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Extension Office Gearing Up for Eco-Nomic Living Expo 2011 *Smart Choices – Money, Home, Health & Environment*

The national economy is getting better each year , and the Eco-Nomic Living Expo continues to improve and offer valuable information to help families in tough times. The Eco-Nomic Living Expo is Saturday, February 5, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. **“We are inviting sponsors, volunteers and exhibitors to call us and be a part of this informative event,”** said Extension Agent Elaine Courtney. **Call today to reserve booth space and take advantage of sponsor opportunities available at this unique, successful event – then relax and enjoy the holidays. Eco-Nomic Living Expo Highlights:**

- **National Speakers** are: Thom Gossam and Dr. Jennifer Languell
- **Seminars and Workshops:**
 - Rain Barrel Workshops*
 - Managing in Tough Times*
 - Saving Money with Technology (Skype, Google voice, make your own smart board)*
 - Coupon Magic—how to use coupons in today’s world!*
 - Identity Theft*
 - Lawn & Landscaping to save money & water*
 - Water wise irrigation*
 - And Much More!*
- **Prizes and Giveaways!**
- **Exhibits and Vendors**
- **A Piggy Bank Pageant for kids.**

Okaloosa Saves is a nonprofit organization that is organized by the University of Florida and Okaloosa County Extension. Okaloosa Saves is dedicated to helping people make more informed savings and investment choices and promotes savings and wealth-building programs to improve the financial future of all residents. The money collected for Okaloosa Saves goes toward educational materials, community outreach and savings incentives.

Okaloosa Saves Week is February 20 through 26, 2011. If your business or organization would like to get involved, sponsorship is a worthwhile investment, along with the many benefits for vendors, visitors, financial institutions and volunteers. Organizations can host a seminar for employees, hold a Piggy Bank Pageant or simply distribute information about Okaloosa Saves Week. Information and ideas can be provided to you by calling the Okaloosa County Extension Office, at **850.689.5855** or by visiting **okaloosasaves.org**.

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