rosanna McGinnis** has been selected for the Spring 2019 Public Library Association Leadership Academy.
- **Opelika City School Board** honors 2018-2019 Teachers of the Year!
  - **Rachel Tate** Jeter Primary, OCS Elementary Teacher of the Year
  - **Kathryn Gholston** Opelika Middle School, OCS Secondary Teacher of the Year

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| - Patrice McAllister | Carver Primary             |
| - Teresa Swann       | Morris Avenue Intermediate |
| - Melissa Cook       | Northside Intermediate     |
| - Kori Skinner       | West Forest Intermediate   |
| - Hannah Owens       | Southview Primary          |
| - Hannah Holladay    | Opelika High School        |

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

Visit our Community Calendar at [www.opelikachamber.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 - 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:puplift@auburn.edu).

[www.auburn.edu/projectuplift](http://www.auburn.edu/projectuplift) • [www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift](https://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.bgcleeco.org](http://www.bgcleeco.org).

**Lee County Extension Service Upcoming Events**

**334.749.3353 • 600 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 4 • [www.aces.edu/lee](http://www.aces.edu/lee)**

- **Now taking June Summer Camp Registration for 4H**
- **Pruning Workshop • January 31 • 10 am – 12 Noon • 457 Kimberley Drive Auburn**  
Register by emailing [leemastergardeners@gmail.com](mailto:leemastergardeners@gmail.com).
- **Bees Wax Workshop • February 16 • 9 am -12 Noon**
- **Farmer Recertification • Farmers Market Nutrition Program • February 18 • 1 pm (CST)**
- **Friends of Master Gardeners • [www.leemg.org](http://www.leemg.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](mailto:greenay@auburn.edu).

**Pursell Farms Hosting Sweet Events for Valentines**

**February 14, 15 or 16 • 2200 Farmlinks Blvd. • Sylacauga • [www.pursellfarms.com](http://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](#)

### **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](http://aufsi.auburn.edu). Space is limited. [Details](#)

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## -----JOB OPPORTUNITIES-----

### **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 their 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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> • 10 am - 1 pm • AU Student Center Ballroom**

Contact Ayshia Calloway, [greenay@auburn.edu](mailto: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](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](http://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](#)**

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

**FEBRUARY 2019**

- Project Uplift Mentor Training ● February 11 & 26
- EAA presents: The Czech National Symphony Orchestra ● February 18
- 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](mailto: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](http://www.opelikachamber.com).

**Registration Policy**

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

**601 Avenue A - Phone 334.745.4861- Fax: 334.749.4740**

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