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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 • Opelika
- 3/19 Maximize Your Membership Workshop**
8 – 9:30 am • Opelika Auburn News Community Room
- 3/22 Cakeitecture Bakery Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 124 S. 8th Street • Opelika
- 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 Summers**
Presenting Sponsor: **Glynn Smith Chevrolet – Buick - GMC**
7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club • Opelika

Having Trouble Registering Online?

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

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. You will be traveling with Opelika Chamber Members and members of other chambers.

Email Pam, psmith@opelikachamber.com if you plan to attend. [Details](#)

Small Business Workshop: How to Maximize your Chamber Membership

March 19 • 8 – 9:30 am • Opelika Auburn News Community Room

The Opelika Chamber has more resources, opportunities, and benefits available to its members than ever before! Join us for this valuable workshop and learn how to get the most out of your investment with the Opelika Chamber. There isn't a charge for the workshop but reservations are required. You may bring your laptop if you want. [Register Here](#)

Some of the Topics:

- Registering Online for Events
- Paying Online
- Events Galore for Networking
- Marketing Opportunities
- Notary Available
- Variety of Committees to Serve On
- Leadership Programs – every age group!
- Sponsorships
- Publications

Women's Business Council: Sports Expert Series: Biking

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 PGA Professional 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@opelikachamber.com or call 334.745.4861. [Register Here](#)

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 • Saughatchee Country Club

Presenting Sponsor: Glynn Smith Chevrolet - Buick – GMC

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● **Huntingdon College • Opelika Power Services • Opelika Auburn News**

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@opelikachamber.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.

Leadership Lee County Searching for an Executive Director

- **Sponsor: Opelika and Auburn Chambers of Commerce**
- **Starts June 1, 2019**
- **Part-time / Flexible Schedule / Estimated 20 Hours a Month**
- **Reports to Leadership Lee County Board of Directors**

[Employment Application](#) [Job Details](#)

-----CONGRATULATIONS-----

● **Stone Martin Builders** was chosen by *Professional Builder* magazine as one of the 40 Under 40 list of rising stars in the homebuilding industry. Mitchell Martin, owner and CEO is among the honorees profiled in the March 2019 issue.

● **Laura Sellers of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Preferred Real Estate** won the Leading Edge Society Award which puts her in the top 8% of the company's network agents nationwide.

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

● **Home-Link Realty – Patsy Edge White**
Real Estate Agent

● **Cakeitecture Bakery**
Bakery / Dessert Café

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

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

Opelika Environmental Services Launches Recycle Right Opelika Campaign

This campaign is designed to educate citizens about the proper way to recycle and fight the recycling contamination problems in Opelika. Contamination in recycling is a big issue. If we want to continue our recycling program, the contamination must stop. The four biggest problems are below. If we can

correct these problems, it would greatly decrease our contamination. For more information, please call 334.705.5480.

- **Bags:** Recycling being in plastic bags or just loose plastic bags being placed in recycling.
- **Styrofoam:** The Columbus Recycling Center does not accept styrofoam.
- **Unwashed Food Containers:** All food containers must be washed.
- **Trash:** Please do not use recycling containers for your household trash.

Community Foundation of East Alabama (CFEA) Establishes Recovery Fund

The recovery fund has been set up for donors seeking an official conduit to contribute monetarily to the recovery effort. The CFEA will receive, hold and disperse monies contributed to this fund with input from the Lee County EMA and members of a Tornado Recovery Committee. All distributions will help local entities serve the needs of the Lee County residents who were affected by this disaster.

Contributions can be made on the CFEA website, www.cfeastalabama.org or by mail to P.O. Box 165, Opelika, AL 36803-0165. Please make checks payable to the CFEA or LCTRF. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information, contact Barbara Patton, 334.744.1020 or email info@cfeastalabama.org.

Gogue Performing Arts Center Announces Season Schedule

Sponsorships and Subscriptions still Available

The wait is over! The Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center is proud to announce our inaugural season schedule, with highlights including Wynton Marsalis, The Beach Boys and Renée Fleming. Sponsorships are still available at many levels. As a sponsor, you can book your season subscription ahead of the general public and receive 25% off single ticket prices. Sponsors receive priority access to seat selection (March 12–May 14). For more information on sponsorships, contact Leah O’Gwynn at 334.844.1287 or leah.ogwynn@auburn.edu.

BigHouse Foundation Upcoming Events

211 Samford Avenue • Opelika • 334.363.234 • www.ourbighouse.org

● **Items Needed for their Clothes Closet**

- Girls Premie / NB onesies
- Girls 2T & 3T outfits
- Boys 9 months – 18 Months Clothing
- Boys Size 10 & up shorts
- Baby Formula & Strollers

● **Lee County Tornado Relief Effort**

They are accepting their normal donation items which include:

- Gently Used Kids’ & Teens’ Clothing & Shoes
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- New Undergarments
- New Toiletries

● **Swim & Towel Drive**

March 1 – April 30

They are recruiting collection sites for their Statewide Swimsuit and Towel Drive. If your school, church or business is interested in hosting a collection drive, please contact BigHouse.

● **Kids Night Out (KNO)**

March 29 • 5:30 – 9 pm • Cornerstone Church

KNO is their monthly time to love on our BigHouse kids and let their parents get a little break. If you would like to volunteer please email bighouse@ourbighouse.org.

● **Empowered To Connect Simulcast**

April 5 & 6 ● 9 am – 5 pm ● First Baptist Church Opelika

This conference is a two-day event presented by Show Hope and the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development. Experience a practical teaching in a safe and supportive community as we work to equip families, churches, and professionals to better serve children impacted by adoption and foster care. Free to attend. No childcare provided.

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.

Chicken Salad Chick Fundraiser for the Relief Effort

March 14 ● 4 – 8 pm ● 1345 Opelika Road ● Auburn

Drop by Chicken Salad Chick on March 14, have a delicious meal and Chicken Salad Chick will donate 10% to the Lee County Relief fund. For more information, call 334.821.7770.

United Way and Lee County Family Resource Center Teaming Up

March 14, 21, 28 ● 10 am ● Southside Center for the Arts ● 1103 Glenn Street ● Opelika

Our Community has been through a devastating disaster and our organizations will be here to respond. We will be meeting to coordinate together. If you are interested in helping with this team, please come to these meetings. For more information, call 334.749.8400 ext. 231.

Irish Bred Pub Hosting St. Paddy's Palooza

March 15, 16 & 17 ● 833 South Railroad ● Opelika

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at these fun events at the Irish Bred Pub in downtown Opelika.

Visit www.irishbredpub.com for more information. [Palooza Details](#)

Keep Opelika Beautiful (KOB) Shred & Recycle Day

March 16 ● 8 - 11 am ● Northside Recycling Center ● 600 8th Avenue ● Opelika

All shredding is done onsite. There is a limit of 10 boxes per vehicle. Paper clips and staples do not have to be removed but paper will need to be taken out of binders. Other items accepted at this recycling center include electronics, aluminum cans, cardboard, newspaper, plastic and steel cans. At this time, the Center is open 24 hours a day. For more information, contact Tipi, tipi@keeopelikabeautiful.com or call 334.749.4970.

Piccolo Upcoming Events

Inside The Hotel at Auburn University ● 7 – 9 pm ● 241 S. College Street ● Auburn

- **Kenny on the Keys is Back**

March 21

Kenny Heard will perform at Piccolo (inside The Hotel at Auburn University) some of your favorites songs by Billy Joel, Temptations and other classics! Guest can enjoy an extended apertivo hour and \$5 glasses of wine. For more information, call 334.821.8200.

- **Kidd Blue**

March 22

Enjoy dinner in Ariccia before the live music. There is no cover charge and seating is first-come, first served. Validated valet parking is available.

Community Meeting: Youth Engagement in Opelika

Youth and Adult Focus Groups

March 23 ● 11 am ● Cooper Library ● 200 S. 6th Street ● Opelika

Hosted by Councilwoman Tiffany Gibson-Pitts, this meeting is in conjunction with Opelika's *Commission on Crime and Violence*. Youth engagement is essential when addressing crime. Providing a platform for our youth to be heard, as well as, creating various opportunities for them to be successful and productive citizens is the desire of the City. Citizens are welcome to join the discussion by being a part of the youth or adult focus groups. For more information, please contact Councilwoman Gibson-Pitts by calling 334.444.5869 or emailing tiffanygpitts@gmail.com.

Sensigreen's 2nd Annual Golf Classic & Silent Auction

March 25 ● 9 am – 2 pm ● Moore's Mill Club ● 1957 Fairway Drive ● Auburn

For information, call 334.704.3274 or visit www.sensigreen.com.

Opelika City Schools Board of Education Meeting

March 28 ● 4 pm ● 300 Simmons Street ● Opelika

For more information, call 334.745.9700 or visit www.opelikaschools.org.

Lee County Literacy Coalition "Ready Between the Wines"

March 28 ● 6 – 9 pm ● Saugahatchee Country Club ● 3800 Bent Creek Road ● Opelika

For more information, call 334.705.0001

Domestic Violence Intervention Center Hosting Easter Egg Hunt

April 6 ● 10 am ● Covington Park ● Opelika

Businesses or organization interested in participating in the egg hunt as a vendor should email Kathryn Cooper, k.cooper@dviceastal.org.

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](#)

Pursell Farms: Easter Weekend at the Farm

April 19 – 21 • Hamilton Place • 1971 Marble Valley Road • Sylacauga, AL

• Easter Brunch

Adults: \$64 (plus tax and fees) / Children 4 – 12: \$27.50 / Children 0-4: No Charge

Reservations for Easter Brunch can be made between 10:30 am – 3pm.

• Accommodations

- The Inn Starting at \$299 (plus tax and fees)
- Parker Lodge \$355 per room (plus tax and fees) *2 night minimum
- Cabins \$275 per room (plus tax and fees) *Only available Saturday and Sunday night

• Weekend Highlights

- Friday Evening Spring Wagon Tour of the Farm
- Saturday Evening Complimentary Easter egg dying & outdoor family movie night
- Sunday Morning Easter Sunrise Service, Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch at Hamilton Place
**Please let them know by April 19 if you plan to attend the Easter Service and the number of guests attending with you.*

The Columbus Lions Open with the Jacksonville Sharks

April 19 • 400 4th Avenue • Columbus, GA

The Columbus Lions Professional Indoor Football Club’s first game will be on April 19. One lucky fan will have a chance to win a brand new truck from Rivertown Buick GMC during halftime at this opening game. A random fan will be chosen to punt an arena football 35 yards into the back of the truck. If the ball stays in the truck bed, you win! Contestants must register to win at the fan center the day of the game or at Rivertown Buick GMC. You must be present with a game ticket to be chosen. For more information, visit www.columbuslions.net.

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

OLLI at Auburn Hosts Wisdom Wednesday’s Lecture

March 13 • 2:30 – 4 pm • Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art

Featured Guest Speaker Linda Hemmings will provide a presentation entitled “Road Safety Around 18 Wheelers” focusing on all the information one needs to know about big trucks, along with first-hand information from a truck driver. For more information, contact Dr. Ileeia Cobb, 334.844.3105, olli@auburn.edu or visit www.olliaatuburn.org.

Cooper Library: Tuesdays @ 2

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

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

Project Uplift Training Sessions

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

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!](#)

Auburn University's Critical Studies Working Group Hosting Dr. David Stovall (University of Illinois)

March 22 • Lecture • 3:30 pm • RBD Library • Room 4129

Dr. David Stovall, professor of Africana Studies, Educational Policy, and Criminal Justice has made a tremendous contribution to scholarship on race, justice, and equity in education. He will give a public lecture *"Justice and the Contradictions of Traditional Educational Research: Towards a Critical Analysis of Race, Place and School."* [Flyer](#)

• **March 23 • Breakfast • 10 am • AU Student Center • Room 2218.**

If you are interested in joining them for a conversation with Dr. Stovall about racial justice and what we can collectively do to make Auburn and Opelika stronger communities.

Please RSVP for breakfast by March 19. Email Elena, eza0029@auburn.edu.

2019 Administrative Professionals Conference

Not All Superheroes Wear Capes: Develop and Celebrate Your Superpowers

Reminder: Early Bird Ends March 22

Event: April 23 • 8 am – 4 pm • Auburn Marriott Opelika Spa and Resort at Grand National

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. Early Bird Fee: \$115 / Regular Conference Fee: \$140

[Register Now](#)

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

Job Fairs & Workshops at Goodwill Career Center

3740 Pepperell Parkway • 334.275.4815 • www.goodwillsr.org

• **Surge Job Fair • March 13 • 10 am – 12 pm**

Current Openings include: *Assembly • FL Drivers • Patty Packers • IT Tech • Maintenance Tech*

• **Multi-Industry Job Fair • March 20 • 10 am – 12:30 pm**

Companies included in the Fair: *Borbet • EAMC • Joann • Briggs & Stratton • Grifols • People Ready • Sparkle • McDonald's • Plamastic • Summer Village • CSL Plasma • Easter Seals • Southern Tax Solutions • Marriott • Island Hospitality Management • Popeyes*

• **Staffing Connections • March 26 • 10 – 11 am**

Current Openings include: *Assembly • Cashiers • CDL Drivers • Forklift Operators • Electrical Apprentice • General Labors • Production & Maintenance • Scanners*

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

APRIL

- EAA Performance Series: Tenting, Tine Thing Helseth Brass Ensemble ● April 2
- EAA Pre-Performance Series Reception / Business After Hours ● April 2
- OHTS presents: The Little Mermaid ● April 6 – 7 & 12 - 14
- Women's Philanthropy Board: Spring Symposium & Luncheon ● April 8
- Connections ● April 10
- Genesis Health Business After Hours ● April 11
- Easter Weekend at Pursell Farms ● April 19 - 21
- EAA Performance Series: The King and I ● April 22
- Prestige Properties Business After Hours ● April 25

Character Trait: **COURAGE**

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.

[Click here if you need help registering.](#)

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