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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

APRIL 1, 2024

NETWORKING LUNCH

APRIL 12, 2024

A.M. NETWORK BREAKFAST

APRIL 26, 2024

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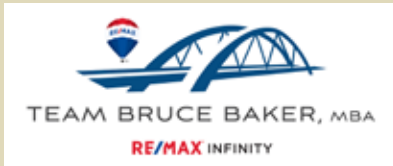
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 2024

Mark your calendar now for these great networking events in April.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Sponsored by:



Tuesday, April 2nd

5:30 p.m. @ Beardless Brewhaus

5642 Woodbine Road, Pace

Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door

RSVP to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

NETWORKING LUNCH

Sponsored by:



Friday, April 12th

12 Noon @ Aces Hangar

3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton

Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door

RSVP required to 623-2339 or

membership@srcchamber.com

A.M. NETWORK LUNCH & NAS Whiting Sailor of the Quarter Recognition

Sponsored by:



Friday, April 26th

7:30 a.m. @ The Cutting Board

5701 Highway 90, Milton

Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door

RSVP required to 623-2339 or

membership@srcchamber.com

Registration and payment can be made via email link or you can pay at the door



Welcome to April everyone!

I am pleased to announce we have hired

Mr. Jim Ponek

as our new CEO. Jim

came to us from

Panama City Beach;

he was the Parks and Recreation Director there for about ten years or so. He moved to the Pensacola area to be closer to family and worked for a while as the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Gulf Breeze. Looking forward to working with Jim, I feel he will do a great job for us.

We also have hired a new part-time person to assist in the office. Thanks to Brenda Kay Hammel, our Ambassador of the Year, for finding the right person to fill this important position.

We also want to welcome our new part-time membership support staff, **Jaime Cottrell**. We are thrilled to have Jaime on board and hope you'll take a few minutes to stop by and say Hi!

In addition, we are pleased to welcome our newest Ex-Officio Board Member, Ms. Bridgette Price, who will be representing the Santa Rosa County Economic Development Office in place of Shannon Ogletree at our monthly board meetings.

The Renaissance Faire was a huge success for us last month. We raised a considerable amount of money to go directly towards our building. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped! We are able to source a small amount of Mead to sell



A Message from our Chair...

and it was a huge hit with the attendants of the Faire. Next year we plan to have our distributor order a much larger quantity.

If you haven't done yet, please get with Jim or Nicole and sign up to volunteer at the Military Appreciation Picnic. This event shows our support of Whiting Field and all the personnel there. It is a ton of fun for everyone. The event is on May 17th at Whiting Field and you will have to fill out a sheet for clearance to get on base.

Captain Paul Flores ("Partyboy") is moving on from Whiting Field in a few months. His replacement, Captain Elkins ("Thumbs"), is enrolled in the upcoming Leadership Santa Rosa Class 38. We look forward to working closely with him. It should be some time in early June. We have enjoyed a great relationship with Captain Flores and wish him the very best in his endeavors.

The Business After Hours for the month of April will be held April 2nd at the new location of Beardless Brewhaus in Pace, sponsored by Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity. The Networking Lunch will be held April 12th at Ace's Hangar on Avalon Boulevard in Milton, sponsored by Santa Rosa Medical Center. If you notice a slight name change, it is because the restaurant is under new ownership. We wish them the best in their new business endeavor. Please make plans to attend and support Ace's Hangar.

We have secured The Cutting Board for The A.M. Network breakfast. The first event was held there on March 29th and was a success. They will soon be moving to a much larger location and will be able to accommodate our events easily. Thank you so much to our friends at The Cutting Board!

Frank Hoskins
2024 Board Chair



Ambassadors..... Margarita Vazquez..... Primerica
 Co-Chair Lee Irving LandrumHR
 Awards/Installation Luncheon .. Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance
 Business After Hours Erin Vaughn Sunbelt Title Agency
 Co-Chair Lee Irving LandrumHR
 Casino Night..... Mike Johnson Individual Member
 Co-Chair Scott Klemm..... Individual Member
 E.D.G.E..... Mike Ellicott..... Castle 6 Group
 Co-Chair Ronnie Goode..... All Dry Services, Gulf Coast Region
 Team Bruce Baker, MBA
 RE/MAX Infinity Golf Classic ... Larry Strain..... A Rustyc Spoon
 Finance Committee Jennifer Micklos The First, ANBA
 July 4th Riverfest Larry Strain..... A Rustyc Spoon
 Leadership Santa Rosa Jonathan Arneault..... The Rock Church
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 Non-Profit Resource
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 Young Professionals Laura Massimino Pen Air Credit Union
 Networking Lunch..... Jeremy Reeder..... Reeder Financial Group
 The A.M. Network Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance

2024 Officers & Board of Directors

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024

Chair: Frank Hoskins, Owen Hoskins Consulting, LLC

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Thank You to our 2024 Sponsors

Business After Hours

January Grover T's BBQ
February Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
March Blackwater Bay Tours
April Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
May United Bank
June Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
August Community Bank
September Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
October Synovus
November John Kelley Handyman Service

Networking Lunch

January Coastal Wildlife Removal
February American Heritage Financial
March Fast Cash ATM Services
April Santa Rosa Medical Center
May Commercial Contract Cleaning & Pressure Washing
June Available
July Available
August Available
September Available
October The Benefits Shoppe Insurance Agency, LLC
November Drug Free Workplaces
December Harvesters Credit Union

The A.M. Network

March John Kelley Handyman Service
April Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
May Synovus
June Drug Free Workplaces
July Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
August Coastal Wildlife Removal
September Santa Rosa Medical Center
October Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
December Locklin Technical College/Santa Rosa County School District

The Santa Rosan

January Sunburst RV Resort
February Keller Williams Realty, Trisha Clause-Ramirez
March Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County
April Eglin Federal Credit Union
May Five Star Painting of Pensacola
June Available
July Available
August Available
September Available
October Armor Service Group
November Available
December Primerica Milton-Margarita Vazquez

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

65 Years

**Taminco U.S. / Eastman Chemical
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45 Years

Adventures Unlimited Outdoor Center, Inc.

25 Years

Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office

15 Years

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Introducing: Jim Ponek

Jim Ponek is joining the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center as their new President/CEO. He is replacing Donna Tucker who retired in December.

Mr. Ponek comes to the Chamber of Commerce with over 30 years of experience as a Director of Parks and Recreation and a graduate from Fresno State University with a Recreation Administration Bachelor's Degree. He has served the City of Gulf Breeze, the City of Panama City Beach, the City of Ridgecrest, CA (the location of China Lake Naval Air Base) and the City of Whitefish Montana.

Jim is an avid swimmer, a golf hacker, and a pretty good corn hole player. As the Parks and Recreation Director he has assisted City with major growth in tourism, special events, youth/adult sports, tournaments, aquatics programming, and capital improvements.



Jim and his wife of 35 years, Jackie, relocated to this area a year and half ago from Panama City Beach to be closer to family. Their three daughters Hannah (and husband Russell and grandson Elijah) Brown, Bethany (and husband Dwight and grandson Odin) Clendennin, and Krysta (and dog Boomer) Ponek all live close to each other. Spending time with family is a priority.

Jim also is a huge Pittsburgh Pirates, Steelers, and Penguins fan...

Jim Ponek, your new President and CEO of the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center looks forward to serving our members and assisting this amazing community.

**Welcome Jim
to the
BEST CHAMBER in Florida!**



2024 CHAMBER AMBASSADORS

Margarita Vazquez (Chair)	Primerica Financial Services
Lee Irving (Co-Chair)	LandrumHR
Tracy Allen	Goosehead Insurance
Bruce Baker	Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
Linda Clark	LC Creative Productions
Susan Clark	Granny Nannies
Crystal Foster	USA Mortgage
Jenny Garcia	ADV Global Wellness
Brenda Kay Hammel	Express Employment Professionals
Harald Lavric	Griffo Consulting
Rebekah Killingsworth	A Cut Above Landscaping & Property Maintenance
Becky MaCaa	Home Instead Senior Care
Nicole Pires	Hancock Whitney
Jeremy Reeder	Reeder Financial Group
Mirella Savage	Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
Larry Strain	Synovus
Juan Vazquez	Primerica – Margarita Vazquez



Thank You to the great staff at **Sonnys BBQ** in Pace! Always a delicious experience.

Call Nicole at 850-623-2339 and ask for more information.

My Father's
Arrows 
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APRIL 2024 **13** 5:00 TO 8:00

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR - APRIL

<p>April 2 7:30-8:30 a.m. Business Booster Workshop SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>	<p>April 13 5-8 p.m. My Father's Arrows' 10th Anniversary Celebration First Baptist Church, 6797 Caroline St, Milton</p>	<p>April 22 1-4 p.m. Florida APEX Accelerator @ UWF Presents "Doing Business with GSA" Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, CO:LAB Bldg, 4th flr, Pensacola</p>
<p>April 4 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. "Empowering Women in Business" Networking Lunch SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>	<p>April 16 9-10 a.m. FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Marketing for Small Business" – PCB 910 Thomas Dr, Panama City Beach</p>	<p>April 24 1-4 p.m. FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting a Business" - Navarre Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, 1804 Prado St, Ste. A, Navarre</p>
<p>April 6 4 p.m. USS Harry Mudd Star Trek & SF Club Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>	<p>April 16 1-2 p.m. Dementia Caregiver Support Group The Beacon at Gulf Breeze, Private Dining, 4410 Gulf Breeze Pkwy</p>	<p>April 24 12-1 p.m. Kiwanis of Milton Sunrise Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>
<p>April 8 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Essential Interpersonal Skills Training Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, 4th flr, Pensacola</p>	<p>April 16 5 p.m. Milton Amateur Radio Club SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>	<p>April 25 9 a.m.-12 noon FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting a Business" - PCB 7543 Holley Cir, Panama City Beach</p>
<p>April 9 9:30 a.m. Milton Garden Club Meeting Magnolia Hall, 5256 Alabama St, Milton</p>	<p>April 17 9 a.m.-12 p.m. FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting a Business" - FWB UWF Emerald Coast Campus, 1170 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Bldg 2, Rm 221, Ft. Walton Beach</p>	<p>April 26-28 2nd Annual Hub City Pickleball Derby Twin Hills Park, 100 Hathaway St S, Crestview</p>
<p>April 9 1-2 p.m. Navy League Santa Rosa Council Meeting Milton PD, 5451 Alabama St, Milton</p>	<p>April 17 6:30 p.m. Blackwater Pyrates Meeting Call (850) 791-2502 for location.</p>	<p>April 27 9 a.m. Annual Vision of Hope Fishing Rodeo 4512 Morristown Rd, Jay</p>
<p>April 9 5:45 p.m. City of Milton Council Meeting 6738 Dixon St, Milton</p>	<p>April 19 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Milton Garden Club 3rd Annual Golf Scramble Tanglewood Golf and Country Club, 5916 Tanglewood Dr, Milton</p>	<p>April 27 10-11 a.m. First Presbyterian Church's "Knotty Prayers" Ministry Call (850) 623-2510 for location.</p>
<p>April 10 9 a.m.-12 noon FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting a Business" – Pensacola Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, CO:LAB Bldg, 4th flr, Pensacola</p>	<p>April 20 9 a.m.-12 noon FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting an At-Home Childcare Business" - PCB 7543 Holley Cir, Panama City Beach</p>	<p>April 27 11 a.m. Santa Rosa County Food Service Association 1st Annual Golf Classic Tanglewood Golf and Country Club, 5916 Tanglewood Dr, Milton</p>
<p>April 10 12-1 p.m. Kiwanis of Milton Sunrise Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>	<p>April 20 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FamiliesFirst Network Adoption Family Spring Fest Liza Jackson Park, 338 Miracle Strip Pkwy, Ft. Walton Beach</p>	<p>April 30 9-10 a.m. FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Tech Talk Tuesday: Running Your Business More Efficiently with Technology" Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, CO:LAB Bldg, 4th flr, Pensacola</p>
<p>April 11 1-2:30 p.m. Milton Dementia Support Group Clyde L. Gracey Community Center, 5629 Byrom St, Room 113, Milton</p>	<p>April 20 4-6 p.m. Gumbo Ya-Ya Cook-off 2024 Seville Quarter, Pensacola</p>	
<p>April 11 5 p.m. Animal Welfare Roundtable SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>		
<p>April 13 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Santa Rosa County Master Gardener Volunteers Annual Plant Sale SRC Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Dr,</p>		

Let us know if you or your business has an event coming up so we can get it on the Chamber Calendar!

Call Nicole at 850-623-2339

CHAMBER CALENDAR - APRIL

April 1 11:30 a.m. Jay Chamber Meeting Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker St.	April 16 2:30-4 p.m. Member Orientation SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
April 2 5:30-7 p.m. Business After Hours Beardless Brewhaus, 5642 Woodbine Rd, Pace	April 18 All day Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 37: Military Day Meet at Meet at U.S. Army Reserve Center, Milton
April 5 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Chamber Ambassadors Lunch SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	April 19 8:30 a.m. SRC CoC Executive Committee SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
April 8 4:30 p.m. Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	April 22 4 p.m. SRC CoC Board of Directors Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
April 8 5 p.m. Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Committee Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	April 24 8:30 a.m. E.D.G.E. (Economic Development, Growth & Education) Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
April 9 8:30 a.m. SRC Legislative Coalition Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	April 26 7:15-8:30 a.m. The A.M. Network/Sailor-of-the-Quarter Recognition The Cutting Board, 5701 Highway 90, Milton
April 12 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Chamber Networking Lunch Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton	
April 12 1 p.m. Ribbon Cutting for Card My Yard Milton, FL Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton	

Weekly Recurring Meetings/Activities

TUESDAYS

12 Noon
Milton Rotary Club - Meetings are open
to the public
4955 Highway 90, Pace
Call (850) 393-7334 to confirm.

7 PM
Primerica Business Opportunity
Meeting
5205 Dogwood Dr, Milton
Call (850) 626-7188 to confirm.

WEDNESDAYS

9 AM - 4:30 PM
FL SBDC @ UWF Office Hours in Milton
6491 Caroline St., Milton

12 noon
Kiwanis Club of Milton Sunrise Meeting
Call (850) 781-7076 for location.

THURSDAYS

7 AM
Pace Rotary Club Meeting
Stonebrook Golf Club,
3200 Cobblestone Dr., Pace
Call (850) 994-9797 to confirm.

(Thursdays continued)

7:15 AM
BNI Tri-Cities Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce,
4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

FRIDAYS

7-9 PM
Coming Clean Recovery
West Florida Baptist Church,
5621 Hwy 90, Milton

For an up-to-date calendar of events, visit our website www.srcchamber.com.

2024 Renaissance Faire

Thank You to our 2024 Brew Crew that worked hard (and had a little bit of fun) raising over \$5,000 to help pay down the mortgage on your new Chamber building.

**Frank Hoskins
Lee Irving
Mirella Savage**

**Larry Strain
Tracy Beach
Dan Savage**

**Donna Tucker
Bruce Baker**

**Robin Vickers
Jessica Meadows**



**Thank You to Commander Justin Moss and members of VFW Post 4833
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RIBBON CUTTINGS



West Florida Railroad Museum

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Call Nicole at (850) 623-2339.**

Chamber Networking Lunch

Chair: Jeremy Reeder, Reeder Financial Group

**Thank you to our sponsor:
Fast Cash ATM Services,
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Guest speaker, Marty Stanovich, First Tee Gulf Coast**



***Congratulations split-the-pot winner:
Matt Howell, Tidal Bay Services***

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Chair: Erin Vaughn, Sunbelt Title Agency Co-Chair: Lee Irving, Landrum HR

Thank you to our
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Congratulations
split-the-pot winner:
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Association Management; Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity**

Come join us for the best time of the week...

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS!

First Tuesday of the month

Member Orientation

Chair: Lechia Froman, United Bank



Attendees:

Evelyn Garcia, Claiming America LLC

Beverly Hix, Card My Yard, LLC

Lee Irving, Landrum HR

Larry Kelley, Superior Spray Service, Inc.

Mark Morrell, Commercial Contract Cleaning & Pressure Washing

Troy Norton, Commercial Contract Cleaning & Pressure Washing

Raul Robles, Liberty Church

Gracie L. Turner

Margarita Vazquez, Primerica Financial Services

Aaron Williams, Individual Member

Chair: Lechia Froman, United Bank

Presenter: Nicole Frenk



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***Tell us what you liked most about
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- *All of the great options are available to me, love all of the events and sponsorships, member benefits.*
- *Good overview of what is offered.*
- *Information about our benefits.*
- *The presentation.*

Member Orientation is available once a month. Come join us and find out what all you're missing in your Santa Rosa County Chamber. Call Nicole at 850-623-2339 to register for the next program.

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MAY 7

7.30 AM - 8.30 AM

Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce
4315 Avalon Boulevard
McKenzie Room
Milton

BUSINESS BOOSTER WORKSHOP

Join us at our 2024 workshop series. First Tuesday of each month at the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce to get new ideas for your business.

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1 hour of education, discussions,
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Free of charge.



RSVP at contact@griffox.com or get your free ticket on Eventbrite

Experience how we work and how we support you in boosting your business. Any questions? Call us at (850) 376-7843.

Looking forward to seeing y'all!

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Membership Benefit Announcement

Use of Chamber Bulk Mail Permit

As a member, you may use the Chamber bulk mail permit for your mass mailings (minimum of 200 items), saving you an initial \$400+ permit fee, annual \$200+ permit renewals, and substantial amounts in postage.

Here is how it works:

- Get a sufficient number of bulk mail trays/tubs from the Post Office.
- Call or e-mail us (623-2339), membership@srcchamber.com) and request a copy of our permit stamp, either as a .jpg file or in hard copy, and have it printed on every item you intend to mail.
- Make sure all items to be mailed are the same size and weight.
- Make sure all items have a return address and our permit stamp on the front.
- Separate the items going to zip codes in the 325 . . . area from those going to other zip codes.
- Count how many items go to 325 . . . and how many to other zip codes.
- Come by the Chamber with your completed mail-out so that we can fill out the necessary form online and determine your postage.
- Take your mail to the Milton Post Office with a printout of the completed form.
- Pay postage at the Post Office - cash, check, or debit card.

Done!



CHAMBER FACTS

- The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce is 87 years old this year.
- We currently have 654 active members. 20% of our membership is based in Escambia County.
- Your Chamber is also the official Tourist & Visitors Information Center for Central/North Santa Rosa County.
- Your Chamber does not receive any outside funding and is supported by membership dues and various fundraisers.
- We currently have two full-time and one part-time staff on payroll.
- As per March 15, 2023, we have answered 397 phone calls, assisted 180 walk-in visitors, and signed up 22 new members. We held three ribbon cuttings and responded to 11 written requests for information. Our website had over 5,000 visitors who generated more than 10,000 page views.
- The most interesting question this month was: "Do you have aerial shots of Milton?"

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Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37

Government Day

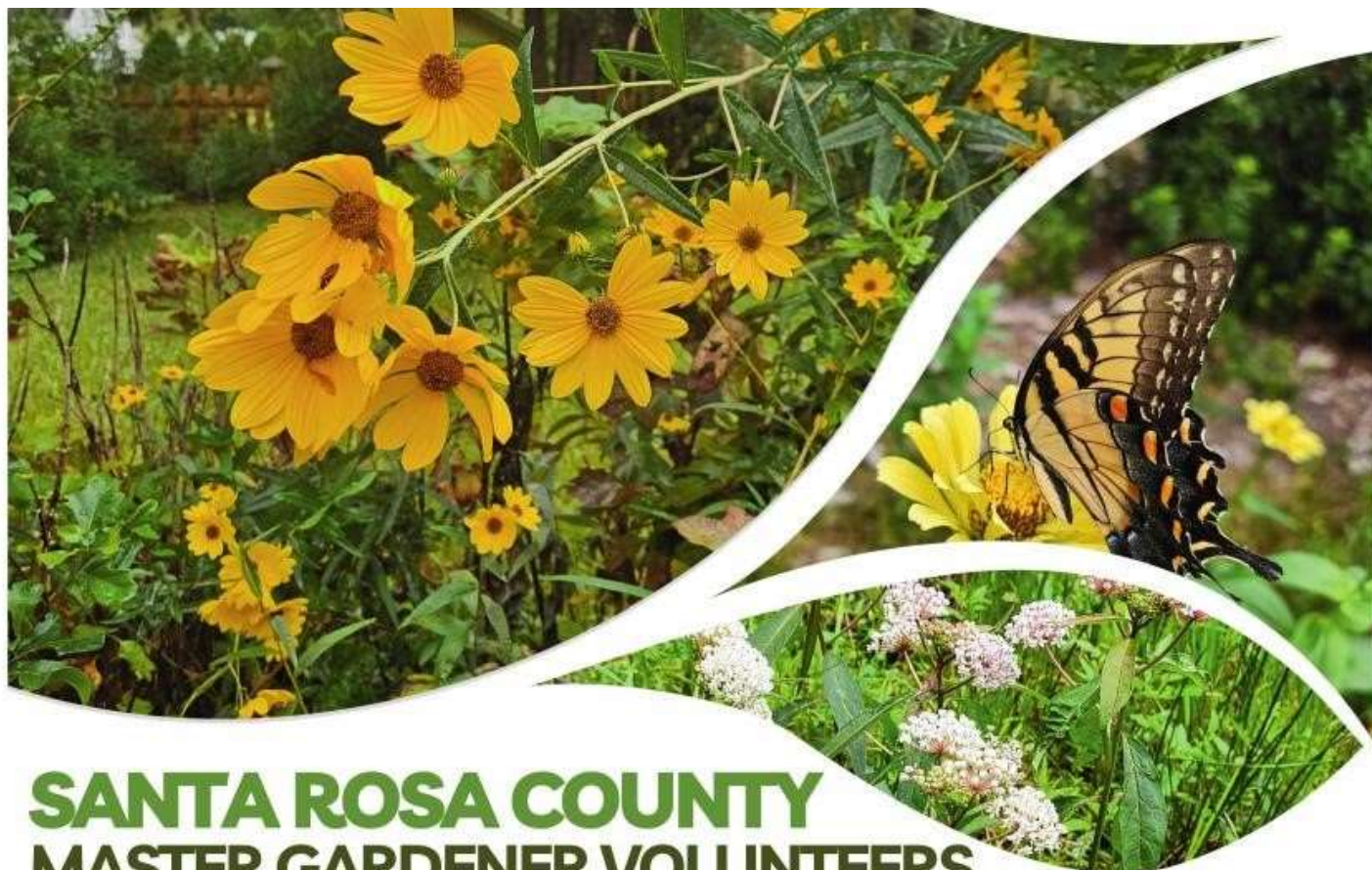


LSR Class 37 was the first class to enter the Inmates' Cell Block 5 at the new courthouse, due to no inmates being there at the time. They enjoyed morning talks from County Commissioners and Constitutional Officers, as well as a tour and briefings from the courthouse. The afternoon was exciting at the Sheriff's Department: jail tours, 911 Communication Room tour, SWAT Team demo (first Leadership class to ever experience a Flash/Bang in the building!), and everyone's

favorite, the K-9-unit demos. From start to finish, everyone had a great time.

Thank you to the SRC Board of County Commissioners for sponsoring breakfast and to Aramark for sponsoring lunch at the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office.





SANTA ROSA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS ANNUAL PLANT SALE

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

9AM - 3PM

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