



CONNECTOR
Keeping Businesses Connected
ACCREDITED

June 12, 2019



Trinity
Christian School
(334)745-2464 • www.tcsopelika.org

www.tcsopelika.org

1010 India Road
Opelika, AL 36801
334.745.2464

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

- 6/14 Whistle Stop Brew Shop Ribbon Cutting**
4 pm • 830 N. Railroad Avenue • Opelika
- 6/19 U.S. Chamber Update**
12 – 1 pm • SUSCC Southern Room • Opelika (lunch included)
Sponsor: **BBVA**
- 6/24 Joint Chambers Legislative Reception**
5 – 7 pm • AU Regional Airport • 2150 Mike Hubbard Blvd. • Auburn
- 6/25 European Wax Center Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 2131 Interstate Drive • Opelika
(located by the UPS Store in Tiger Town)
- 6/25 Another Broken Egg Café Ribbon Cutting**
2:30 pm • 2311 Bent Creek Road, Ste 200 • Auburn
- 6/26 “Mediation: The Swiss Army Knife of Conflict Resolution” Seminar**
8:30 – 9:30 am • Opelika Power Services • 600 Fox Run Parkway
Sponsors: **J.D. Byrider & Metro City Bank**
- 6/27 Kathy Powell – State Farm Joint Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 1725 Opelika Road • Auburn
(Casino Night!)

U.S. Chamber Update

June 19 • 12 – 1 pm • Southern Union State Community College Southern Room • Opelika
Sponsor: **BBVA Compass Bank**

Brince Manning, the guest speaker for the luncheon, is a representative of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and will speak to Chamber members about timely federal legislation pertinent to our local businesses, as well as businesses all over the country. The U.S. Chamber is the leading advocate for business issues at the federal level. As an active member of the U.S. Chamber, we rely on them for information and resources to connect us with the federal issues that matter to business. The cost is \$10 for Chamber members / \$15 for Potential Members / Corporate Tables (6 seats) \$100. **Deadline to register is June 14. Seating is limited. No refunds after deadline.** [Register Online Here](#)

“Mediation: The Swiss Army Knife of Conflict Resolution” Workshop

June 26 • 8:30 – 9:30 am • Opelika Power Services • 600 Fox Run Parkway • Opelika

Sponsors: **J.D. Byrider & Metro City Bank**

Guest Speaker: **Sharon Lovoy, SPHR • Lovoy’s Team Works, Inc. • Atlanta, GA**

Improve your organization performance and increase employee and customer satisfaction by attending this workshop. Participants will receive useful, practical information than can be applied immediately on the job, including tools to resolve problems with their team, customers and management. The cost is \$20 for members / \$25 for non-members. **Deadline to register is June 25 at 5 pm. Seating is limited.**

No refunds after deadline. [Register Online Here](#)

Participants will learn to:

1. Resolve immediate problems.
2. Recognize the costs of unresolved conflict.
3. Establish what actions should be taken to promote intolerance for unhealthy behavior.
4. Listen and translate to resolve immediate problems and lay the groundwork for healthy interactions in the future.

78th Annual Meeting

July 10 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • Opelika High School Indoor Practice Facility

Sponsored by: Opelika Ford Chrysler Dodge Jeep

H & S Commercial & Industrial Supplies & Services

Who will be the winner of this year’s prestigious Spirit of Opelika award, the Distinguished Citizen or the Visionary award? Join the Opelika Chamber of Commerce for our 78th Annual Meeting on July 10 as we celebrate our amazing members. **Deadline to register is Noon on July 3.** [Register Online Here](#)

-----CONGRATULATIONS-----

● **Three Sixty {real estate}** is pleased to welcome **REALTOR® Lizz Spencer** to their Three Sixty Resort Living at Lake Martin office.

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

● **Sprint By Absolute Wireless**
Cellular Phones & Services

● **Welcome New Ambassadors:**

Abby Enfinger

AU Hospitality

Caitlin McRae

Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National

Emma Callicoat

Fetch Me Delivery

Jan Busby

Southern Union State Community College

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

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

United Way of Lee County’s Annual Stuff the Bus Event

This annual school supply drive is just around the corner! This initiative assists families struggling to

provide the necessary supplies for their children to start school. If your business or organization would be willing to run an employee school supply drive or host a donation drop-off site, please contact Chandler Williams at chandler@unitedwayofleecounty.com or 334.745.5540.

East Alabama Mental Health Center (EAMHC) Offering Free Program

“Investing in Families, Impacting Communities”

334.742.2112 • 2300 Center Hills Drive, Building II • Opelika

This is an evidenced-based home visiting program for families with children ages 0 – 5. The Special Deliveries Program of EAMH is now serving Lee and Russell Counties providing home visitation as a Parents as Teachers Affiliate. Parents as Teachers promotes optimal early development, learning, and health of young children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers. For more information, visit www.eamhc.org or email Parentsasteachers@eamhc.org.

Opelika Ford Chrysler Hosting Ride and Drive Event for the Fallen and Injured Auburn Police Officers

June 12 – 14 • 801 Columbus Drive • Opelika

The Auburn Police Department and their families recently suffered a tragic shooting. Opelika Ford Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram will donate \$10 for everyone that comes out to test drive a vehicle on June 12-14. You must be 19 or older, have a valid driver’s license and insurance. One driver per household. For more information, contact Lauren Hudson, 334.749.8113 or email opelikafordcdjr1@gmail.com.

Pepperell Branch Watershed Partnership Installing Drain Markers

June 13 • 5:30 – 7:30 pm • Frog Pocket Park • Opelika

Volunteers from the community are welcome to join the event. Participants will meet first for instructions and supplies at Frog Pocket Park (corner of S. Railroad Avenue and S. 9th Street across from the Irish Bred Pub). Participants will then split into teams to install the markers at multiple locations around town. [Sign Up Here](#) [Flyer](#)

Opelika City Schools Free Summer Meals Program Begins

Through July 19 (Closed July 1st – 5th at all schools and June 20th for OHS)

The Summer Meal Program feeds all individuals up to 18 years old (regardless of where you reside.) For more information, call Nancy Olaveson, CNP Director, 334.745.9700.

- **Carver Primary** **Monday – Friday** **11 am – 12:30 pm**
Please use back door entrance to the dining area.
- **Jeter Primary** **Monday – Friday** **11 am – 12:30 pm**
Please use front entrance at the far right end, then right into the dining area.
- **Opelika High** **Monday – Thursday** **10 am – 1 pm**
Please use front entrance of the school and proceed to the dining area.

Saugahatchee Country Club News

For more information, contact Mary Isbell, Mary@saugahatcheecountryclub.com or call 334.749.3441.

- **Opelika Chamber Members Offered Discount Through June 30**
Use this ad and receive 25% off current initiation fees. [Flyer](#)
- **Kids Summer Discovery Camp: Explore. Discover. Enrich.**
Tuesday – Friday: June 25 – 28 / July 16 – 19 [Flyer](#) [Registration Form](#)
- **Junior and Advanced Junior Golf Camp (Ages 6 – 15)**
Junior: June 18- 20 / July 9 – 11 ● **10 am – 2 pm** [Flyer](#) [Registration Form](#)
Advanced Junior: July 30 – August 1 ● **10 am – 2 pm**

Hometown Appliance & Furniture Offering Special to Opelika Chamber Members

Now – July 7 • Saugahatchee Square • 3720 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika

Check out this new business in Saugahatchee Square. Purchase a couch and loveseat and receive a 50” 4K TV for free! For more information, contact Jeff, 334.364.0174 or visit

Hometownapplianceandfurniture.com.

“The Potpourri” has a New Name – “The Castle on Highpoint”

The Castle on High Point

1908 Highpoint Drive

Opelika, AL 36801

334.749.9885

Gogue Center Seeks Volunteer Ushers for Inaugural Season

The Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University is seeking volunteer ushers for performances and special events during its 2019–20 inaugural season. Usher will assist with distributing programs, scanning tickets, escorting patrons to their seats and other general front-of-house functions. Those interested in volunteering should contact Izzy Brown at 334.844.8499 or eabrown@auburn.edu. Emails should include all relevant contact information.

Surprise Father with a Wonderful Dad’s Night Out at Arricia

June 15 • 7 - 9:30 pm • 241 S. College Street • Auburn

Enjoy grilling demonstrations with Chef Miguel, craft beers, cigars, scotch and a special menu featuring porchetta, ribeyes, oysters and pizza! Space is limited. The cost to attend is \$100, which includes tax and gratuity. [Purchase tickets here](#).

Oliver Henry Celebrating 5 years in Business

June 20 • 6 – 8 pm • 804 N. Railroad Avenue • Opelika

Enjoy live music, signature summer cocktails, yummy foods and over \$1,000 in giveaways! [RSVP Here](#)

Alzheimer’s Association: The Longest Day

June 21

This is the day that the State of Alabama joins others around the world in the fight against Alzheimer’s. Participants will choose an activity to raise funds and awareness to advance the care, support and research programs. To speak with a local participant, to shadow a participant’s activity or to speak to an expert, email Emma Morgan, emorgan@alz.org.

Auburn Food & Wine Festival to Benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County

June 22 • 5 – 9 pm • Twenty-One Acres (located on Wire Road) • Auburn

This event will feature 150 different wines, food from 20 restaurants and a selection of beer and spirits. There will be live music with Graham Harper and Ben Sutton Band. General admission tickets include all samples of food and wine and cost \$105. Food-only tickets are also available for \$55. For more information about the event, contact Josh Nagel, jnagel@alabamacrown.com or call 321.750.1070.

[Purchase tickets here](#).

Granger Thagard Auction

June 27 • 1 pm • 1280 Guntersville Road • Arab, Alabama

This residence and property is 10+/- acres inside the city limits of Arab and is just a few minutes over to Lake Guntersville and about 30 minutes to Huntsville. See the photo gallery online,

www.gtauctions.com. For more information, call 205.326.0833. [Flyer](#)

Jewelry By Design Offering 0% Interest for 24 Months

Now through June 29 • 590 N. Dean Road • Auburn

This special includes the entire store. For more information, call 334.821.9940.

Auburn-Opelika Tourism Annual Photo Contest

Now Open Through July 31

Professional and amateur photographers of all skill levels are welcome to submit up to three photos taken in Auburn or Opelika. One talented winner will be selected to win a \$500 gift card to Cameragraphics or the Auburn-Opelika business of their choice. Photos will be judged on four aspects: originality, creativity, overall artistic appeal and local emphasis. Photo content can focus on, but is not limited to, landscapes, architecture, activities, portraits and wildlife. To enter, visit www.aotourism.com/photo-contest and submit your photo(s). There is no entry fee. The contest is open to all photographers, amateur or professional. You do not have to live in the area to participate. There is no time stamp on the photo submissions; as long as the photo was taken in the area, it doesn't matter when it was taken. Bring on the snow photos! Note: Submitted photos might be used in future marketing materials. We will give full credit to the artist, but please leave off the watermarks. For more information, questions or concerns, contact Cat Bobo at cat@aotourism.com.

67th Freedom Celebration

July 3 • 6:30 pm (Fireworks at Dark) • Opelika High School Track

Celebrate Independence Day with Opelika Parks and Recreation where there are activities for the whole family! **Inflatable Games • Musical Entertainment • Hamburgers • Hotdogs • Popcorn**

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

Become a VIP at Goodwill

3740 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika • 334.275.4815

The Goodwill VIP Program offers free job readiness workshops and job search support. Enroll in their program to get the skills employers are looking for. Email goodbusiness@gwisr.org for more information. [Flyer](#) [Sessions](#)

Project Uplift Hosting Summer Training Sessions

Cary Hall Room # 158 • Auburn University

June 23 3 – 7 pm

July 9 4 – 8 pm

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to children in the area between ages 5 – 12, please come to one of these training sessions. No registration is required and only one session is needed. If you are unable to attend the in-person training session, you can also take it online, <https://cla.catalog.auburn.edu/courses/5698>. For more information, call 334.844.4430 or email, puplift@auburn.edu. www.auburn.edu/projectuplift www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift

Free One-Day Education Class for Couples at Auburn University

July 22 • CASIC Building • AU Research Park

The Alabama Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Initiative at AU is having a one-day FREE education program for couples who wish to make their relationship the best it can be. Breakfast and

lunch are 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. Please see the attached flier. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Call 334.844.8711. [Flyer](#)

Auburn University: Blue Ridge Conference on Leadership: 100 years of Leadership Development

October 2-4

The Blue Ridge Conference provides a management leadership experience for private and public sector principals, employees and representatives and promises to be challenging, motivational and inspirational. Early bird registration is open now through August 15.

[Register Today](#)

-----**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**-----

Haddie's Home Seeking Executive Director

Send resumes and questions to haddieshome@gmail.com.

[Job Details](#)

The Brown Agency Seeking a Property Manager

Applications can be sent to Brooke, brooke@aohomesforsale.com or Bill,

bbrown@thebrownagency.com. [Job Details](#)

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

JULY

- **Credit Central Loans & Taxes Ribbon Cutting** ● July 9
- **Connections Breakfast** ● July 18

Character Trait: Tenacity

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.

Having Trouble Registering Online?

Here are 3 easy steps to help you. [Steps](#)

601 Avenue A - Phone 334.745.4861

Become friends with the Opelika Chamber on Facebook

Follow us on and Instagram