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Tuesday, May 7th

5:30 p.m. @ Blackwater Bistro

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NETWORKING LUNCH

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Friday, May 10th

12 Noon @ Ace's Hangar

3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton

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

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membership@srcchamber.com

A.M. NETWORK BREAKFAST

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Friday, May 31st

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



A Message from our Chair...

elsewhere. Welcome to the new base commander, Captain Theodore "Ted" Elkins! He is aboard and will be going through Leadership Santa Rosa next year.

I am excited to see so many new businesses springing up around Santa Rosa County. As many of you know, we are the fifth fastest growing county in the state. The industrial parks seem to fill as fast as we build them and quality jobs along with them. I hope that with all the new businesses we are able to increase our membership to 700. This is a magic number we have been striving to reach for some time. It means we can add a full-time staff member to assist in member services. The Chamber is all about servicing our members. I was at the last Business After Hours and met a few new members that had no idea what the Chamber could offer. Please make it a point to attend a Membership Orientation, so that you and your business can take full advantage of your membership. Get your money's worth!

Please make plans to attend our upcoming networking events in May. Business After Hours, Chamber Networking Lunch and The A.M. Network. These events are fun and informative. There are door prizes and the opportunity to meet new contacts that may benefit your business. I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

I am happy to announce that our new CEO Mr. James Ponek is settling into his new position nicely. If you have not had the opportunity to meet him, please make it a point to do so. I am excited to see what Jim can do once he gets acclimated to his position. I know it was a bit overwhelming for him at first but after meeting with him several times I see he is very organized and meticulous in his planning. Thank you, Jim, and keep up the good work!

Please drive safely as our children will soon be out of school for the summer. Put away the video games and get them in the flower beds or garden and make some memories. I sure wish I could plant some flowers and vegetables with my mother and father once again.

God Bless You All,

Frank Hoskins
2024 Board Chair



Hard to believe that it is May already!

Very soon our children will be out of school and summer will be upon us. My mother always loved spring, she cultivated her roses, and my father planted his enormous garden. My wife and I cleaned up our flower beds last weekend and my thoughts went back to my childhood helping my parents spring clean around the house, sow the seeds in the garden and clean the flower beds. Those memories stay with me. We had a farm and I had responsibilities. It seems in today's world responsibility is a four-letter word – not just with children, but with adults as well. We live in a different world than we did back then. Technology has far surpassed anything we could have imagined. We lived in a small town and rarely if ever locked our doors. There was no reason to do so. I don't recall ever having a key to our house. Those were much simpler times. Now in the days of social media, internet and AI, you never know what is true and what you hear is a scam, or hack. As most of you know, our email and website was hacked some time back. There was no compromised information, it just destroyed our website and shut down our email for some time. Fortunately, our new CEO and the office staff are working hard to get the website back up with a new design, as well as new advertising opportunities for our members. The ability to pay your membership dues as well as pay for networking events is a welcome feature of the new site.

The annual Military Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for May 17. We will need at least forty volunteers to work the picnic. It is great fun and we need to show up in force to support our men, women, and children at NAS Whiting Field. Please contact Jaime at the Chamber office to get a form so that you can get clearance to get on base. Oh, and a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Whiting Field on receiving the award once again for Best Small Installation in the Navy! They have received this award several times and are often exempt from the competition because they have won it so many times. Kudos to Captain Paul Flores, who will soon be moving on with his Naval career



2024 COMMITTEE & EVENT CHAIRS

- 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
- Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni...Mirella Savage..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA-REMAX Infinity
- Local Legislative Action Ed Carson..... Carson Construction
- Member Orientations..... Lechia Froman United Bank
- Military Advisory Committee Steve Rhodes..... Florida Power & Light
- Co-Chair Russell Raught..... CareerSource EscaRosa
- Military Appreciation Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance
- Non-Profit Resource
- & Development Roundtable... Mary Zaledonis..... United Way of West Florida
- Santa Rosa
- 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
- Chair-Elect:** Mike Johnson, Individual Member
- Past Chair:** Debbie Kemp, Pen Air Credit Union
- Treasurer:** Jennifer Micklos, The First, ANBA
- Secretary:** Erin Vaughn, Sunbelt Title Agency

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- Tracy Beach Blue Arbor
- Rhett Fendley..... Premier Wealth Management Partners
- Capt. Paul Flores NAS Whiting Field (Ex-Officio)
- Lechia Froman United Bank
- Jeremy Holley Immanuel Baptist Church
- Charlin Knight Santa Rosa County Schools (Ex-Officio)
- Pete Morgan..... Service Matters Realty, Inc./Property Management
- Bridgette Price Santa Rosa County Economic Development Office
- Russell Raught CareerSource Escarosa
- Jeremy Reeder..... Reeder Financial Group
- Mirella Savage..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA RE/MAX Infinity
- Justin Serrano Santa Rosa Medical Center
- Margarita Vazquez.... Primerica Financial Services
- Robin Vickers..... University of Florida, WFREC
- Director Emeritus..... Larry Strain, A Rustyc Spoon

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

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Moms for Liberty, Santa Rosa Chapter

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A Message from Your New CEO and President

I have been your new CEO and President for over 2 months now and it has been a wild ride... Being involved with Chambers for over 30 years as a Director of Parks and Recreation, I can confirm that your Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center is the busiest most active Chamber I have ever been involved with.

I am amazed at what the Board of Directors, Retired CEO Donna Tucker and Nicole Frenk Administrative Membership Manager have been able to accomplish. I look forward to serving all of our members and I am excited to help with the continued growth in memberships and events. If you need any kind of support, send me an email, text message or stop by the office. Hope to see you soon!

Jim Ponek
Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce
CEO / President

I look forward to serving all of our members and I am excited to help with the continued growth in memberships and events.



A HOPE held the 2nd Animal Welfare Leadership Meeting on April 11 at the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce.

There were 40+ attendees from 22 different organizations, and three different counties. Included were animal rescues, animal welfare groups, county animal shelters, veterinarians, and canine trainers.

A few of the topics discussed: collaboration between groups, policies, community resource sharing, pet overpopulation.

Everyone enjoyed meeting their counterparts and sharing their needs and successes. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10.

For more information go to ahope4src.com.



AMBASSADORS - TEAM WORK MAKES THE CHAMBER WORK!

Featured Ambassador of the Month **Bruce Baker, MBA** with RE/MAX Infinity.



He has been an Ambassador since 2012. Bruce has been quite active in sharing his busy schedule with many of the Chamber projects and fundraising. He always shows up with a smile and is always willing to help.

Thank you, Bruce, for all the years you have dedicated to our Chamber and our Ambassadorship program!

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
- Brenda Kay Hammel Express Employment Professionals
- Rebekah Killingsworth A Cut Above Landscaping & Property Maintenance
- Harald Lavric..... Griffox Consulting
- Becky McCaa Home Instead Senior Care
- Nicole Pires Hancock Whitney
- Jeremy Reeder Reeder Financial Group
- Mirella Savage Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
- Juan Vazquez Primerica – Margarita Vazquez



The April Ambassadors Lunch was held at the Santa Rosa Chamber McKenzie Room. Our guest speaker was Tabitha Christopher. Tabitha shared with us a program she developed, “MINDstyle MAKEOVER BOOT CAMP (MSMBC). This program is to help young adults to prosper in their lives. We send our sincere thanks to Tabitha. It was a remarkably interesting presentation. We look forward to learning more.

Shout out to our Ambassadors that attended the meeting!

Margarita Vazquez
Ambassador Chair

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



This month your Chamber will be celebrating Military Appreciation our local active military and their families. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the sponsors and volunteers who will be helping to make this happen.

Please help us show our military how much we love and appreciate them by:

- **Putting a message on your marquee**
- **Offering special discounts to active military**
 - **Buying a meal or morning coffee**
- **Simply walking up and say Thank You for your Service!**

Here in Santa Rosa County we LOVE OUR MILITARY! • Help us show the love!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - MAY

May 1 8am-12pm
EMPOWERING HEALTHY ESCAROSA
 UWF CONFERENCE CENTER,
 11000 University Pkwy Ste 82, Pensacola

May 1 11:30-1pm
 Florida SBDC at UWF Presents
 "The Basics of Buying & Selling a Business"
 Panama City Beach Chamber of
 Commerce, 309 Richard Jackson Blvd,
 Ste 101, Panama City Beach

May 2 11:30am-1:30pm
 "Empowering Women in Business
 " Networking Lunch
 SRC Chamber of Commerce,
 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

May 3 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Blackjack and Myths
 Guernsey Financial,
 6704-A Plantation Rd, Pensacola

May 4 4pm
 USS Harry Mudd Star Trek & SF Club Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce,
 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

May 4 8am
 Feeding the Gulf Coast
 Immanuel Baptist Church,
 4187 Highway 90, Pace

May 7 7:30-8:30 a.m
 Business Booster Workshop
 SRC Chamber of Commerce,
 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

May 7 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Teacher's Appreciation Shopping Night
 Alyssa's, 4586 Chumuckla Highway, Pace

May 7 4 p.m.
 Florida SBDC at UWF Presents
 "When Banks Say No"
 To register, visit sbdc.uwf.edu
 and open "Training & Events".

May 7 9:30 a.m.
 Milton Garden Club Meeting
 Magnolia Hall,
 5256 Alabama St., Milton

May 7 1-2 p.m
 Navy League Santa Rosa Council Meeting
 Milton PD, 5451 Alabama St, Milton

May 7 5:45pm
 City of Milton Council Meeting
 6738 Dixon St, Milton

May 8 1-4 pm
 Florida SBDC at UWF Presents
 "Starting a Business" –
 Gulf Breeze
 Gulf Breeze Chamber of
 Commerce, 3044 Gulf Breeze
 Pkwy, Gulf Breeze

May 8 12-1pm
 Kiwanis of Milton Sunrise Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce,
 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

May 11
 Annual Stamp Out Hunger Drive
 Put non-persish items by your
 mailbox for your local mail carrier
 to pick up.

May 14 1-2:30pm
 Milton Dementia Support Group
 Clyde L. Gracey Community
 Center, 5629 Byrom St, Room 113,
 Milton

May 16 9-10am
 Florida SBDC at UWF Presents
 "A Roadmap to Small Business
 Funding"
 Visit sbdc.uwf.edu and open
 "Training & Events".

May 17 1-2:30 p.m.
 Blackwater Pyrates Meeting
 Call (850) 791-2502 for
 location.

May 18 9-12pm
 SBDC at UWF Presents "Starting
 an At-Home Childcare Business"
 Santa Rosa County Economic
 Development Office,
 6491 Caroline St, Suite 4, Milton,

May 18-19 11-12:30/1:30-3pm
 3rd Annual The MAX Volleyball
 Tournament & Clinic -
 Spike Out Hunger
 Coastal County Brewing,
 3041 E Olive Rd, Pensacola
 Contact Anna Goretski
 @850-626-1332 ext. 212

May 21 1pm
 Dementia Caregiver Support
 Group
 The Beacon at Gulf Breeze,
 Private Dining,
 4410 Gulf Breeze Pkwy

May 21 5pm
 Milton Amateur Radio Club
 SRC Chamber of Commerce,
 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

May 22 5pm-7pm
 3rd Annual Battle of the
 Barristers Fundraiser
 Seville Quarter, Pensacola

May 25 10am
 First Presbyterian Church
 Knotty Prayers Ministry
 (call 623-2510 to confirm
 and for location)

**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 - MAY

- May 1 9 a.m.**
Ribbon Cutting for Armor Service Group
Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 2 2 p.m.**
Ribbon Cutting for Kellee Johnson, Salter Company
6105 Hwy 90, Milton
- May 3 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**
Chamber Ambassadors Lunch
Tondra's Café, 8855 Hwy 87 S, Milton
- May 6 11:30 a.m.**
Jay Chamber Meeting
Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker St.
- May 7 11 a.m.**
Ribbon Cutting for The Tasty Tenderloin
9234 Hwy 87, Milton
- May 7 5:30-7 p.m.**
Business After Hours
Blackwater Bistro, 5147 Elmira St, Milton
- May 8 3-4 p.m.**
Non-profit Resource & Development Roundtable
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 10 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.**
Chamber Networking Lunch
Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 10 1 p.m.**
Ribbon Cutting for CWF Entertainment
Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 13 4:30 p.m.**
Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 13 5 p.m.**
Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Committee Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 14 8:30 a.m.**
SRC Legislative Coalition Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 14 4:30 p.m.**
Ribbon Cutting for Project Chess Club
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 16 All day**
Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 37: History Day
Meet at 6247 Hwy 90, Milton
- May 20 3 p.m.**
SRC CoC Executive Committee
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 20 4 p.m.**
SRC CoC Board of Directors Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 21 2:30-4 p.m.**
Member Orientation
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 21 1:45 p.m.**
Ribbon Cutting for H.E. Roberts Roofing
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 22 8:30 a.m.**
E.D.G.E. (Economic Development, Growth & Education) Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 24 8:30 a.m.**
Ribbon Cutting for Laird Tree Service
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- May 27 All day**
Chamber Closed for Memorial Day
- May 31 7:15-8:30 a.m.**
The A.M. Network
The Cutting Board, 5701 Hwy 90, Milton





RIBBON CUTTINGS



Nixon's Formalwear

Nixon's Formalwear has been in business for over 45 years and has always been located in the heart of Santa Rosa County. It was purchased 3 years ago by the new owners Kevin and Brooke Jackson and family and is now located at 4847 W Spencer Field Road in Pace Florida. We specialize in all your formalwear needs for both women and men. We carry designer dresses by Sherri Hill, Ashley Lauren, Amarra, Rachel Allen, and Portia and Scarlett just to name a few. We also have had the distinction for the last two years of being named Best of the Coast by InWeekly Magazine for Best Place to Rent A Tux so we can definitely take care of all the men's formalwear needs as well. We are very active in the community and sponsor many clubs, sports, and activities in all local schools.

Come see us for all your formalwear needs!

**Located at
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Pace**



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RIBBON CUTTINGS



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Eglin Federal Credit Union

Eglin Federal Credit Union held a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 23rd at its new Pace Branch located at 4413 US-90. This is EFCU's third location in Santa Rosa County with the Navarre Branch opening nearly 17 years in August 2007. The Gulf Breeze ATM/Video Teller location opened in September 2023. As part of the Credit Union's growth and expansion efforts, La Macchia Group is the design/build firm for the new Pace Branch. The Freeport Branch is opening soon, and the Operations Center is expected to be completed this summer.

The National Credit Union Administration recently approved expanding EFCU's field of membership to include anyone who lives, works (or regularly conducts business in), worships or attends school, and businesses and other legal entities in specific geographic locations within Santa Rosa County, Escambia County, Florida as well as Escambia County, Alabama.

Eglin Federal Credit Union President/CEO Jerry Williams said, "There are approximately 15,000 members in Santa Rosa County, and we are looking forward to extending the benefits of membership to our new neighbors near our new Pace Branch. We chose this convenient location to provide easy access to affordable products and services as well as financial wellness resources that add value to this community."

The Pace Branch is approximately 4,400 square feet, showcasing a new open branch design that features a member engagement area with interactive touch screen monitors. This is a full-service branch with safe deposit boxes, a Coinstar® machine, night drop, touch screen video tellers and drive-thru ATMs.

**Talk to the Chamber to find out ways that
you and your business can**

**VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR
COMMUNITY.**

**To find out how you can help...
Call Nicole at (850) 623-2339.**

RIBBON CUTTINGS



The Panhandle Butterfly House

The Panhandle Butterfly House and Nature Center originally began in 1986 located in Navarre. We purchased the historic Jones House and property and relocated to 4966 Henry Street, Milton in 2020. The approximate 10 acres property includes a conservation easement protecting the Blackwater River floodplain ecosystem which visitors can observe on the 1/4 mile Tiger Nature Trail. Visitors can experience live butterfly encounters in the vivarium and see over 300 species of butterflies and moths on display from various parts of the world.

We are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday excluding holidays. Visitor entrance fees are \$7 for adults 18 years and older, \$5 for youth ages 5-17 years, and 4 and younger are free.

Located at
4966 Henry Street
Milton

Open
Wed – Sat, 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.
excluding holidays



We need sponsors and vendors for the upcoming Riverfest 2024, July 4th in downtown Milton. If you or your business would like to sponsor the event and are looking to be a vendor, please email membership@srcchamber.com or call (850)623-2339 for more information.

Hosted by the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce and City of Milton



Chamber Networking Lunch

Chair: Jeremy Reeder, Reeder Financial Group

Thank you to our sponsor:

Santa Rosa Medical Center,

represented by Carla Johnson, Christie Satterfield, and Chris Siders



***Congratulations split-the-pot winner:
Evelyn Garcia***

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

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

Thank you to our Sponsor
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and to our host:
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**Congratulations split-the-pot winner:
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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:

Merry DiSalvo, Mediacom

Steve Fischer, Individual member

Kevin Willis, CareerSource Escarosa

Margarita Vazquez, Primerica Financial Services



Thank You to our Sponsor:



**Represented by
Lee Irving**

**Member Orientation is held the third Tuesday of the month
from February through October.**

**Come join us and find out what your
Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce is
doing for the business community and how you
can benefit from our membership!**

**Call Nicole at (850) 623-2339 to register
for the next session on May 21st.**



United Bank

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Please join us in welcoming Anna Weaver back to the United Bank Team! In her role, Anna will work to provide financing for businesses. Anna is a 2019 graduate of Florida School of Banking at University of Florida and Leadership Santa Rosa Class 28. She is past president of Pace Rotary and current member Milton Rotary. She is also the current chair of the Santa Rosa County Zoning and Development Board. Anna will be based in the Milton office. Welcome bank, Anna!

**#BuildingStrongCommunities #Welcome
#TeamMilton**



**ANNA
WEAVER**

**COMMUNITY BANK
BUSINESS LENDER**

We are excited to welcome **Anna Weaver** back to United Bank as a **Community Bank Business Lender** in our Commercial Lending Department! Anna previously worked with United Bank from 2013 - 2019.

Please join us in welcoming Anna back to the UB team!



@unitedbankatmore

Membership Benefit Announcement

Event Promotion

As a Chamber member, we will help you promote community events – for example fundraisers, fairs, open house and/or grand opening ceremonies – by posting them on our full-color marquee in front of the Chamber building on Avalon Boulevard in Milton. This electronic billboard is passed by more than 30,000 vehicles each day.

Your event will also be listed on the Chamber web calendar, in our weekly e-mail broadcast “Chamber Weekly” to more than 900 recipients as well as in our monthly digital newsletter, The Santa Rosan, which is distributed via the Chamber website and the Chamber Facebook page – a total distribution of 8,000+.

The deadline for submissions to the Chamber Weekly is every Wednesday, 4 p.m., for The Santa Rosan the 3rd Monday of every month.

Make sure to contact us whenever you are planning an event so that we can help promote it!



CHAMBER FACTS

- The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce is 87 years old this year.
- We currently have 650 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 April 15, 2024, we have answered 472 phone calls, assisted 201 walk-in visitors, and signed up 27 new members. We held 11 ribbon cuttings and responded to 18 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: “Im in Missouri and I’m looking to buy a golden retriever from this breeder in Milton. Can you send the police to drive by to make sure it’s a legitimate business?”

www.SRCChamber.com



Get ready for a good, old-fashioned game night!

Join us for an exciting evening of Blackjack and Myths where you can challenge Lady Luck at the blackjack tables, dive deep into the Myths of Investing, and enjoy some delicious food.

Date: Friday, May 3, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Guernsey Financial

BLACKJACK: Gear up for a night of laughter and competition at the blackjack tables as we shuffle the cards and spark your competitive spirit.*

MYTHS OF INVESTING: Engage in a deep dive about the destructive nature of common investing myths. Uncover how these widely held beliefs can impact your peace of mind and the financial dreams of you and your family.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND: Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newbie, this evening can arm you with priceless knowledge in making informed investing decisions that could have a major impact on your overall investing experience.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable evening of laughs, wisdom, and thought-provoking discussion! (Limited seats available)

Looking forward to seeing you there!



**Games are purely for fun and do not involve real money.*

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Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 Military Day



Naval Air Station Whiting Field hosted Santa Rosa Leadership Class 37 for Military Day on April 18th. The tour included learning how NAS Whiting Field supports the largest training air wing in the Navy, Training Air Wing FIVE, and what the process of producing aviation warfighters entails. Attendees learned the history of the installation, and the economic impact of the base.

Class 37 toured the base facilities, headquarters building, simulator complex, North and South Field that included T-6 and TH-73 aircraft, South Field Air Traffic

Control Tower, night vision goggle lab, physiology demonstration and HT-8 training squadron.

Special thanks to breakfast sponsor All Pro Tune Up and lunch sponsors Steve & Kristen Rhodes, Levin Rinke Realty. The cookies from Steve and Kristen were amazing!



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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

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Join the Fun and Help Fight Hunger!

**3rd Annual The MAX Volleyball Tournament & Clinic -
Spike Out Hunger May 18-19, 2024**

Join us for the 3rd Annual The MAX Volleyball Tournament at Juana's Pagodas on Navarre Beach on May 19, 2024. Proceeds from this event will benefit Feeding the Gulf Coast in honor of Maxine Connelly, who passed away in July of 2020. Maxine was passionate about volleyball and feeding the homeless. Through this annual event, her family and friends keep her memory alive. This year we are excited to host our first volleyball clinic, hosted by pro beach volleyball player & coach JD Hamilton. Held at Coastal County Brewing with sessions from 11:00am-12:30 and 1:30-3:00pm.

Visit themaxvolleyball.com to donate and for more information.

Contact: Anna Goretski | Community Engagement Coordinator

Phone: 850-626-1332 ext. 212 **Email:** agoretski@feedingthegulfcoast.org



Stamp Out Hunger - May 11, 2024

Residents in Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties can help feed hungry neighbors by donating to the NALC Stamp Out Hunger food drive. To donate, leave a bag of healthy, non-perishable food items next to your mailbox before regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 11.

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Networking Lunch

Recurrence: Held the second Friday of the month

Location: Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton, FL 32583

Cost: \$500

Sponsorship includes:

- 15-20 minutes presentation time
- Opportunity to put promotional materials on place settings
- Pre/post press/media exposure and photo ops (6,000+ digital distribution)
- Chamber thank you message AND a custom sponsor message on electronic marquee (daily traffic count 21,500+) during the month of your sponsorship
- Your logo + link to your website or Facebook page on all editions of our Monday morning e-newsletter "Chamber Weekly" during the month of your sponsorship (900+ recipients)
- Monthly listing in the "Santa Rosan" for the entire year (monthly digital distribution 6,000+)

The Santa Rosan

Monthly e-newsletter; published the first Monday of the month. Digital distribution 6,000+

Cost: \$500

Sponsorship includes:

- Front and back page of the Santa Rosan
- One full promotional page in the newsletter
- Newsletter e-blast with your logo + link to your website or Facebook page to all 900+ recipients on our broadcast list
- Thank you message on our electronic billboard during the month of your sponsorship (daily traffic count 21,500+)
- Thank you message on the Chamber Facebook page (5,500+ followers)
- Your logo + link to your website or Facebook page on the Chamber website and the Chamber Facebook page
- Your logo + link to your website or Facebook page on every Chamber Weekly during your sponsorship month
- Printed copy of cover page included in all new member packages
- One individual e-blast to all recipients on our broadcast list

The A.M. Network

Recurrence: Held the last Friday of the month

Location: The Cutting Board, 5701 Highway 90, Milton, FL 32570

Cost: \$500

Sponsorship includes:

- 15-20 minutes presentation time (except Sailor-of-the-Quarter recognition)
- Opportunity to put promotional materials on place settings
- Pre/post press/media exposure and photo ops (6,000+ digital distribution)
- Chamber thank you message AND a custom sponsor message on electronic marquee (daily traffic count 21,500+) during the month of your sponsorship
- Your logo + link to your website or Facebook page on all editions of our Monday morning e-newsletter "Chamber Weekly" during the month of your sponsorship (900+ recipients)
- Monthly listing in the "Santa Rosan" for the entire year (distribution 6,000+)
- All business cards collected during event

A great venue to introduce your product/service to a variety of businesses, non-profit organizations, and military representatives in the community. Attendance is between 40 and 60 guests.

Chamber Weekly

E-newsletter every Monday morning; weekly distribution 900+

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