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

- 3/12 Staffing Connections Ribbon Cutting**  
4 pm • 2107 Pepperell Parkway, Suite C • Opelika
- 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 – 10 am • Opelika Auburn News Community Room
- 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

**[Having Trouble Registering Online?](#)**

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

**[Exclusive VIP Realtor Tour of Opelika City Schools](#)**

March 14 • 8 am – 12 Noon

Sponsor: **AuburnBank**

Calling all realtors! If you would like to see the amazing Opelika City Schools system, then here is your chance! Join the Chamber on a tour of three City schools: Jeter Primary, Northside Intermediate and Opelika High School. Talk to teachers, principals and OCS Superintendent Dr. Mark Neighbors. Lunch will be provided at OHS. For more information or to reserve your spot, email Pam, [psmith@opelikachamber.com](mailto:psmith@opelikachamber.com). **Deadline is March 8.**

**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](mailto:psmith@opelikachamber.com) if you plan to attend. [Details](#)

**Small Business Workshop: How to Maximize your Chamber Membership**

**March 19 • 8 – 10 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.

[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: Bikes**

**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 22.** [Register Here](#)

**Golf Clinic Package with 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 Summers**

**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](#)

### **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](mailto:psmith@opelikachamber.com) by the deadline. The award will be given out at the Business Over Breakfast on March 28. [Nomination Form](#)

### **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.

### **-----CONGRATULATIONS-----**

• **Opelika's Springs of Mill Lakes** won 4 gold and 3 Silver Awards Including "Best 55+ For-Sale Community up to 200 Homes" from the National Association of Home Builders.

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

• **Firing Pin Shooting Sports**  
*Sporting Goods*

### **-----MEMBER NEWS-----**

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

### **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](http://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](mailto:info@cfeastalabama.org).

**WRBL News 3, PMB Broadcasting and the American Red Cross team up for Tornado Relief Campaign**

## **March 7**

WRBL News 3, PMB Broadcasting and the American Red Cross are teaming up to present a day-long Tornado Relief Campaign. The event will feature two locations where donors can drop off cash or check donations to Red Cross volunteers which will go directly to supporting the victims of Sunday's tornado outbreak in East Alabama and West Central Georgia. In Columbus, the drive-thru drop-off location will be in the parking lot of Sam's Club, located at 5448 A Whittlesey Blvd. Donations will be accepted between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm (EST). In Opelika, the event will take part at Kroger, located in the Tiger Town Shopping Center at 2460 Enterprise Dr. Donations will be accepted there between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm (CST). For donors who cannot make it out to either location, both WRBL and PMB are accepting online donations through their station websites. Donors can also make a \$10 donation to the Red Cross' general disaster relief fund by texting REDCROSS to 90999.

### **Granger, Thagard & Associates Hosting Real Estate Auction in Pell City, AL**

#### **March 7 • 1 pm (Register by 12:50 pm)**

This is a professional office building with contents located at 1508 Cogswell Avenue in Pell City, Alabama. Although designed as a medical office, the layout of the building accommodates any professional services such as dentistry, legal, accounting, insurance or real estate as in the City Zoning is O & I. It appears ready for immediate use or to rent for the next savvy investor. For more information, call Bill Thagard, 205.410.6751 or email [bill@gtauctions.com](mailto:bill@gtauctions.com). [Flyer](#)

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Keep Opelika Beautiful (KOB) Shred & Recycle Day**

#### **March 16 • 8 - 11 am • Northside Recycling Center • 600 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tipi@keeopelikabeautiful.com) or call 334.749.4970.

### **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).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:sbrown@suscc.edu).  
**Marketplace Open: 10 am – 2 pm. Lunch: 12 – 1:30 pm.** [Vendor & Ticket 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-----

### **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](mailto:olli@auburn.edu) or visit [www.oliatauburn.org](http://www.oliatauburn.org).

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

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

- **March 12 • 2 pm • Daphne Simpkins: "Alabama's Own Nat King Cole"**
- **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](mailto:puplift@auburn.edu).

[www.auburn.edu/projectuplift](http://www.auburn.edu/projectuplift) [www.facebook.com/auprojectuplift](https://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!**

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

**Job Fairs & Workshops at Goodwill Career Center**  
3740 Pepperell Parkway • 334.275.4815 • [www.goodwillsr.org](http://www.goodwillsr.org)

-----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
- 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](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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