

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## ***Okaloosa Saves Kids go “Hog Wild”***

Okaloosa Saves is preparing for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Piggy Bank Pageant. This has become a popular event where kids get the chance to decorate, dress-up and create artistic Piggy Banks through their schools, business, local churches and organizations.

Organizations and businesses are encouraged to participate by holding their own contest. Piggy Banks will be pre-judged at their organization, and then compete in the Okaloosa Saves Pageant. Pageant winners will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds donated by *NEW* Customer Services. Additionally, People’s Choice winners will be selected at the Economic Living Expo.

The Eco-Nomic Living Expo will be held on February 27, 2010 at the FWB Fairgrounds on Lewis Turner from 9 am until 3 pm. This family event will feature expo booths and seminars to present ways to save money, health and the environment in order to build better lives and communities. Demetria McKinney, from the Tyler Perry TBS Show “House of Payne,” and Glen Coffee, San Francisco 49ers Defense Player, will be the keynote speakers.

For more information on the Piggy Bank Pageant, please contact Evita Garcia at 862-0111 ext. 1316, [egarcia@eglinfcu.org](mailto:egarcia@eglinfcu.org) or Georgia James 651-4505. If you are interested in vendor booth space, sponsorship or just get involved in this fun, educational event, contact the University of Florida and Okaloosa County Extension office at 850-689-5850 or visit [www.okaloosasaves.org](http://www.okaloosasaves.org). Okaloosa Saves is a community coalition of the national America Saves initiative.

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