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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS JUNE 4, 2024 JUNE 14, 2024

A.M. NETWORK BREAKFAST JUNE 28, 2024

WELCOME LIBERTY CHURCH - MILTON

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Milton Campus Launch August 11th, 2024 9:30AM & 11:00AM 6866 Caroline St Milton, FL 32570



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

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

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Tuesday, June 4th 5:30 p.m. @ Ace's Hangar 3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door RSVP to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

NETWORKING LUNCH

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Friday, June 14th 12 Noon @ Ace's 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 BREAKFAST

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Friday, June 28th 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



Hard to believe that it is June already!

Soon our children will be out of school and summer will be upon us. Thankfully our website is getting back up to speed after being destroyed by hackers. Within the next week or so it should be back to 100% operational. Thank you all for your patience in helping us to get this matter resolved!

The Santa Rosa Economic Development Council is offering small businesses in Santa Rosa County StRIVE grants up to \$10,000. This money can be used for exterior improvements such as facades, painting, lighting, signage, windows, parking lots, screening, fencing, awnings, and much more. Applications are open from May 1st through July 2024. There will be another round of this grant money available in October 2024. If your business is interested, please contact Ms. Bridgette Price with Santa Rosa Economic Development Office at 850-981-2069, bridgette@santaarosa. gov. The application can be downloaded at Santarosaedo.com/strive.

Our Military Appreciation Picnic was held on May 17th. The day was a roaring success, even though we had what seems to be the mandatory annual spring shower. Special Thank You!! to Tracy Allen, Jim Ponek and all the Chamber volunteers that make this event possible.

For all of our new members as well as long time members, please make plans to attend Member Orientation held in the McKenzie room at the Chamber office on June 18th at 2:30 pm. The information in this seminar is critical to your business in taking full advantage of your Chamber Membership.

Networking events for the month of June are as follows: Business After Hours will be at Ace's Hangar on June 4th at 5 pm, sponsored by Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity. The Networking Lunch will be held at Ace's

A Message from our Chair...

Hangar on June 14th at noon, sponsored by EcoView Windows & Doors. The A.M. Network will be held on May 31st at The Cutting Board, sponsored by Synovus Bank. Please make plans to attend as many of these events as you possibly can.

As many of you know, our largest "friendraising" event is coming up on us fast: July 4th Riverfest is one of our premier events of the year. We will need volunteers to staff the Beer Tent as well as two Pepsi beverage trailers. We will have an RV on site for volunteers to cool off, rest, have a drink and a snack. There will be the usual car show, motorcycle show, concessions, arts, crafts, and other retail vendors, and fireworks in the evening. Please contact Jaime at the Chamber office if you are available to volunteer. It is a lot of fun!

As most all of you locals know, June is the beginning of Hurricane Season. BE PREPARED! The first 72 is on you. Be sure you have plenty of fresh water, gasoline, and non-perishable food. Make sure your generator is in good working condition and you have plenty of fuel and oil for it. Locate it in an area where the fumes from the exhaust will not have a chance to enter your home or anyone else's. Have valuables and important documents prepared to evacuate if necessary. Hopefully we will be lucky and miss all the storms this year, but it is best to be prepared. Comprehensive preparedness guides can be obtained from Santa Rosa Emergency Management.

Welcome to all of our new members and thank you to all of our Ambassadors, Sponsors, Committee members and Board Members! I am looking forward to a wonderful Gulf Coast Summer and hope to see you all at our upcoming events.

Frank Hoskins 2024 Board Chair





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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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Business After Hours

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The A.M. Network

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10 Years

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1 Year

Gracie Edwards, Salter Company Redneck Riviera Smokers USA Mortgage – Crystal Foster

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WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

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Juicy Lemons Veronica Prim

P.O. Box 4283, Milton Fresh squeezed lemonade

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Re-Bath (Emerald Coast Baths, Inc. dba) Karen Dufour

19201 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach (850) 588-8466 https://www.rebath.com/ Check us out on Facebook! Bathroom remodeling

Ruffin It Up Inc. Jeremy Ruffin

Milton (850) 529-0953 JeremyRuffin.com Check us out on Facebook! Training, teaching and helping those in the penal, low income, and educational system.

Whisper Creek Village April Falcone

5860 Murmur Trail, Milton (850) 821-3407 WhisperCreekVillage.com Check us out on Facebook! Apartment home community

You can find these new members or any of our members in the **Member Directory** online @ www.SRCchamber.com including phone numbers, email addresses, web addresses and more.

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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
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Jeremy Reeder	. Reeder Financial Group
Mirella Savage	. Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
Juan Vazquez	. Primerica — Margarita Vazquez





The May Ambassadors Lunch was held at Tondra's Cafe in Milton.

Tondra and her staff were awesome, the atmosphere pleasant, and the food was great. If you get a chance, go out and visit: Tondra's Cafe 8855 Hwy 87S Milton, FL 32583 (850) 436-3095

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

WE WANT YOU

... to become a Chamber Ambassador!

Being a Chamber Ambassador is a great opportunity to elevate your professional profile while contributing to our business community. As a Chamber Ambassador, you'll play a crucial role in welcoming new members, fostering connections, and promoting the benefits of Chamber membership.

Imagine expanding your network with local business leaders, gaining insider knowledge about upcoming events, and having the opportunity to engage in community initiatives. Ambassadors are the face of the Chamber, representing us at events, ribbon cuttings, and member gatherings. This visibility positions you as a leader and a connector in the community, enhancing your reputation and business prospects. The camaraderie among Ambassadors also means you'll build lasting relationships with like-minded professionals committed to making a positive impact.

Join us in this rewarding role and help shape the future of our business community! Your enthusiasm and dedication can make a significant difference, fostering a positive environment for local businesses to flourish and thrive.

> Interested? Call Margarita Vazquez, Ambassador Chair, (850) 554-2592!

Your Chamber – Leading, Connecting, Supporting Our Community

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - JUNE

June 4 12pm Milton Rotary Club Meeting-Meetings are open to the public. 4955 Highway 90, Pace Call 850-393-7334 to confirm.

June 4 7pm Primerica Business Opportunity Meeting 5205 Dogwood Dr, Milton Call 850-626-7188 to confirm.

June 6 11:30am-1:30pm "Empowering Women in Business" Networking Lunch SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

June 6 7:30am BNI Tr-Cities Meeting SRC Chamber, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton

June 77-9pm Coming Clean Recovery West Florida Baptist Church 5621 Highway 90, Milton

June 7 10:30 Registration Santa Rosa County Navy League Presents Captain Walt Reese Golf Tournament Tanglewood Golf Club, Milton

June 8 4pm USS Harry Mudd Star Trek & SF Club Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

June 11 1-2 p.m Navy League Santa Rosa Council Meeting Milton PD, 5451 Alabama St, Milton June 115:45pm City of Milton Council Meeting 6738 Dixon St, Milton

June 12 9:00-4:30 FL SBDC @UWF Office Hours 6491 Caroline St., Suite 4, Milton

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

June 13 7:30am BNI Tr-Cities Meeting SRC Chamber, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton

June 13 1pm Dementia Caregiver Support Group The Beacon at Gulf Breeze, Private Dining, 4410 Gulf Breeze Pkwy

June 18 1-2:30pm Milton Dementia Support Group Clyde L. Gracey Community Center, 5629 Byrom St, Room 113, Milton

June 185pm Milton Amateur Radio Club SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

June 19 1-2:30 p.m. Blackwater Pyrates Meeting Call (850) 791-2502 for the location. June 22 12-1pm Kiwanis of Milton Sunrise Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

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 - JUNE

June 3	11:30 a.m.
	Jay Chamber Meeting
	Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker St.
June 4	10 a m
June +	Ribbon Cutting for American Valor Realty
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June 4	•
	Business After Hours
	Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
June 7	11:30 a.m1 p.m.
June 7	Chamber Ambassadors Lunch
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
June 10	•
	Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee Meeting
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
June 10	5 p.m.
	Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Committee Meeting
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
June 11	
	SRC Legislative Coalition Meeting
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
June 12	9 a.m.
	Ribbon Cutting for 82 Magnolia Aesthetics
	6815 Caroline Street, Milton
June 14	11:45 a.m1 p.m.
	Chamber Networking Lunch
	Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
June 14	1 p.m.
	Ribbon Cutting for Pink Pig Pressure Washing
	Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
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June 18	-
	Member Orientation
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
June 20	All day
	Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 37:
	Business & Industry Day
	Meet at Gulf Breeze High School, 675 Gulf Breeze Pkwy
June 21	8:30 a.m.
	SRC CoC Executive Committee
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

June 244 p.m. SRC CoC Board of Directors Meeting

SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

June 268:30 a.m. E.D.G.E. (Economic Development, Growth & Education) Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

June 287:15-8:30 a.m. The A.M. Network The Cutting Board, 5701 Hwy 90, Milton

AMBASSADORS -TEAM WORK MAKES THE CHAMBER WORK!

Featured Ambassador of the Month **Susan Clark** with Granny Nannies.

Susan Clark with Granny Nannies has been an Ambassador since 2012.

You will find her involved in many community events. Her upbeat personality and sense of humor are always so welcoming wherever she goes.

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





RIBBON CUTTINGS



Laird Tree Service

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The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends is a self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings. The purposes are to support and aid in the positive resolution of the grief experience upon the death of a child, and to foster the physical and emotional health of parents and siblings.

Compassionate Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Meetings are held at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 7979 North Ninth Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32514.

For more information call Debbie Zabukovec 850-516-0810 You need not walk alone! Call 850-516-0810

Meetings held at Holy Cross Episcopal Church 7979 N. 9th Ave. Pensacola

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Armor Service Group

Armor Service Group is your home's best defense against unexpected breakdowns. Our HVAC company is based in Milton, FL, and we serve all of Northwest Florida, including Fort Walton Beach, Pensacola, FL, and the surrounding areas We specialize in on-demand HVAC services, preventive maintenance, system replacement, ductwork, and indoor air quality assistance. Whether you need prompt AC repair to stay cool or professional heating repairs to stay warm in the winter, we are the team to call. The Pensacola, FL area can experience warm days, but can also cool off during the night time during winter months, which is why having access to a company that provides both AC repair and heating repair services is extremely beneficial. Our HVAC services are designed to be completed quickly and effective-ly, allowing us to provide comfort to our clients in their residential or commercial properties. Our family-owned HVAC company has been providing quality heating and AC repair services for over 15 years. Throughout Florida, we've become one of the top, most reliable HVAC service providers that help to provide win-win solutions. Contact us today to discuss all your air conditioning and heating repair needs or to schedule a free estimate on your project!

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation Naval Air Station Whiting Field

MWR is a program within the Navy's Fleet and Family Readiness Program that supports the well-being of military personnel and their families. They offer a variety of recreational, social, and community activities to boost morale and improve quality of life. MWR also provides businesses with a unique opportunity to reach this audience through advertising and sponsorship programs. This can be a valuable way for businesses to connect with the military community.

For more information, call the NAS Whiting Field MWR Sponsorship and Marketing Director at 850-665-6102.

Located on Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton. Web: www.navymwrwhitingfield.com

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The Tasty Tenderloin

We are the Swearingens, originally from the Mid-West (Missouri to be exact). After discovering that it is difficult to find one of our favorite Mid-Western staples, a hand breaded pork tenderloin sandwich, we decided to bring this delicacy to our new hometown in Milton, Florida. If you have never had one, or if you have and are craving one, we encourage you to come see us!! We have a "semi-permanent" spot at the old 87 truck stop located on 9234 Hwy. 87 in Milton, FL 32583. We also do events and neighborhoods, if you would like to get us on your schedule of events.

We are on Facebook at The Tasty Tenderloin (please watch there for updates) or email us at thetastytenderloin@gmail.com or give us a call at 850-503-0020!!! We would love to meet you and warm your tummy with a taste of the Mid-West!!



Located at 9234 Hwy. 87 At the Old 87 Truck Stop Milton

Call 850-503-0020



H.E. Roberts Roofing, LLC SINCE 2003

My wife and I grew up right here in Milton, Florida, and it is the community in which we are raising our four children. We are a small business that delivers the kind of attention to detail that you would expect from a privately owned business. I have worked in the roofing industry since 2003 and our experience includes shingle roofs, metal roofs, flat roofs, and much, much more.

About Our Company

Founded in Milton, Florida, H.E. Roberts Roofing LLC has been committed to service, reliability, integrity, and safety. These core values help our company thrive as we work on a broad range of roofing projects in Milton, Pensacola, Ferry Pass and surrounding areas in Florida. Hunter Roberts together with his team of experts have been involved in the roofing industry for many years and have a wealth of experience, skills, and knowledge within the trade. At H.E. Roberts Roofing LLC, our objective is to ensure that our clients are completely satisfied. That is why we make sure we only use modern and state of the art equipment and ensure that every roofing job is carried out to a level of complete satisfaction. As a one-stop roofer in Florida, H.E. Roberts Roofing LLC takes pride to offer a wide range of roofing services. We have everything to meet all your roofing service needs, all under one roof.

Whether you need new roof installation, roofing repair, roof cleaning, or new construction roofing, H.E. Roberts Roofing LLC has all your roofing needs covered!

Call 850-281-6509

Email herobertsroofing@gmail.com









The Coastal Wrestling Federation and CWF Entertainment, LLC The Coastal Wrestling Federation and CWF Entertainment, LLC continue to build community relationships in Santa Rosa County and beyond.

CWF Entertainment, LLC achieved a milestone on May 10th as the company had their official ribbon cutting ceremony at a Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce business networking luncheon. CWF Entertainment is the governing organization of the Coastal Wrestling Federation, an independent professional wrestling promotion that calls the Gulf Coast home. The veteran owned company has committed itself to providing family friendly sports-entertainment, with wrestling stars from all over the United States. Pre-sale tickets for each CWF live event are available now at www.officialcwfe.com/tickets and will guarantee the best seating options. General admission tickets for the public start at \$15. Ben Rowe, the President and CEO of CWF Entertainment and 20-year Air Force veteran, has worked hard since 2017 to build the promotion into what it is today. "We are extremely excited about our partnership with the Chamber and look forward to building meaningful and powerful relationships with other local businesses, schools, and of course the local community. We're dedicated to providing best professional wrestling found anywhere on the Gulf Coast to the local residents," said Rowe. "We have had tremendous success in Milton, and while it will always be our home, we're excited to expand into the Navarre, Gulf Breeze, and Pensacola markets as well." Rowe continues, "2023 and 2024 have been record breaking years for us and demand for our product continues to grow. We intend to answer that demand." Since its inception in 2017, the Coastal Wrestling Federation (now officially registered as CWF Entertainment, LLC) has taken steps to grow internally while also forging positive relationships within the local community and surrounding counties. CWF Entertainment prides itself on being a family friendly organization, with matches and stars the entire family can enjoy. The company hosts live events monthly, with four "premium" events per year. The upcoming "CWF Voltage" live event on May 18th marks the fifth event of the year and is the final build to the second "premium" event of the year, CWF Defiance, scheduled to take place at the SRC Auditorium in Milton, FL on June 22nd.

Call 850-420-8531

Email officialcwfe@gmail.com

CWF Event

"Our first sold out event took place at the SRC Auditorium back in 2019, our foundation was built here in Santa Rosa County. I can't think of a better way to thank our community than doing everything we can to give back in our own special way". Tickets for CWF Voltage are on sale now and can be purchased at the gate or online at www. officialcwfe.com/tickets.

About CWF Entertainment, LLC

"CWF Entertainment, LLC is a veteran owned company based in Milton, Florida that is committed to providing family-friendly programming and entertainment at live events and on multiple digital media and publishing platforms. The Company provides live events monthly under the Coastal Wrestling Federation label and strives to maintain a professional, high-quality environment for its talent and support staff. CWF strives to ensure the safety of its fans, talent, and support staff by following all health recommendations and guidelines set forth by local and state authorities as well as the CDC.

Additional information on the CWF can be found at www.officialcwfe.com.

Media and Sponsor Contact Benjamin Rowe 850-420-8531 officialcwfe@gmail.com



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Chair: Lee Irving, Landrum HR

Thank you to our Sponsor **United Bank**

represented by Marcie Hunt, Lechia Froman, Anna Weaver, and Shelia Ashworth

36 attendees enjoyed an evening of networking in a relaxed setting with delicious refreshments at the Blackwater Bistro in Milton – a great way of fostering valuable connections among local business professionals!









Congratulations split-the-pot winner: Fenoy Butler, Riverside Wealth Advisors















WE LOVE DOOR PRIZES!

Thank you to our door prize sponsors: Earl Caves, Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Main Street Properties; United Bank; Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity; Fenoy Butler, Riverside Wealth Advisors.



And last but not least, a shout out to "our sound guy" Martin Simmons, Apprise Video Productions, Commercial Photography, Sound System Rentals. Thanks, Martin, for making us all sound good!



Chair: Tracy Allen, Goosehead Insurance Thank you to our sponsor: Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity,

represented by Ariel Roberts and Mirella Savage





Team Bruce Baker's sponsorship helped make this event memorable, fostering community spirit and celebrating local heroes.

42 attendees enjoyed a morning of engaging conversations and networking opportunities over a delicious breakfast at The Cutting Board in Milton. A highlight of the event was our quarterly Sailor-of-the-Quarter recognition, presented by the Navy League Santa Rosa Council, where we honored six exceptional sailors for their outstanding service and dedication.



Congratulations split-the-pot winner: Steve Warren, First Church Milton





Thank you to our door prize sponsors: Earl Caves, Better Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Main Street Properties, and Team Bruce Baker, MBA, RE/MAX Infinity.



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SANTA ROSA COUNTY NAVY LEAGUE PRESENTS 2024 CAPT WALT REESE NAVY LEAGUE GOLF TOURNAMENT





EAM BRUCE BAKER, MBA





FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 (RAIN DATE: FRI, JUNE 14) TANGLEWOOD GOLF COURSE - MILTON 10:30AM Registration & Range Open

11AM Lunch 12PM Shotgun Start



Private golf carts welcome!

YOUR PARTICIPATION HELPS SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS OF THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY NAVY LEAGUE AND OUR LOCAL MILITARY COMMUNITY!

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

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- Goodie Bag
- Range Balls Raffle Ticket
- Lunch Chance to win

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Chair: Jeremy Reeder, Reeder Financial Group

Thank you to our sponsor:

Commercial Contract Cleaning & Pressure Washing,

represented by Troy Norton, Jaimie Kinney, and Mark Morrell



Mark Morell showcased CCC's expertise in maintaining clean and pristine environments for businesses to 28 Chamber members and guests, highlighting CCC's specialized pressure washing and commercial cleaning services, which ensure high standards of hygiene and appearance.



Congratulations split-the-pot winner: Rebekah Killingsworth, A Cut Above Landscaping & Property Maintenance









Thematic door prizes courtesy of Commercial Contract Cleaning & Pressure Washing. Thank you so much!



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 History Day

On Thursday May 16th, Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 got a deep dive into some of the history of our county.

They started the day at the Jay Historical Museum, enjoying a delicious breakfast on behalf of the town of Jay, and listened attentively to the history of the area's Creek Indian tribe and oil boom by Mr. Tom Nicols and Mr. Obi Nevels respectively. This start of the day was followed by a tour of the Creek Indian Museum located off Willard Norris Road.

Following a rich history lesson the participants got an amazing lunch IN A DIN-ING CAR at the West Florida Railroad Museum on behalf of Superior Spray Service.



The remainder of the afternoon was spent at the historic Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church listening to guest lectures by Ms. Mary

Johnson, Mr. Gus Ritchie, and many other members of the church.

To end the day, the class participants met up with Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni for a social hour at the Beardless Brewhaus in Milton.

A big THANK YOU to the Town of Jay for sponsoring breakfast and Superior Spray Service for sponsoring lunch for the class.







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For the Children of Milton,
Inc.Santa Rosa County Fair
Association, Inc.Fusion Fine Wine & Spirits,
Inc.Signcrafters of NWFL, Inc.

Gracie Edwards, Salter Company John W. Phillips

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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

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



Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Association

The Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Association was thrilled to host a great turnout of past and present class members of the Leadership Santa Rosa program on Thursday, May 16th at the Beardless Brewhaus in Milton.

Our alumni members enjoyed catching up with one another over drinks and competed in a fun game of LSR Bingo for a grand prize. Thank you to the Leadership Alumni Association for putting together this fun and engaging event!



Our next Alumni gathering will be hosted in partnership with the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce at the August 6th Business After Hours at the Cajun Crab in Pace, sponsored by Community Bank. Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni members are invited to participate by either wearing their Leadership Santa Rosa polo, LSR name tag or just let us know which class you were a member of when you check in. This is a great opportunity to connect with your fellow LSR alumni and help us



share the impact of the program with prospective members of Class 38, which will commence in December. Stay tuned to the Chamber Facebook page and weekly newsletter for more information on how to register.

E.D.G.E. (Economic Development, Growth & Education) GET INFORMED - STAY UPDATED!

Chair: Mike Ellicott, Castle6 Group Co-Chair: Ronnie Goode, All Dry Services Gulf Coast Region

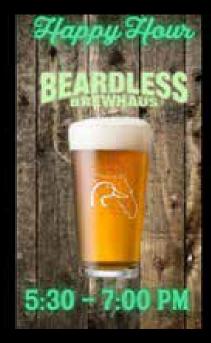
Thank you to all who attended and to our May guest presenter **Dr. Karen Barber** Superintendent, Santa Rosa County School District





Thank you to our May EDGE Sponsor for providing refreshments.

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TICKETS JUST \$15

Membership Benefit Announcement

Bring Door Prizes and/or Promotional Materials to our Networking Events!

You don't have to be a Chamber member to attend our networking events, but only Chamber members may bring door prizes and distribute promotional materials such as brochures, flyers, or business cards at our monthly Business After Hours (average of 40 guests), Networking Lunch (average of 50 guests), and The A.M. Network (average of 50 guests).

As a door prize sponsor, you will be asked to introduce yourself and your business/organization and to present your item to the lucky winner - a great and inexpensive way to promote your services!

Chamber members also have the opportunity to help man the Chamber concession booths at our July 4th Riverfest and hand out promotional items and materials during their 2-hour shifts.

Please call or e-mail us if you have any questions: (850) 623-2339, ceo@srcchamber.com, info@srcchamber.com, membership@srcchamber.com.



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 May 15, 2024, we have
 answered 705 phone calls, assisted
 265 walk-in visitors, and signed up
 40 new members. We held 19 ribbon cuttings and responded to 29
 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: "Is this where I get a license for oystering?"

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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+ Cost: \$300

Sponsorship includes:

• Your logo + link to your website or Facebook page on every Chamber Weekly during your sponsorship month

• One individual e-blast to all recipients on our broadcast list

Take this opportunity to make your business known.



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Gulf Winds Cares Foundation Awards \$25,000 in Scholarships

Pensacola, Florida (May 29, 2024) – The Gulf Winds Cares Foundation awarded \$25,000 in scholarships this year to five outstanding students: Kenna Alverson, Edward Bridges, Garrett Hogan, William Kroger, and John Pinette. Each student received \$5,000 to continue pursuing their dreams and passions.

Gulf Winds received 66 applications for the Scholarship Program, designed to support students pursuing higher education. Eligible applicants are members of Gulf Winds Credit Union or are the children or grandchildren of members. Applications are reviewed by a committee consisting of Credit Union employees that evaluate each applicant's academic achievements, community involvement, personal essay, letters of recommendation, and financial need.

This year, the Foundation introduced a new scholarship reserved for a student pursuing a trade career. This scholarship is dedicated to the memorial of Rex Burt. Burt, the Facilities Manager for Gulf Winds for more than 17 years, set the standard and was always ready to lend a helping hand. Gulf Winds honors his legacy by telling his story through the scholarship established to provide financial assistance to students seeking trade school education.

Since 2007, Gulf Winds has proudly granted \$272,500 in scholarships to 70 students pursuing higher education.

About Gulf Winds:

Since 1954, Gulf Winds Credit Union has offered products and services that *Move Members Forward*. As a full-service financial organization, Gulf Winds provides 13 branch locations, digital banking, nationwide surcharge-free ATMs, and the support of more than 235 knowledgeable employees committed to delivering exceptional service. Gulf Winds is also renowned for its community involvement, founding the Gulf Winds Cares Foundation in January 2021 to formalize the longstanding charitable efforts of the organization. With a mission to create a sustainable funding source for community organizations that provide elder services, youth services, basic needs, and financial education, the Foundation can be depended on year after year. To learn more about Gulf Winds and the Foundation, please visit GoGulfWinds.com.

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LifeView Group named VETS Indexes 3 Star Employer

Pensacola, Fla. (May 1, 2024) – <u>LifeView Group</u> has been designated a VETS Indexes 3 Star Employer for 2024, recognizing the organization's commitment to recruiting, hiring, retaining, developing and supporting veterans and the military-connected community.

LifeView Group supports veterans and their families through its three affiliates:

- <u>Global Connections to Employment (GCE)</u> is a nationwide team providing jobs and training for people with significant disabilities, including war-wounded veterans.
- <u>FamiliesFirst Network</u> Child welfare services help military families finalize adoptions of children in foster care.
- <u>Lakeview Center</u> A range of behavioral health services are available to veterans and their families including <u>outpatient counseling</u>, <u>psychiatry</u>, <u>crisis</u> care, treatments for <u>substance misuse</u> and <u>24/7 residential programs</u>.

Currently, 160 veterans work at <u>LifeView Group sites</u> across the country. Team members work at <u>military bases</u>, commercial businesses and in health care environments. Targeted employment navigators are available to assist <u>veteran team members</u> in achieving a successful transition into the workforce, and a Veterans Employee Resource Group supports team members to ensure a great work experience within the organization.

GCE is also proud to be listed in the National Resource Directory, a searchable database of resources specifically vetted for service members, veterans, family members and caregivers. GCE is also Virginia Values Veterans Certified, a participant in Army Partnership for Youth Success and a Department of Defense Skillbridge provider.

"Whether it's supporting military families or hiring a veteran, we actively look for opportunities to support the military community from our sites in south Florida to Alaska," said Sandy Whitaker, vice president of corporate development for LifeView Group. "Veterans bring valuable skills and experience into the work force. They are mission-minded individuals who share LifeView Group's values. We are honored by this designation and by the opportunity to serve our military partners."

As the most objective and comprehensive evaluation of veteran employers, the VETS Indexes Employer Awards program has set a new standard in veteran employment data. VETS Indexes and its Employer Awards have been featured on CNBC, Fox Business and BNN Bloomberg, as well as military-specific outlets, including Military.com, Military Times and Stars & Stripes. This in-depth survey and recognition program analyzes employers' policies, practices, and outcomes in detail, across the following categories:

- Veteran job candidate recruiting and hiring
- Veteran employee development and retention
- Veteran-inclusive policies and culture
- Support for members of the National Guard and Reserves
- Military spouse/family support

"The diligent efforts of LifeView Group to hire, retain and support veterans and the military-connected community have earned the organization a highly coveted VETS Indexes Employer Award," said George Altman, president of VETS Indexes. "Competition for the VETS Indexes Employer Awards was tougher than ever in 2024, as a record number of organizations participated. Even with hundreds of employers in the running, LifeView Group demonstrated a strong dedication to veteran employment."

To see the full slate of awardees or learn about the selection process, visit <u>vetsindexes.com/award-results-2024</u>.

About LifeView Group

LifeView Group is a nonprofit family of companies with a mission of "helping people." Our 2,500 team members impact lives in multiple states and the District of Columbia. As a parent company, LifeView Group's work encompasses three divisions – Lakeview Center's behavioral health care, FamiliesFirst Network's child welfare support and Global Connections to Employment's career services for people with disabilities. Learn more at LifeViewGroup.org.

About VETS Indexes

VETS Indexes is a leading voice on veteran employment issues, overseeing the <u>VETS Indexes Employer Awards</u>, hosting the <u>Employing U.S. Vets Conference</u>, unearthing unique and unprecedented data on veteran employment through the <u>Veteran Employment Benchmarking Service</u>, and developing custom indexes, linked to financial products, that track the performance of the publicly traded companies that have established themselves as the best employers for veterans.

The <u>VETSX</u> and <u>VTRNIX</u> indexes were created on the premise that the companies that make the best use of the highly talented, yet under-valued, talent pool that veterans represent will ultimately see a benefit to their bottom lines. The performance of the indexes has emphatically confirmed that thesis, outpacing the S&P 500.

As the world's first resource for U.S.-veteran-themed indexes, our mission is to provide innovative solutions that recognize the value created by the mission-critical mindset, unique skills, and specialized training that veterans bring to the workplace. Our mission also includes a commitment to always donate a significant portion (target of 20% and no less than 5%) of our net profits to charitable organizations that support veterans and their families.

Learn more about us at <u>VETSIndexes.com</u> and follow us on social media channels via <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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WITHOUT A CHAMBER...

Many people still don't know....

The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Information Center is not a government agency, we are not funded by the County, the City, your tax dollars or any source other than by local businesses, non-profits and individuals that join and two annual fundraisers, The Leadership Awards Luncheon and Team Bruce Baker, MBA - RE/MAX Infinity Golf Classic. We thank the currently 670 members that support our Chamber, your businesses and your community. Consider joining if you are not already a member and please remember to support those businesses and organizations that are a member and make it possible to keep your Chamber active in our community.

Without A Chamber.....

-there would be no office to respond to the inquiries about your community and its opportunities.
- there would be no information gathering center with which to inform the business community and advise it of current events affecting them.
-there would be no collective force to make known the physical needs of the community such as improved roads, utilities, facilities, safety and the like.
- there would be no forum wherein the business community can exchange views and positions, and no voice to express those to other agencies.
- there would be no focal point for social gathering of the business community wherein an exchange of ideas and services may take place.
-there would be no political voice to keep our elected representatives aware of the community feelings on legislative action and needs.

Your Chamber is a rallying point, and an instrument for the promotion of plans, ideas and projects in your community.

YOU – our members keep our doors open and our offices staffed. THANK YOU for supporting your business community and your Chamber of Commerce.

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Liberty Thrift Store -Blessing Liberty Church & the Community

In January 2023, Liberty Church Pace Campus relocated from Hwy 90 to their new campus off North Spencer Field Rd, merging with Pace Community Church. From there, the former Liberty Church Pace Campus on Hwy 90 was the talk of many Liberty staff meetings and finally it was decided that the empty building would be repurposed as Liberty Thrift Store. The goal of Liberty Church opening the thrift store was to support the churches vision of "People Changing Because of Jesus."

Where to begin seemed like a huge undertaking but the five Liberty Church campuses did not disappoint when it came to supporting the vision of Liberty Thrift. It was then announced at each campus that there would be a fill the truck event in which all church members could bring any household items they no longer needed and to help fill the trucks that would be at each campus. When the time came to fill the trucks, the church members did not disappoint! They came and filled five U-Haul moving trucks with everything from clothes to toys, patio furniture, kitchen appliances, and more!

From there, the store was organized by a small staff and several volunteers. From organizing the donations to setting up shelving, to putting together clothing racks, the tasks ahead of them seemed endless. After months of long hours and hard work, Liberty Thrift Store opened its doors on August 12, 2023. Since then, Liberty Thrift has been graciously supported by the Pace community, as well as, the surrounding areas, bringing in multiple donation's day after day, giving everyone who blesses the thrift store with their presence an opportunity to shop and find all the things they never knew they needed.

Even though Liberty Thrift Store has had the opportunity to bless those that come into the store daily, the thrift store staff and members of Liberty Church know there are still many in the community that they are missing. The overall goal of the thrift store is to simply raise money to put back into the Church to help support the vision of people changing lives because of Jesus.

Regardless of if you are a thrifter and frequent the store to look for your next find, or whether you are in need of cleaning out your garage and want to donate to a good cause, Liberty Thrift would love to be a part of it. Our goal is to be the best thrift store in town, and we can only achieve that goal with the help and support of our community. To everyone who has already frequented the thrift store we thank you and for those who have yet to visit, we can't wait to meet you!

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