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Remembering and Honoring
Those Who Have Sacrificed So Much
for our Freedom!
Have a Safe Memorial Weekend.

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

- 5/23 **Prestige Properties - Auburn Opelika Lifestyle Group
Joint Chambers 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
Joint Chambers Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 215 S. 9th Street • Opelika
- 6/14 **Whistle Stop Brew Shop Ribbon Cutting**
4 pm • 830 N. Railroad Avenue • Opelika
- 6/19 **Business Leaders Legislative Luncheon**
12 – 1 pm • SUSCC Southern Room • Opelika
- 6/24 **Joint Chambers Legislative Reception**
5 – 7 pm • AU Regional Airport • 2150 Mike Hubbard Blvd. • Auburn
- 6/27 **Kathy Powell – State Farm Joint Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 1725 Opelika Road • Auburn

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 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. 7th Street • Opelika
Reception Following Service: Museum of East Alabama • 121 S. 9th 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.

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. 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 / \$100 to reserve a table of 6. **Deadline to register is June 14. Seating is limited. No refunds after deadline.**

[Register Online Here](#)

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-----

- **All High School Graduates!**

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

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

The Alsobrook Law Group LLC Has Moved

114 N. 9th Street
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O Grows Market Opens May 14

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

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

Auburn Opelika Tourism: The LPGA's Zimmer Biomet Championship

May 23-26 • RTJ Grand National

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](#)

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.

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.

5th Annual Burger Wars

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

Everyone loves a burger—even very unique burgers! Come to the 5th 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. Melt, 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 25th.

Pop Art Paint & Oregon Pinot Wines Event at Pursell Farms

June 1 • 6 – 8 pm • 2200 Farm Links Blvd. • Sylacauga, AL

Celebrate the work of Pop Artist Roy Lichtenstein at this fun event with pop art painting, Oregon Pinot Wines and paired—select culinary bites from Chef Andrea Griffith! Painting experience is not necessary. For more information on this event, visit www.pursellfarms.com. For information on Lichtenstein, visit www.artofspanjer.com. [Register for Event](#)

Opelika City Schools Free Summer Meals Program

June 3 – 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.

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 or Mimi Martin at mimi.marting@eamc.org or call 334.528.5923.

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

Project Uplift Hosting Summer Training Sessions

Cary Hall Room # 158 ● Auburn University

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. 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

June 8 or 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: Graphic Design Online: Mastering Adobe Illustrator CC

June 10 - July 8

Adobe Illustrator is a designer’s essential tool for creating vector logos, professional typographic effects, maps, diagrams, illustrations and more. In this online course, participants will understand the unique features of Illustrator and how to create complex graphics with simple components and selection tools.

[Register Today](#)

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

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](#)

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE

- **Alzheimer's Association: The Longest Day** ● June 21

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](#)

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