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

- 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

Veteran – Owned Businesses

If you are a veteran and own a business, please contact Pam Powers-Smith at the Chamber, psmith@opelikachamber.com.

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 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 head count to the venue. Apologies in advance, **No** reservations will be taken after the deadline.



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

Got a terrific sale or service going on? Want to reach over 1300 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.

NEW MEMBERS

- **Great Wolf Lodge Georgia / LaGrange**
Hotels

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Jackson Thornton Celebrates 100 Years with 100 Acts of Service + New Branding**
Jackson Thornton, a certified public accounting and consulting firm, is celebrating two big milestones in 2019: its 100th birthday and the roll-out of a new corporate brand identity and tagline across all its entities. The firm was founded in 1919 in Montgomery, Alabama, which remains the location of the firm's corporate headquarters. Through the years, they have expanded into seven offices in three states: Alabama, Tennessee and Kansas. In honor of its centennial, Jackson Thornton's staff will celebrate with a special year of giving back in each of the communities it serves.
100 Years | 100 Acts of Service Kick-off
<https://www.jacksonthornton.com/jt100andaccounting-video>

MEMBER NEWS

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

The U. S. Census Bureau is Hiring for the Decennial 2020 Census

If you would like to join the 2020 Census Team in collecting data, please call 1.855.562.2020. You can also visit 2020censwus.gov/jobs.

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.

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.

Lee County Extension Service Upcoming Events

334.749.3353 • 600 S. 7th Street, Suite 4 • 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.

- 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

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.

Alabama Launchpad Pitch Event

February 11 ● 12:30 – 5:30 pm ● Courtyard By Marriott ● Auburn

Support start-up companies by watching them pitch their ideas to compete for a share of \$50,000. Don't miss hearing 9 entrepreneurs share their great ideas for a business!

Granger, Thagard & Associates Hosting Auction

February 13 ● 1 pm ● 205.410.6751 ● bill@gtauctions.com

Land: 2630 7th Avenue South ● Birmingham, AL 35233

Auction Location: The Avon Theatre ● 2829 7th Avenue South ● Birmingham

With frontage on two main arteries in Lakeview plus the alley and being in the shadow of both the Expressway and St. Vincent's, it is doubtful this opportunity ever replicates in the near or even distant future. This could clearly be Lakeview's last and largest B3 zoned corner and it is ready to be purchased. For more information, call Bill, 205.410.6751, email bill@gtauctions.com or visit www.gtauctions.com.
[Flyer](#)

Annual Veterans Employment Workshop

February 15 ● 9 am – 3 pm ● Southern Union State Community College

Register now to participate in the Heroes Hub of Opelika's Annual Veterans Employment Workshop. Registration is free and includes one on one assistance with resume prep, interview prep, and priority interviews with local employers. [Register Here](#)

Special Election on February 19 for Education

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**-----

Cooper Library February Special Programs

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

● **Blind Date with a Book** Feb. 1 – 28: Adults

For the month of February, go on a "blind date" with one of their specially marked books. Complete the slip inside the book and return it and you will be entered in a drawing for a date night prize package for two! You may go on as many dates as you like. The winner will be announced via Facebook Live video on March 1.

● **Crafter Hours Book Arts** **February 7 ● 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Join them to learn how to turn old books into lovely crafts for your home or as gifts. This session will be making book page roses. All supplies provided. The event is free and registration is not required.

● **Tuesdays at 2** **February 12 ● 2 pm**

Dr. Robert Schaefer will discuss “Extremists for the Cause of Justice: Martin Luther King’s Letter from a Birmingham Jail.” The letter is an exciting (but not merely academic) combination of political philosophy and theology. Lives were at stake and Birmingham was at the center of the storm.

● **Anti-Valentine’s Day Hangout** **February 14 ● 6:30 – 8 pm**

Tired of Valentine’s Day? Sick of sweetness? Think Cupid is Stupid? If you don’t fall for this overrated Hallmark holiday, then you’re in luck! Join the Library TAB for an anti-Valentine’s day movie night hang out with snacks and activities. This event is for 6th grade and older.

● **Animal Tales** **February 18 ● 10 am**

The animal kingdom is full of all sorts of unique noises. This program will explore these sounds and what they mean. There will be 6 special animal guests! The event is free and no registration is required but space is limited. Come early for best parking and best seating.

● **Tuesdays at 2** **February 26 ● 2 pm**

Using photographs, documented interviews, historical artifacts, audience participation of authentic recitation lessons and tales of early American education, America’s Traveling Schoolmarm, Susan Webb, will transport you to the legacy of Julius Rosenwald and the schools he helped build in the back roads of Alabama. Her presentation is entitled: “Thank you, Mr. Rosenwald: A Chapter from the History of Alabama Education & African-American Education in the South.”

Village Friends is Hosting a Safety Awareness Workshop

February 12 ● 11:30 am ● Auburn Chamber of Commerce ● 714 E. Glenn Ave. ● Auburn

Presented by Lee County Sheriff’s Department, the Yellow Dot and Are You OK? are two wonderful and completely free programs offered to Lee County citizens. Information about and the opportunity to participate in these programs will be presented at the workshop. There is no cost to attend. RSVP to Village Friends at vfvservices@gmail.com or call 334.209.4641. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided by Village Friends. 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>.

OLLlatAuburn Hosts Wisdom Wednesday’s Lecture Series

February 6 ● 2:30 – 4 pm ● Jules Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art ● 901 S. College St. ● Auburn

Author Steve Flowers is the guest speaker and will discuss his book “Of Goats and Governors” with OLLI members and guests, exploring Alabama politics – past and present. For more information, email olli@auburn.edu or call 334.844.3105.

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

Staffing Connections Job Fair

January 31 • 8 am – 12 Noon • Tuskegee, AL

This Job Fair will be held at the Tuskegee Municipal Complex located on 101 Fonville Street in Tuskegee. For more information, visit www.staffing-connections.com or call 334.705.7041.

Positions available: *General Assembly • Machine Operators • Forklift Operators • Quality Control • Maintenance • CDL Drivers • Janitors • General Laborers • Laminators • Electricians*

Job Fairs & Workshops at Goodwill Career Center

3740 Pepperell Parkway • 334.275.4815 • www.goodwillsr.org

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 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

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