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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

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We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. --Mother Teresa

INFORMATION

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - Eleanor Roosevelt

MAKING ROOM AT THE INN – SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE

"Making Room in the Inn," a benefit dinner presented by Family Promise of Santa Rosa, Inc., will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at First Baptist Church of Milton on Caroline Street. The reception time is 5:30pm-6:00pm, and dinner and the program will be from 6:00pm-8:00pm. There will be a wonderful sit-down dinner followed by Christian gospel musical entertainment by Kyle Fowler, silent and live auctions, a 50/50 drawing and tablescape designs. Also at the event this year, Family Promise will be celebrating its Five Year Anniversary! Tickets are \$50 each and table sponsorships are \$400. For tickets or more information, call Family Promise of Santa Rosa at 850-623-5300.

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DRIVE THRU RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC TO COINCIDE WITH WORLD RABIES DAY

On Wednesday, September 28, the Santa Rosa County Health Department and Santa Rosa County Animal Control will host a drive through rabies vaccination clinic from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the health department's Milton location, 5527 Stewart Street. The event will coincide with the observance of World Rabies Day, a global rabies awareness campaign that brings together relevant partners in an effort to address rabies prevention and control.

Local veterinarians Dr. David Summerlin and Dr. Amy Harper of Ark Animal Hospital in Pace, and Dr. Natalie Dyson of St. Francis Veterinary Center in Navarre, will provide the vaccine and administer injections to dogs and cats for a fee of \$10. No other services will be available at the clinic. A certificate of vaccination and rabies tag will be provided.

"We are happy to have this opportunity to partner with Santa Rosa Animal Control and our local veterinarians to provide this service to the community," said Sandra Park-O'Hara, administrator of the Santa Rosa County Health Department. "Vaccination not only protects the pet against rabies, it protects the family from possible exposure as well."

Rabies is a disease that affects the brain. The virus is carried in the saliva of infected animals and is usually transmitted to people and other animals through a bite or scratch. In the U.S., more than 90 percent of rabies cases occur in wild animals, such as raccoons, foxes, skunks and bats, but domesticated animals can carry it as well. Rabies is fatal to humans and animals, but rabies in humans can be prevented if rabies vaccine is administered as soon as possible after exposure.

Treating individuals that have been exposed to rabies can be expensive, and insurance does not always cover the cost. Last year the Santa Rosa County Health Department gave post exposure rabies shots to 22 people, at a total cost of \$26,000.

The health department advises residents to take precautions to avoid exposing themselves or their pets to rabies:

- Avoid all contact with wild and unfamiliar domesticated animals.
- Do not place feeders in the yard – the food will attract unwanted animals such as raccoons and foxes.
- Vaccinate pets against rabies and keep their shots up-to-date.
- Do not leave pets outside unsupervised.
- Bring in pet food at night and secure trash cans with fasteners.
- Cover bird feeders. Most squirrel-proof coverings also deter wild animals.
- Children should never chase or attempt to catch or touch a wild or unfamiliar animal, and should tell an adult if a wild or strange animal tries to approach them.
- If bitten by a wild or strange animal, wash the wound with soap and water, seek

immediate medical care, and report the bite to the Santa Rosa Animal Services at 850-983-4680, or Santa Rosa County Health Department, Environmental Health at 850-983-5275.

Report an animal behaving strangely to Santa Rosa Animal Services at 850-983-4680. Report a dead wild animal to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's regional office at 850-265-3676, or call their 24-hour law enforcement hotline at 888-404-3922.

For more information about the Drive Thru Rabies Clinic, contact Santa Rosa County Health Department Epidemiologist Mary Beverly at 850-983-5200, ext. 105. For more information about World Rabies Day, visit www.cdc.gov/rabies

YOUTH SERVICES IN SANTA ROSA, ESCAMBIA, AND OKLAHOOMA

I'm really excited to inform you all that I have accepted a different position with Families Count as the Program Manager for Youth Count in Santa Rosa and Escambia County. This program continues to grow, and we have not only expanded to Escambia County, but we have also expanded to Fort Walton Beach. The Program Manager for Youth Count in Fort Walton Beach (FWB) is Robyn May. We will serve the targeted population of 13-18 years old in Escambia and FWB. In Santa Rosa County, we work with the targeted population from 6-18 years old. Each county is offering different services. **In Santa Rosa County, North and South, we offer Family Violence Educational Classes, Mentoring Classes, and life skill classes. By October 1, 2011, we will be implementing an after school life skills program in Navarre Middle School, and King Middle School 4 days a week, 2 to 3 hours a day throughout the school year.** In Escambia County, we are finally implementing the Family Violence Education Classes and Life Skills classless class is schedule on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at 5:00 pm for boys and 6:15 pm for girls. The 1st class scheduled for Life skills is on Thursday, September 29, 2011, at 5:00 pm for boys and 6:15 pm for girls. The Escambia County group classes will be held at 422 North Baylen Street, Pensacola Florida. In Fort Walton Beach, Robin will have the Life skill classes, case management services, and therapy with the youth who are homeless defined by McKinney Vento.

In the 4 county district, I will be working with the homeless youth (unaccompanied youth) and locating host homes. **As of last school year, Santa Rosa County, alone, identified over 900 homeless youth under the McKinney Vento.** The youth are sleeping from one couch to another. These youth typically have a better attendance record because the school is a place to eat and have support. If you are interested in hosting c youth in your home, please contact me, and if you know of an unaccompanied youth please contact me.

The attached referral is for Santa Rosa and Escambia County.

Youth Count Referral
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DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #37: COMMUNITY PREPARATION = COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

A Part of the Team

During a disaster, you, your family, your employees and your neighbors will rely on each other for help. There is a shared responsibility when it comes to our nation's level of preparedness; and to be truly prepared, we must work together as a team.

As a proud supporter of **National Preparedness Month**, and in an effort to promote personal and community preparedness, Agility is hosting a **free disaster recovery webinar** next Wednesday. Join us in welcoming guest speaker, Tom Heneghan from the Red Cross, as he discusses simple steps individuals can take to become more engaged in community preparedness and emergency response efforts. The worst time to scramble for solutions is during an emergency. Start making personal, family and community preparations now.

FREE Webinar: Resilient America - Personal & Community Preparedness

Guest Speaker: Tom Heneghan, American Red Cross

September 21st – 2:00 p.m. EDT **Click here to Register**

DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #38: NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH SURVIVOR PANEL

Survivor Stories

The continued news coverage of this year's tornadoes, fires, floods, and hurricanes has inevitably spurred business owners to wonder: Could it happen to me? Could my office, my shop, my warehouse, my factory be completely destroyed? Of course, the answer is yes, but the real question remains: Would you survive?

Join us for our fourth and final National Preparedness Month webinar on Wednesday, September 28th. Hear first-hand from those who have endured and ultimately survived a variety of disasters. Following their riveting stories, participate in our question & answer session to learn more about their recovery experience.

Survivor Panel – Real World Lessons Learned

September 28th – 2:00 p.m. EDT **Click here to Register**

PREPAREDNESS CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PETS, LIVESTOCK, AND ANIMALS IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR LIVES

Click on this link to log in at 1:50 pm on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011

No registration is required, and the webinar is free.

From the home to the farm, pets, livestock, and animals are an important part of our lives. However, when it comes to preparing for disasters, they can pose some unique challenges and it's important that they are included in emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

If you are part of an organization that does work in the pet and livestock field, or you are a pet or livestock owner, this call is for you. Join us and hear from leaders in animal emergency management about:

- Disaster Preparedness Resources and Reimbursements available to those with pets and animals in their lives
- Emerging trends and considerations in pet and animal emergency management
- Personal experiences with animal emergency management
- What's required in your emergency planning concerning pets and animals

What you can do to bring animal preparedness to your home, organization, and community.

LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS AFTER A DISASTER



Leveraging Partnerships After A Disaster

When disaster strikes, partnerships between government agencies and voluntary organizations, like the American Red Cross and the Vermont National Guard, can play a vital role in providing survivors with much needed assistance and life saving supplies.

Time: **01:15**

DISASTER HAPPENS IN THE SOUTHEAST. ARE YOU PREPARED?



Disaster Happens in the Southeast. Are You Prepared?

The video shows how a person can pack an emergency supply kit so they will be ready next time a disaster strikes their area.

Time: **02:34**

VETERANS SUMMIT - SEPT 29, 2011

Please mark your calendar for this event! We are pleased to partner with Santa Rosa County United Way to bring this great program for you. Be sure to register early to reserve your spot! Help us spread the word and forward these attachments to all veterans and community and government agencies that have any interest in veteran issues.

This is a great opportunity to learn what your business can do to help veterans and how the veteran issues impact your business and our entire community. We will be taking a closer look at many new programs to help our veterans and to help organizations that can provide assistance for veterans.

The attached flyer gives the details and the registration forms are in both pdf and doc formats for your convenience.

Hope to see you at our Veterans Summit on September 29th in Milton.

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THE INAUGURAL GULF COAST VETERANS SUMMIT

Thursday, September 29 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Santa Rosa County Auditorium
4530 Spikes Way
Milton, FL 32570

The Center for Strategic Military Excellence and United Way of Santa Rosa County are proud to present the first Gulf Coast Veterans Summit. Don't miss this opportunity to take a closer look at Veteran-specific programs and how they will affect your business. Find out what programs are

in place, what challenges and systemic issues plague our veterans, what options and programs are needed, and how you can get connected.

Our Gulf Coast Community is the cradle of military training and home to thousands of veterans, now is our time to give back to those who gave for our freedom. You will have an opportunity to participate in break-out sessions, networking, goal setting and developing action plans and new collaborations to benefit veterans and their families in your community.

Participants will discuss:

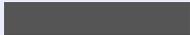
- **Economic Impact** - Employment Incentives & Connecting to Tri-Care
- **Health Care Options** - Persons with Disabilities & Suicide Risks
- **Collaborations** - Who, When & How
- **Understanding the VA**- What is it & How to Connect

The cost of the event is \$35 per attendee and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments. Limited scholarships available. Funds raised will be used for United Way's Veterans Benevolence Fund.

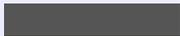
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For more information on scholarships or to register, contact United Way at (850) 623-4507.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us and become our friend ;-)
We are up to 271 people! Invite friends.



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) that are free and open to the public, with the understanding that the user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up. Barricades will cost \$9 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - *Bernard Meltzer*

NEW ONLINE TRAINING MODULE: INTERSPECIES TRANSMISSION OF INFLUENZA VIRUSES

To help advance the MCEIRS goal of global capacity building, the MCEIRS (Minnesota Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance) training team is announcing the availability of its newest online training module: **Interspecies Transmission of Influenza Viruses**.

The goal of this training module is to describe the process and the occurrence of interspecies transmission of influenza viruses. Topics included in the module are factors related to influenza transmission; transmission of influenza viruses between birds, between mammals, and between birds and mammals; and methods of preventing interspecies transmission.

Each module features the latest in online tools and enables users to complete the training on their own time and at their own pace. Continuing education credits are available.

[Learn More . . .](#)

THE ACTIVE SHOOTER AWARENESS VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

Active shooters engage in killing or attempting to kill innocent and unsuspecting people in both private and public areas. In many cases, there is no pattern or method to the selection of victims by an active shooter, and these situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. To help you prepare for the possibility of an active shooter incident, the Active Shooter Awareness Virtual Roundtable will raise awareness of common triggers and characteristics of active shooters and help you understand how to prepare for potential incidents. This free, online interactive roundtable will include video, commentary by behavioral and security experts, and a question-and-answer session. This roundtable will better prepare you to deal with an active shooter situation and to recognize dangerous behavior before it turns deadly.

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm (EDT)

Who Should Attend: Security staff, private sector owners and operators, government agencies and organizations, and employees from all industries

Moderator: Andrea Schultz, Sector-Specific Agency Executive Management Office, National Protection and Programs, Dept. of Homeland Security

Panelists: Samuel Mayhugh, Ph.D., Founder, Office of the President, Integrated Behavioral Health, Jim McGinty, Vice President of Training and Safety, Covenant Security Services

Sign Up: Register and log in through [Visual Webcaster](#) to participate in this important, interactive virtual roundtable. A limited number of phone lines will be available for participants, so please plan to listen online using either your computer's speakers or headphones.

Registration closes September 23, 2011.

For more information, contact activeshooterawareness@dhs.gov.

[Register for email updates for the next Critical Infrastructure Learning Series Webinar.](#)

http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1231165582452.shtm

PER 259 SHARING INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO FOOD IMPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is collaborating with the Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness at the University of Tennessee-College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Florida-Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences, and the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to offer these Department of Homeland Security (DHS) certified courses in Florida. **The courses are open to all United States Citizens, and are free of charge through DHS grant funding.**

PER Course Offerings:

PER 259 Sharing Information and Intelligence Related to Food Importation and Transportation

- Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with an hour lunch break at the Escambia County Public Safety Facility, 6575 "W" Street, Pensacola, FL 32505

register or get more information, by clicking on link: www.flsart.org/mgtcourses

If you have questions or comments regarding this course, please contact John Burkette with the Office of Agricultural Emergency Preparedness, Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at John.Burkette@freshfromflorida.com or **(850) 245-1387**

NEWS (blue is new)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

Learn Lessons From Disasters? No, Thanks

http://www.npr.org/2011/09/07/140247999/learn-lessons-from-disasters-no-thanks?ft=1&f=1001&sc=tw&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

FEMA's Craig Fugate Reflects on a Year of Disasters

<http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2011/09/femas-craig-fugate-reflects-on-a-year-of-disasters/245014/>

Survivors Search for Help Online Following Disasters, Analysis Finds

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Survivors-Search-Online-Following-Disasters-Analysis.html>

Nature turns the tables on 'Contagion' plot

http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2011/09/14/7763706-nature-turns-the-tables-on-contagion-plot

Preventing Pandemic: The Wildlife Forensics of New and Emerging Diseases

http://www.usgs.gov/blogs/features/usgs_top_story/preventing-pandemic/?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Science_Features

New bird flu outbreak reported in India

<http://news.yahoo.com/bird-flu-outbreak-reported-india-113232946.html>

FEMA's Collaboration Community

<http://fema.ideascale.com/>

NIMS Training Program, September 2011

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/nims_training_program.pdf

Ready.Gov, Get Tech Ready

<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/tech.html>

Health Emergency Management Weekly

http://paper.li/emergencymgmt/1315256787?utm_source=subscription&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=paper_sub

Preparedness, for zombies and beyond

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/return-of-the-undead/2011/09/14/qIQAZgpWVK_story.html?hpid=z11

52 Weeks to Preparedness: An Introduction to Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning
http://readynutrition.com/resources/52-weeks-to-preparedness-an-introduction_19072011/

Workspace: Marty Senterfitt, City chief of Emergency Preparedness (Florida)
http://www.jaxdailyrecord.com/showstory.php?Story_id=534487

Planning — or not — for the next disaster
http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/planning--or-not--for-the-next-disaster/2011/08/26/gIQAiY71qJ_story.html?tid=sm_facebook

Accurate Disaster Behavioral Response Planning: A Guide for Business Continuity Planners
<http://bigmedicine.ca/wordpress/2006/12/accurate-disaster-behavioral-response-planning-guide-business-continuity-planners/>

Be ready with disaster preparedness apps
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44246299/ns/technology_and_science-wireless/

Small business vulnerability
http://www.pcworld.com/article/237457/speedy_malware_infects_more_than_6_million_web_pages.html

Private Sector Involvement in Disaster Preparedness Key to Recovery, Officials Agree
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/private-sector-involvement-in-disaster-preparedness-key-to-recovery-officials-agree/d93303fdaf815110277fd28a27479262.html>

Harnessing the Power of Social Media in Times of Crisis
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Harnessing-Social-Media-Connect-with-Communities.html>

Businesses play key role in thwarting terror
http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-07-31-arrested-soldier-terror-tips_n.htm

Why Emergency Managers Should Use Social Media
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/video/Why-Emergency-Managers-Should-Use-Social.html>

Most Terror Plot Dot-Connecting is Local, Study Finds
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/most-terror-plot-dot-connecting-is-local-study-finds/d961d86e32b3993901361eafd39cb928.html>

Disasters hit businesses hard, keeping many permanently closed
<http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/disasters-hit-businesses-hard-keeping-many-permanently-closed>

Disaster planning vital to business
<http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/article/Disaster-planning-vital-to-business-1453613.php#ixzz1RtrhvCDi>