

Non-Profit News

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Spring is in Bloom with Many Events

"Hats Off for Cancer" is an event designed to honor all women who have survived or who are presently fighting the battle against cancer and in memory of those who have lost the fight. The "Hats Off for Cancer" luncheon will be held Thursday, March 27th from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

The event will be a great time to enjoy lunch and wear your favorite hat. There will be entertainment including a guest speaker on women's health, door prizes and a silent auction. While attendees are encouraged to decorate their hats, any type of hat or no hat may be worn. The attire for "Hats Off for Cancer" is dressy casual and tickets for the event are \$25 per person.

All proceeds from this event will benefit cancer research, education, advocacy and service. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Casey Huddleston at 334-887-0884 or chuddleston@akridgebalch.com.

Envision Opelika's Race Relations and Cultural Diversity Task Force is sponsoring the first annual Two by Two Unity Run on Saturday, March 29. There will be 5K and 1-mile runs. There will also be a 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk/Wheel.

The races are run in a closed loop which starts and ends in Municipal Park in Opelika. All ages are encouraged to participate. Wheelchair participants are welcomed. The Unity Run will be held Saturday, March 29. The 5K run starts at 8:00 a.m. and the one mile run begins at 9:30 a.m. Day of the race registration will be at Opelika Municipal Recreation Center parking lot. Applications may be obtained online at www.auburnrunning.org or www.envisionopelika.org or at retail locations such as Kinncans, Dick's Sporting Goods and Hibbett's Sporting Goods. If you have any questions about the Unity Run, please call the Envision Opelika office at 334-705-5138.

The Lee County Red Cross and Southern Union Community College are hosting a Disaster Training Institute May 6-9. If you are interested in getting trained in disaster response, call the Lee County Red Cross at 334-749-9981 for more information. The disaster training classes are free, but you must pre-register to attend.

Don't miss the Red Cross Harley Davidson Give-Away. The first 500 donors who make a financial gift of \$100 or more between now and May 17 will be entered into a drawing to win a 2008 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic in black. The drawing will be held at Big Swamp Harley Davidson in Opelika. Tickets can be purchased at The Red Cross in Opelika or the Harley Davidson dealerships in Opelika or Columbus.

The Red Cross is offering a series of "Babysitter Boot Camps". The sessions are two days and will be offered on May 29 and 30, June 5 and 6 and June 12 and 13. Students will gain the skills and knowledge to become outstanding babysitters and will learn leadership and professionalism; safety and safe play; basic child care and infant and child CPR and First Aid. The class is targeted for youth ages 11-16. The fee for two days of training, textbooks and supplies is \$100 per student.

If you would more information on any of the Red Cross events visit www.leeredcross.org or call 334-749-9981. Have a good week!

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