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## -----CHAMBER NEWS-----

- 5/17 **Hometown Furniture & Appliance Grand Opening**  
3:30 pm • 3720 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika
- 5/23 **Prestige Properties - Auburn Opelika Lifestyle Group**  
**Joint Business After Hours**  
5 – 7 pm • 1500 N. Donahue Drive • Auburn
- 5/27 **Chamber Closed for Memorial Day**
- 6/3 **Lee County Commission: Lee County Courthouse**  
**Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours • 5 – 7 pm**

### 20 Under 40 Program Deadline Approaching

#### **Deadline for Applications: May 17**

Are you under the age of 40, live in and love Opelika and would like to shape the direction of the city's future? Then, the Chamber's 20 Under 40 program may be for you! This program consists of 20 people under the age of 40 who live in Opelika, love Opelika have a vested interest in shaping the direction of this city's future. Participants will be encouraged and challenged to think of ways to make our city better and improve the quality of life. If you have questions, please contact Mackenzie, [mkayler@Opelikachamber.com](mailto:mkayler@Opelikachamber.com) or call 334.745.4861.

[Application](#)   [Scholarship Application](#)   [Letter to Employer](#)

### Member Enterprise Mailer

#### **Deadline: May 24 / Email to Chamber Members: May 31**

Got a terrific sale or service going on? Want to reach over 1400 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](mailto:dmotley@opelikachamber.com) or call 334.745.4861.

### City Hosting Annual Memorial Day Services & Reception

**May 27 • 10 am • Veterans Memorial Monument (in front of City Hall) • 204 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street • Opelika**  
**Reception Following Service: Museum of East Alabama • 121 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street • Opelika**

Major Douglas Barrett, a decorated veteran of the United States Army, a member of Auburn University Student Veterans Association will be the guest speaker. Major Barrett currently works at the Department of the Army Civilian supporting the Alabama Army National Guard. This event is to pay tribute to those Military heroes who paid the ultimate price in the various wars America has fought, as

well as the Veterans who remain among us. Following the service, the Museum of East Alabama will host a reception for the public.

### **78<sup>th</sup> 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 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on July 10 as we celebrate our amazing members. [Register Online Here](#)

## -----CONGRATULATIONS-----

• **Three-Sixty Management** welcomes Kari Pierce to their staff. Kari will handle the day to day bookkeeping tasks related to their property management business.

• **Thanks to the following sponsors for a fantastic 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Member Golf Tournament!**

**Presenting Sponsor Opelika Ford-Jeep-Dodge-Ram**

**Eagle sponsors: Glynn Smith Chevrolet & MAX**

**Lunch Sponsor: Jim n’ Nicks**

	<b><u>Morning Winners</u></b>	<b><u>Afternoon Winners</u></b>
<b>Low Gross</b>	<b>Atlas Valuation, LLC</b>	<b>CenterState Bank</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net</b>	<b>Lee Co. Youth Development Ctr.</b>	<b>Davidson, Davidson, Umbach &amp; Forbus</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Low Net</b>	<b>iHeart Media</b>	<b>Southern States Bank</b>
<b>Closest to Pin (# 8)</b>	<b>James Salter</b>	<b>David Scott</b>
<b>Longest Drive (#14)</b>	<b>Theresa Stratton</b>	<b>JM Shannon</b>
<b>Straightest Drive (#14)</b>	<b>Jeff Holladay</b>	<b>P.J. Simmons</b>
<b>Poker Run (#1, 4, 8, 11, 16)</b>	<b>AU Hospitality</b>	<b>FlipFlopFoto</b>

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

• **Sneak & Dawdle**

*Bar / Pub*

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

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

**The Alsbrook Law Group LLC Has Moved**

**114 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Opelika, AL 36801**

Phone: 334.737.3719 / Fax: 334.737.3716

[www.alsolaw.com](http://www.alsolaw.com)

### **O Grows Market Opens May 14**

Every Tuesday from May 14 – August 27 • 3 - 6 pm • 1103 Glenn Street • Opelika

### **Dermatology Specialists of Alabama Offering Free Skin Cancer Screening**

May 17 • 1543 Professional Parkway • Auburn

In honor of Skin Cancer Awareness Month, Dermatology Specialists of Alabama is hosting a FREE cancer screening to any adult who has not been screened within the past 12 months. Call 334.821.9308 to schedule your free screening. [www.dermatologyspecialistsal.com](http://www.dermatologyspecialistsal.com).

### **State Farm Extends Community Offers Program to Area Businesses**

Community Offers is a way for State Farm to work with small businesses and help drive traffic. Small businesses give the insurance company an offer that they will extend to their policy holders using the State Farm app. Only State Farm customers can use this offer. The offer can be a coupon for a dollar amount, percentage, or a free gift. They would also work with the other agents in the area to promote these small businesses via their social media pages which will help drive traffic. There is no cost for the small business, they just ask that the business honors their offers. Anyone needing information can contact Zach, 334.749.8319 or email [Zachary.house.ydq3@statefarm.com](mailto:Zachary.house.ydq3@statefarm.com).

### **Opelika City Schools Board of Education Meeting / Tea**

May 21 • 4:15 pm • Jeter Primary School • 700 Jeter Avenue • Opelika

The meeting will immediately follow the OCS Retirement Tea scheduled for 3:30 pm. \*Please note the location change and time for this month's meeting.

### **Auburn Opelika Tourism: Volunteers Needed for The LPGA's Zimmer Biomet**

May 23-26 • RTJ Grand National

Volunteers are in need to make this event a success. As a Volunteer AO member of the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau, you will not have to pay the \$35 fee associated with volunteering for this event. A promotional code to waive the fee is listed, below. \*\* All Volunteer AO members who register to volunteer for this event can use the promotional code **volunteerao2019** to waive the \$35 required registration fee for this event. Only Volunteer AO members will be eligible to volunteer with no registration fee. Interested in volunteering for this event and others? Sign up for [Volunteer AO](#) here! Once you've signed up for Volunteer AO, [click here to volunteer for the LPGA event](#).

### **Noon Tunes & Summer Swing Free Concert Series**

[Noon Tunes](#)

Wednesdays in May • 12 – 1 pm • Courthouse Square

[Summer Swing](#)

Tuesdays – May 7 – July 30 • 7 pm • Municipal Park

### **East Alabama Arts Presents: Opelika Songwriters Festival**

Memorial Day Weekend: May 24-26 • Downtown Opelika

The Opelika Songwriters Festival will consist of 40 singer-songwriters including local artists as well as internationally acclaimed singer-songwriters who will perform solo and in the round. The Festival will take place in Downtown Opelika in seven locations including John Emerald Distillery, Irish Bred Pub and Chirpwood Gallery. [Purchase Tickets / Passes](#)

**Opelika Main Street’s Annual Touch-a-Truck**

**June 1 • 9 am - 12 Noon • Downtown Opelika**

Vehicles of all types will line the street of downtown Opelika at this fun family event. Kids of all ages can come and explore military vehicles, race cars, dump trucks, and more. Admission is free, and visitors are encouraged to touch and go inside the vehicles. Auburn University’s mascot, Aubie, will even be there to hang out and take pictures.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Burger Wars**

**June 1 • 11 am – 2 pm • North Railroad Avenue • Downtown Opelika**

Everyone loves a burger –even very different burgers! Come to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Burger Wars sponsored by the Opelika Rotary Club and find your favorite burger! This year there are more grillers than ever before. Great burgers, music and lots more fun for the whole family! Aubie will make a special appearance again this year and the new Burger Wars Mascot, Pat E. Melte, will also make an appearance. Both the Opelika and Auburn Fire Departments will compete again in the BIG BITE CHALLENGE. Tasting tickets are \$2 each and sold at the event. If you would like to be a griller register at: <https://www.facebook.com/burgerwarsopelika/>, the deadline is May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**EAMC Foundation Now Accepting Sponsorships For Christmas Ball**

**December 5, 2019**

The EAMC Foundation is now looking for sponsors for the 2019 Christmas Ball. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are limited. For more information, email Mandy Finklea at [mandy.finklea@eamc.org](mailto:mandy.finklea@eamc.org) or Mimi Martin at [mimi.marting@eamc.org](mailto:mimi.marting@eamc.org) or call 334.528.5923.

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

**Project Uplift Hosting Summer Training Sessions**

**Cary Hall Room # 158 • Auburn University**

- May 21            4 – 8 pm**
- June 9            3 – 7 pm**
- 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. For more information, call 334.844.4430 or email, [puplift@auburn.edu](mailto:puplift@auburn.edu).

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

**Community Foundation of East Alabama (CFEA) Seeking Vice President**

**Applications will be reviewed on June 3**

Are you ready to join a growing team that can make an extraordinary impact every day? Are you ready to be a part of a thriving community? Are you interested in working and building a career that will lead to an enduring legacy? The CFEA is a local center for philanthropy and works with individuals, families, corporations, private foundations and nonprofit organizations to help them carry out their charitable objectives and address community issues. CFEA covers 5 counties.

## Details

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### -----SAVE THE DATE-----

#### **JUNE**

- **Business Leaders Legislative Luncheon ● June 19**
- **Alzheimers Association: The Longest Day ● June 21**
- **Joint Legislative Reception with Auburn Chamber ● June 24**
- **Kathy Powell - State Farm Business After Hours ● June 27**

**Character Trait: Tenacity**

#### **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.

#### **Having Trouble Registering Online?**

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

**601 Avenue A - Phone 334.745.4861- Fax: 334.749.4740**

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