

Non-Profit News

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Volunteers Needed to Provide Emergency Services

It has been a very busy week at the Lee County Red Cross. We have been responding to record numbers of home fires and armed forces emergency cases. The bulk of this work done after regular business hours is handled by our dedicated volunteers. These are people who don't get a paycheck from us, but regularly get called on weekends and at night to help families in times of crisis.

While not a glamorous job by any means, these two lines of service are some of the most important work done by the Red Cross. It is so important in fact, that we provide it 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We are currently looking for volunteers to be trained to work in these areas. Won't you consider giving of your time to help families who have survived disaster or who have loved one deployed with our military? If you are interested, please call your local Red Cross at 334-749-9981.

Thanks to everyone who braved the cold and freezing water and showed up to support Don Turner's Heroes Event, the Hoggy Doggy Splash, yesterday. Many thanks also to The Reserve Apartments for hosting us and to Winn Dixie, Wright's Foods and Starbucks Coffee for providing the refreshments.

Our next big event is the Chocolate Tasting which will be held on Valentine's evening at Eighth and Rail. It is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Tickets are available at Eighth and Rail, Flip Flop Foto, at the Red Cross office and on the Red Cross website. We are selling tickets rapidly and should be sold out soon. To add to the excitement Jewelry By Design is providing a gorgeous half carat diamond to be given away. Only 100 tickets are available for the diamond drawing. For more information, visit www.leeredcross.org.

The 5th Annual Fly-In is fast approaching! Always held the second Saturday in March, it will be March 8 this year. Tickets should be in retail locations by the end of this week, so be sure and get yours soon. Locations include Village Mall, Bancorp South, Opelika-Auburn News, Flip Flop Foto, First National Bank of Lee County, Kroger at Tiger Town, the Auburn-Opelika Airport and the Red Cross. Adult tickets are just \$5.00 in advance and include a commemorative pin that you wear to gain entry. Adults will pay \$8.00 at the gate and will not receive a pin. Kids 12 and under get in for \$2. This event is always fun and has an abundance of aircraft, military vehicles, food and games. Tickets are currently available at the Red Cross office or at www.leeredcross.org.

If you are a Veteran, we are proud to acknowledge your service to our country by offering you free admission to the fly-in if you pre-register by February 15. Pre-

registered Veteran's receive a pin and badge, VIP parking and entrance to the Veteran's hospitality tent. Veteran's registration forms have been running in The Opelika-Auburn News and are also available at the Red Cross office or through the local Red Cross website. We can't offer this at the gate, so please take the time to complete the registration form and submit it to the Red Cross office by the deadline. So far we have over 200 Veteran's pre-registered! If you pre-registered, you will receive your special VIP package in the mail by the week of February 25.

If you would like more information on local Red Cross programs and events, please call 334-749-9981 or visit www.leeredcross.org.

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