



April 27, 2022

Call 334.745.4861 or visit
www.opelikachamber.com!

New Members

Izumi Japanese Buffet

2301 Birmingham Hwy
Opelika, AL
347.283.0696
Restaurant

Nancy Bendinger - Three Sixty Real Estate

411-A Opelika Road
Auburn, AL
334.524.5961
nancy@concepttoclosing.com
Real Estate

Rape Counselors of East Alabama

6759 Lee Rd 54, Suite B
Auburn, AL
334.741.0707
<http://www.rapecounselorsofeastalabama.com>
Social Service Organizations



Izumi Japanese Buffet

April 28 | 11am
2301 Birmingham Hwy | Opelika

River Bank & Trust

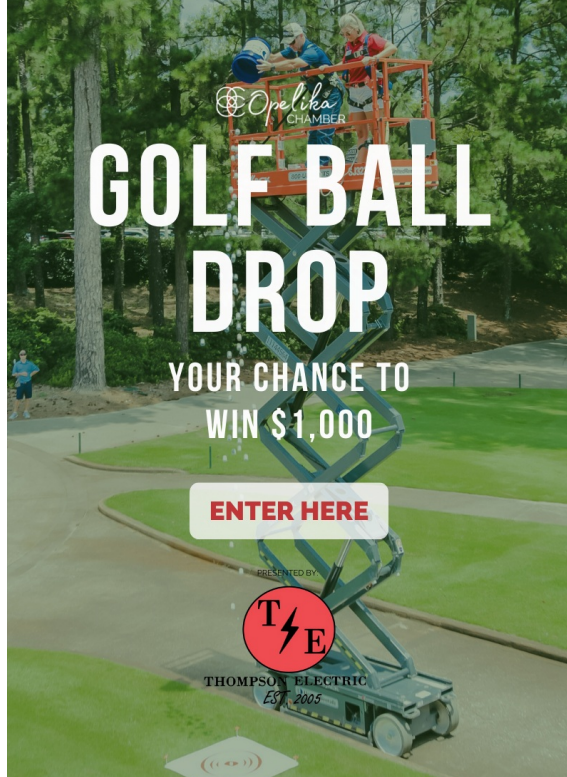
April 29 | 12pm
1192 S. Donahue Dr | Auburn

Museum of East Alabama Mural & Dedication

May 12 | 4pm
121 S 9th St | Opelika

Rape Counselors of East Alabama

May 16 | 10am
6759 Lee Rd. 54 Suite B | Opelika



What's a golf ball drop? You can enter for a chance to win \$1,000 by purchasing a golf ball for only \$20! Once you buy a golf ball, you will be given a number that correlates to your ball. (Ex: You are given number 34, there will be a golf ball with the number 34 on it.) At lunch during our annual golf tournament, Thompson Electric will take the balls up in a lift and drop them over a target from many feet in the air. If your ball lands closest to the target, **YOU WIN \$1,000!** Learn more [here!](#)

[Purchase a golf ball here!](#)

Join Us for
Business After Hours
AT RESTING PULSE BREWERY

Sponsored by:
Himmellwright, Huguley & Boles, LLC

Thursday
April 28
5:00 pm - 7:00pm
Resting Pulse Brewing
714 1st Ave
Opelika, Alabama 36801

Presented by:
Opelika CHAMBER **AUBURN CHAMBER of commerce**

HHB Himmellwright Huguley Boles

Spend your April 28th evening with Himmellwright, Huguley & Boles, LLC during their Business After Hours at Resting Pulse Brewing Company! Enjoy food, drinks, and more during a FUN night! The event is from 5pm-7pm on April 28th at Resting Pulse! No registration required!

[Learn More](#)

Opelika CHAMBER

WOMENS BUSINESS COUNCIL
Sports Series

DISC GOLF
May 3rd | 4pm-6pm
Opelika Sportsplex

Presented by:
BILLY JACKSON HATHAWAY
Preferred Real Estate
billionairelover@hathaway.com
billionairelover.com

The Women's Business Council is excited to continue its Sport Series with Disc Golf. This session will be led by Billy Jackson with Opelika Parks and Recreation. From 4:00pm to 5:00pm, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the sport of disc golf as well as try some basic

MAXIMIZE your MEMBERSHIP

May 5th 11:30 AM
Opelika Public Library
\$15 a ticket

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OPELIKA PUBLIC LIBRARY
1100 Glenn Street • 334-705-5380

Learn how to get the most out of your investment with the Opelika Chamber by attending our Maximize Your Membership Workshop. We will go over how to effectively use the Member Information Center, marketing opportunities, sponsorships, events, and more to make sure you

skills of disc golf. After attendees are invited to enjoy networking, wine and light snacks at Hidden Lakes Club House from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. **Deadline to register is May 2nd at 12pm! Learn more [here!](#)**

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are Maximizing your Membership with the Opelika Chamber. Lunch will also be provided! **Deadline to register is Monday, May 2nd at 5pm! Learn more [here!](#)**

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**2022-2023 NEW CLASS OF
20 UNDER 40 APPLICATIONS
DUE BY **APRIL 29TH!****

Opelika's 20 Under 40 program is made up of 20 outstanding people age 40 and below who live in Opelika, love Opelika, and have a vested interest in shaping the direction of this city's future. The purpose of the program is to bring together young professionals from diverse professions and backgrounds on a regular basis to learn about the various aspects of the intricate workings of a city, school system, business, industry, and public service to give them a better understanding of how all of these separate entities come together to create a working, viable community. **Applications for the new class end in just a few days, April 29th 2022! Learn more [here!](#)**

[Learn more or apply here!](#)

[See last year's class here!](#)



Join us at The Southern Room on Thursday, May 19th from 7:30am to 9:00am for a presentation on "Architecting an Amazing Company Culture through People, Environment, Clarity and Team" with LEAD Advisors, Dr. Alan Kemper and Angie Stryker. At this event we will also award our new Small and Minority Business of the Quarter! **Deadline to register is Friday, May 13th at 5pm! Learn more [here!](#)**

[Register here!](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

Newsweek has released its list of the best hospitals in the world, with BCA members UAB Hospital and **East Alabama Medical Center** representing Alabama on the prestigious list. Huge congrats to East Alabama Health for this honor!

Congratulations to **Ryan Roberts with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Preferred Real Estate** for winning the 2022 Realtor of the Year Award from Lee County Association of Realtors!

Congratulations to **Emmy Sorrells with Three Sixty Real Estate** for winning the 2022 Good Neighbor Award from Lee County Association of Realtors!

Kelli Fischer has been selected as the new **Principal of Opelika High School**! Mrs. Fischer currently serves as an assistant principal at OHS. Huge congratulations for Kelli!

MEMBER NEWS

We need your help to celebrate Nurse's Week with EAH!

Opelika Chamber is calling for participants to help for a special day planned to honor our medical community. [Sign up here](#) to lend an hour of your time or offer swag by providing 350 items to the Opelika Chamber (601 Ave A, Opelika) before May 6th anytime between 9am-4pm Monday-Friday!

Call for Your Nurse Appreciation Day Discounts

East Alabama Health is wanting to provide a list of discounts or deals that Nurses can use during the week of May 9 - May 13 for Nurse Appreciation Week! If you're interested in offering a discount or deal at your business, please [Sign Up Here](#).

Opelika Sportsplex Parkway Roundabout Construction

The Sportsplex Parkway roundabout construction starts at the beginning of May. To learn more about the phases of construction see [here](#).

Cakeitecture's New Bakery Item

New bakery item alert!! Cakeitecture Bakery now serves cinnamon sugar pretzels!

Boonie Hat Coffee Company Newsletter

Check out Bonnie Hat Coffee Company's new newsletter and sign up to receive the updates yourself [here](#)!

Fringe is Hiring

Fringe Consignment is hiring a part time Sales Associate and Models!

CoLab Spaces Available

CoLab has private offices and dedicated desks available! Learn more [here](#)!

Tart & Tartan's - This Week's Casseroles

This weeks menu of casseroles at Tart & Tartan include bacon cheeseburger, honey mustard chicken, poppyseed chicken, and turkey tetrazzini!

John Emerald's Drink of the Week

John Emerald's drink of the week is **The Knockout** for \$6! The Knockout is a blend of gin, lemon, rose simple syrup, satsuma bitters, and rosemary garnish!

Food Bank of East Alabama is Hiring

The Food Bank of East Alabama is seeking a full-time warehouse manager to join their team. This professional multitasker manages and oversees the receiving, handling, storing, picking, and distributing activities within the warehouse, ensuring quality standards are met. They work to achieve inventory accuracy, coordinate orders, and track shipping times, and ultimately oversee the distribution of millions of pounds of food every year to charitable food programs. Applicants should have knowledge and expertise in the distribution & shipping industry. They invite you to apply by emailing your resume

Gear Gaming

- **May 3 | 7:30pm** | Trivia Tuesday

Red Clay Brewing Company

- **May 3 | 7pm** | Brains & Brews Trivia

United States Patent & Trademark Office Events

Do you have questions about intellectual property, and how you can protect your business - and grow your business? Join the Alabama SBDC Network online for interactive discussions on May 4th and 18th!

- **May 4 | 10am** | USPTO: Basics of Intellectual Property - Learn more [here](#)!
- **May 18 | 10am** | USPTO: IP within a Business Strategy - Learn more [here](#)!

Goodwill Week at Career Center

Learn more about all events [here](#)!

- **May 2 | 3:30pm-5:30pm** | Manufacturing Day
- **May 3 | 3:30pm-5:30pm** | Hospitality to include Food Service, Housekeeping, Janitorial Day
- **May 4 | 3:30pm-5:30pm** | Healthcare, Non-profits, State Agencies Day
- **May 5 | Southern Union** | Career Discovery for high school seniors
- **May 6 | 12:30pm-2:30pm** | Retail and Staffing Agencies, Security Agencies Day

Domestic Violence Intervention Center Hosts "Love Shouldn't Hurt Gala"

May 12 | 6pm

Domestic Violence Intervention Center will host a "Love Shouldn't Hurt Gala" at Legacy at Serenity Farms in Auburn, Alabama. Our fundraising goal is \$25,000. All proceeds will be used to continue to provide services to our survivors!!! Fundraising is vital to our organization for the sustainability of our programs. To continue our mission, the support of our community is imperative. We are asking you, your organization, or your business to please consider supporting this worthy cause by purchasing a seat for our First Annual "Love Shouldn't Hurt Gala". The cost of the Gala is \$100 per person or \$800 for a table of 10. Learn more [here](#).

Letter Carriers' Food Drive for Food Bank of East Alabama

May 14

Please help end hunger! On Saturday, May 14th, letter carriers all across the United States will collect food items and deliver them to local food banks to help the millions of Americans, including 12 million children, who face food-insecurity. You can help your neighbors in need.

- Simply place bags filled with NONPERISHABLE food items like canned meats, canned soup, pasta, canned vegetables, and rice next to your mailbox on Saturday, May 14th before your letter carrier delivers mail.
- Your letter carrier will pick up the bags and

and cover letter
to mhenk@foodbankofeastalabama.com.

deliver them to the Food Bank of East Alabama.

The Bottling Plant Event Center

- April 27 | 5pm | Wine Down Wednesday

Rock N' Roll Pinball

- April 27 | 7:30pm-9pm | OAU Jazz Combo performs
- April 28 | 6:30pm-9pm | Open Mic Night
- April 29 | 7pm-10:30pm | Silent Film Mix Tape
- April 30 | 8pm-11pm | Odd Alice rocks the Jailhouse

Lee County Relay for Life

April 29 | 6pm

Relay For Life for Lee County will be held Friday, April 29, around the Fountain at the Lee County Courthouse in downtown Opelika. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with the survivor lap to honor those fighting cancer. Relay teams and community residents will enjoy a number of activities as they walk laps in honor and memory of those fighting cancer. A luminaria walk, lighted candles surrounding the fountain, will memorialize those who have not survived. Learn more about all events [here](#) or their website [here](#).

Mainstreet On Tap

April 30 | 1pm-6pm

Mainstreet On Tap is Mainstreet's Craft Beer event featuring dozens of different craft breweries around the nation. Come out to enjoy some great craft beer, lots of food trucks, and the amazing atmosphere in historic downtown Opelika! To learn more see [here](#) or stay up to date on Mainstreet's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter! Purchase tickets now [here](#)! Mainstreet On Tap is also looking for volunteers, if you are interested, email director@opelikamainstreet.org!

Central Alabama Works - Regional Workforce Leadership Training

The classes are offered to all businesses and do not have to be taken in sequential order. The cost is \$25 per day per participant for in-person sessions. Below are the class dates! Learn more [here](#).

- May 17-18
- June 7
- June 29

Art Market at the Art Haus

June 4 | 10am-4pm

Art vendors, Food Trucks, Flowers, lots of fun for everyone! Indoor and Outdoor Market - Rain or Shine! Vendor space still available! Learn more [here](#)!

Business Safety Event Survey

The Opelika Police Department is planning a business safety event for all local businesses that includes safety discussions and a vendor showcase. We have created a survey to help get feedback from the business community on what you would like to see at this event. Click [here](#) to take the survey!

Check out our [NEW](#) youtube video below!





The Connector Policy

Please contact Lenzi Womack, lenzi@opelikachamber.com if you have an announcement that you would like to put on *The Connector* newsletter. Our policy is to run the announcement for 2 weeks. Check out our event calendar on our website, www.opelikachamber.com.

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