

# COUNTY LINE

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## ITS Earns NACo Award



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CHIPS awards team - L-R: Graham Peel, Joey Padot, Ryan Evans and Brent Messer

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**P**aper or Electronic? Today, the answer is clear. We have learned that processes that are migrated from a paper-based system to an electronic system are far more efficient and less prone to error.

In late 2007, the Information Services Applications Team, (Graham Peel, Joey Padot, Ryan Evans and Brent Messer) was tasked with designing a system for the Sheriff's office to replace their manual Human Resources process. Playfully dubbed CHIPS (Complete Hiring & Interactive Personnel System), that system recently earned the NACo (National Association of Counties) 2009 Achievement Award. NACo Executive Director Larry Naake praised Alachua County in a recent letter:

"In this 40th year of the Achievement Award program, NACo is proud to confer this award and recognize your county's hard work to promote quality, efficient, and responsive management and administration."

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## NACO AWARDS *Continued from page 1*

The ITS Applications Team tackled a familiar problem in the paper-based world. While job applications to the Sheriff's office were being submitted online, the received applications were still printed out and walked manually through the Sheriff's hiring process. This presented far too many opportunities for delays or mistakes to be made within the hiring process. With CHIPS, applications are not only submitted and tracked electronically but successful applicants remain in the system as employees and their career progress can be logged through evaluations, notes and more.

CHIPS was launched in April 2008 and in its first 10 weeks, it handled the registration of over 1,000 users and 642 applications. The staff at the Sheriff's office can also use CHIPS' reporting features to track the popularity of each job opening. In one incredible case, over 70 applications were received for a single 911 Operator position!

*- By Steve Linton-Smith, ITS*

## Supervisor of Elections Participates in Local Festival Events

On Saturday, June 6, 2009, the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections participated in the Annual Yulee Diddle Day parade and festival in Archer, Florida. Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter, along with her staff and volunteers were also on hand at their booth registering citizens to vote and providing elections information. Carpenter could be found passing out "Future Voter" stickers to the children and "Proud Voter" stickers to passers-by.

The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections will be at the following 4th of July events registering citizens to vote:

**City of Alachua 4th of July Celebration**  
July 4, 2009 – Celebration starts at 12 Noon

**Micanopy July 4th Parade**  
July 4, 2009 - Parade starts at 10:00AM



(left to right) Diane Forkel, Volunteer, Pam Carpenter, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections and Kim Barton, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Outreach Director

# Microsoft Minute

## PowerPoint: Animating Charts

Most PowerPoint presenters will animate text or pictures, but charts often remain static. Animating charts can both add flair to your presentation and allow you to highlight certain chart categories. For example, in presenting a pie chart you can have each pie piece enter the slide separately. This may give you time to discuss that data point before your audience focuses on the rest of the chart. Follow the directions below to add animation to a chart.

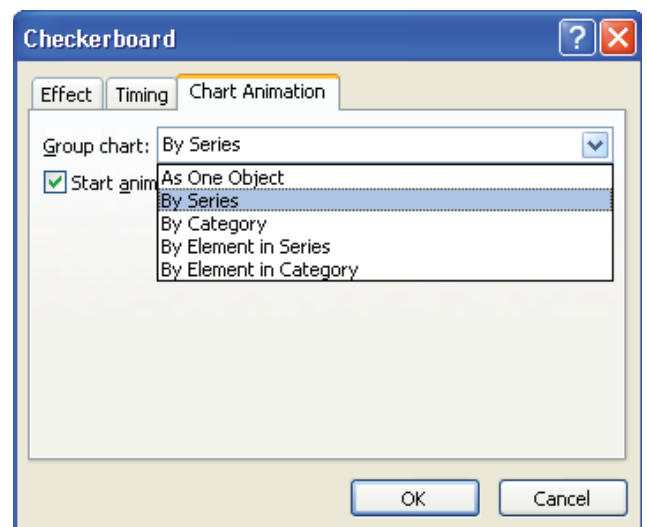
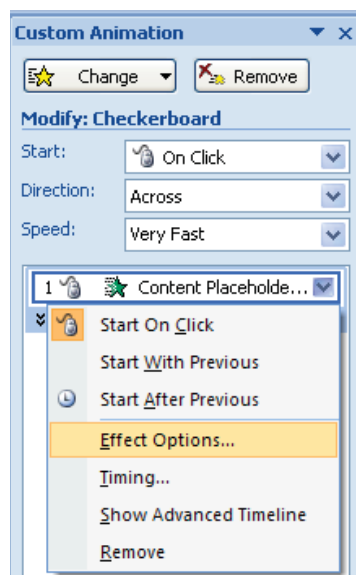
1. Select the chart.
2. Go to the **Animations** tab and click the **Animate** drop-down list.
3. For pie charts, select a **By Category** animation type. For column charts, select a **By Series**.

## ADVANCED CHART ANIMATIONS

If you are interested in applying more advanced animations to your chart (beyond the basic ones of **Fade**, **Wipe**, **Fly In**), click the **Custom Animation** button.

1. Select the chart and choose your animation type from the **Add Effect** button.
2. Click the down-pointing arrow on the applied animation from the list and select **Effect Options**.
3. Go to the **Chart**

**Animation** tab and select **By Series** from the list.



- Steve Linton-Smith, ITS