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

- 3/22 **Cakeitecture Bakery Ribbon Cutting**  
10 am • 124 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street • Opelika
- 3/26 **Women’s Business Council Expert Series: Bikes**  
**James Bros. Bikes • 8 am • 113 S. 9<sup>th</sup> 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
- 4/5 **Carswell Insurance Agency Ribbon Cutting (& Lunch)**  
11 am • 2352 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika
- 4/5 **Firing Pin Shooting Sports Ribbon Cutting**  
4 pm • 2195 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue • Opelika

[Having Trouble Registering Online?](#)  
Here are 3 easy steps to help you. [Steps](#)

[Ireland Trip Informational Meeting](#)  
April 15 • 12 or 5 pm • Opelika Chamber • 601 Avenue A  
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! You will be traveling with Opelika Chamber Members and members of other chambers. [Details](#)

[Women’s Business Council: Sports Expert Series: Biking](#)  
March 26 • 8 am • James Bros. Bikes • 113 S. 9<sup>th</sup> 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 25.** [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](mailto:mkayler@opelikachamber.com) or call 334.745.4861. [Register Here](#)

<b>March 26</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Putting</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Short Game</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Full Swing</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Long Game</b>

### **Business Over Breakfast with Dr. Joe Sumners**

**March 28 • 7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club**

**Presenting Sponsor: [Glynn Smith Chevrolet - Buick – GMC](#)**

**Gold Sponsors: [Baxter](#) • [S & S Termite & Pest Control, LLC](#) • [MAX Credit Union](#)  
• [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](#)

### **EAA Pre-Performance Series Reception / Business After Hours**

**April 2 • 5 – 6:45 pm • Red Clay Brewery**

This Reception and Business After Hours will take place before the Tenting, Tine Thing Helseth Brass Ensemble that begins at 7:30 pm. [Purchase Performance Tickets](#)

### **20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#)

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## CONGRATULATIONS

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● **Welcome Spring! Keep Opelika Beautiful will kick off the Azalea and Dogwood Trail on March 21.** The Trail begins at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This year's Trail will include the Salem-Shotwell Bridge and Caroline Dean Wildflower Garden. Follow the green arrow signs or pick up a Trail directional card at the Opelika Chamber. 334.749.4970

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## NEW MEMBERS

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**Ledger Green Solutions**  
*Bookkeeping / Outsourced Accounting*

**European Wax Center**  
*Beauty Salon / Barber / Supplies*

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## MEMBER NEWS

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Visit our Community Calendar at [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com) for more details.

**Small Business Administration (SBA) Opens Business Recovery Center in Lee County**

**Southern Union State Community College • Technical Building 7, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Classroom 5**

The U.S. Small Business Administration has opened a Business Recovery Center in Lee County to help businesses in Alabama affected by the severe storm, straight-line winds and tornadoes. They can provide disaster loans, answer questions and assist businesses in completing the SBA application. They are open 8 am – 5 pm Monday – Friday. For more information, contact Michael Lampton, [Michael.lampton@sba.gov](mailto:Michael.lampton@sba.gov). [Flyer](#)

**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.

**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 their 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](mailto:leah.ogwynn@auburn.edu).

**Better Bodies Massage Institute's New Pricing Options**

Receive a wonderful massage and get a discount for cash payments! They accept credit cards, debit cards, and FSA/HAS cards. Please take a look at their times of operation and schedule one today!

[Details](#)

### 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 favorite songs by Billy Joel, Temptations and other classics! Guest may enjoy an extended aperitivo 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tiffanygpitts@gmail.com).

### Sensigreen's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.opelikaschools.org).

### Lee County Literacy Coalition "Reading Between the Wines"

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

For more information, call 334.705.0001

### Opelika Main Street Hosting 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sales

**March 30 • 10 am – 5 pm • Downtown Opelika**

Visit all the downtown shops and restaurants and get some great deals! Easter, Graduation and Mother's Day are right around the corner. Find some unique presents or gift cards are always loved.

### Opelika City Schools Hosting Kindergarten Registration

**April 1 – 3 • 8 am – 3 pm • Primary Schools**

For more information call the OCS office, 334.745.9700.

- **Carver Primary**                      ● **307 Carver Avenue**
- **Jeter Primary**                     ● **700 Jeter Avenue**
- **Southview Primary**           ● **2712 Marvyn Parkway**

### **Project Uplift Mentor Training Sessions for April**

**April 1 or April 16 • 4 – 8 pm • Cary Hall 158 • Auburn University**

No registration is required and only one session is needed. If you are interested in becoming a mentor to children in the area between ages 5 – 12, then please attend one of the meetings. For more information, 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](http://www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift) / [@auprojectuplift](https://twitter.com/auprojectuplift)

### **East Alabama Arts Performance Series: Tenting, Tine Thing Helseth Brass Ensemble**

**April 2 • 7:30 – 9 pm • Opelika Performing Center for the Arts • Opelika High School**

Tine continues embarking on regular tours with her ten-piece, all-female brass ensemble, tenThing. An idea that started in 2007 as a fun and exciting project to pursue with her closest musical friends, the group has gone on to play to numerous European audiences. [Purchase Ticket Here](#).

### **OHTS Presents: The Little Mermaid Performance & Under the Sea Tea Party**

**• April 6 – 7 & 12 – 14 • Opelika Center for the Performing Arts • Opelika High School**

Everyone loves Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. Come and see OHTS perform this delightful musical. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. To purchase tickets, call 334.745.9715 or email [ohts@opelikaschools.org](mailto:ohts@opelikaschools.org).

**April 6      6:30 pm  
April 7      3 pm**

**April 12 & 13      6:30 pm  
April 14            3 pm**

#### **• Under the Sea Tea Party**

**April 7 • 1:30 pm • OHS Bulldog Café • Opelika High School**

Admission is \$5 per child. Please reserve your spot by email [ohts@opelikaschools.org](mailto:ohts@opelikaschools.org).

### **Domestic Violence Intervention Center Hosting Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 6 • 10 am • Covington Park • Opelika**

Businesses or organizations interested in participating in the egg hunt as a vendor should email Kathryn Cooper, [k.cooper@dviceastal.org](mailto:k.cooper@dviceastal.org).

### **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.

### **East Alabama Society for Human Resource Management (EASHRM) Workshop**

## **Navigating the New Wage & Hour White Collar Regulations**

*Proactive Tools and Solutions for Dealing with the Proposed Increased in the White-Collar Exemption*

**April 18 • 8 am – 11:30 am (Registration begins at 7:30 am) • SUSCC Integrated Manufacturing**

This event is a must for Business Owners, HR Professionals, Non-Profit Managers, Public Sector, Higher Ed Managers, etc. [Register Here](#) [More Details](#)

## **The Columbus Lions Open with the Jacksonville Sharks**

**April 19 • 400 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.columbuslions.net).

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

### **Cooper Library: Tuesdays @ 2**

**200 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street • Opelika • 334.705.5380 • [www.cooperlibrary.com](http://www.cooperlibrary.com)**

• **March 26 • 2 pm • Alan Hinds: "Battle of Mobile Bay"**

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.goodwillsr.org)

- **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*

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### -----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
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Going Blue for Autism • April 2
- Cops on Top Fundraiser • April 5
- James Bros. Bikes Bikepacking Weekend • April 5 - 7
- OTHS 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
- A-Day at Auburn University • April 13
- Opelika Parks & Rec: Flashlight Egg Hunt • April 18
- Easter Weekend at Pursell Farms • April 19 – 21
- Opelika Parks & Rec: Underwater Egg Hunt • April 19
- Opelika Parks & Rec: Easter on the Square • April 20
- EAA Performance Series: The King and I • April 22
- Business After Hours Prestige Properties • April 25
- Pursell Farms: Open Fire Cast Iron Cooking with Sea Island Forge • April 26

Character Trait: **COURAGE**

#### **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 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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