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Voter's Guide

2024 ELECTION

Santa Rosa County Voting Facts

Supervisor of Elections: Mrs. Tappie Villane Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F Web: www.votesantarosa.gov

Primary Early Voting

August 05, 2024 – August 17, 2024 (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Primary Election

General Early Voting

October 21, 2024 – November 2, 2024 (7 a.m. - 7 p.m)

General Election

November 5, 2024

August 20, 2024

Early voting will be held at the following locations:

Supervisor of Elections Office 6495 Caroline Street Milton, FL

Tiger Point Community Center 1370 Tiger Park Ln. Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

Santa Rosa County Auditorium 4530 Spikes Way Milton, FL 32583 South Service Center 5841 Gulf Breeze Parkway Gulf Breeze, FL

Pace Community Center 5976 Chumuckla Hwy. Pace, FL 32571

Navarre Community Gym 8840 High School Blvd. Navarre, FL 32566

Santa Rosa County Voter Statistics as of July 22, 2024:

Total Registered Voters: 137,811

Democrats:	20,910	Republicans: 85,453
Other:	31,448	

What County Commission and School Board race does my precinct vote for?

In Santa Rosa County, Commission and School Board Members run county wide. Although the Commissioner and School Board Member who represents your district must live in your district, voters, regardless of their residential location, are allowed to vote in all County Commissioner and School Board races.



Santa Rosa Young Professionals was initiated in January 2009 as a group designed to engage up and coming leaders in the area by providing them opportunities for professional development, service to the community and social/networking activities. Membership is open to any young professional 21 years of age or older who works, lives or does business in Santa Rosa County.

Santa Rosa Young Professionals

Phone: (850) 623-2339 Email: santarosayp@gmail.com Web: www.facebook.com/SantaRosaYoungProfessionals/



Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Information Center provides the catalysts for businesses, non-profits, civic organizations, agencies and individuals to connect and thrive. "Leading – Connecting – Supporting Our Community"

Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce

Phone: (850) 623-2339 Email: membership@srcchamber.com Web: www.srcchamber.com/

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Candidates for *Florida State Senate* District 1

Don Gaetz Republican



Lisa Newell Gulf Breeze, Democrat

Occupation: Newspaper owner / journalist Web: www.Newell4Florida.com Email: lisa@newell4Florida.com

A resident of Gulf Breeze beginning in 1977, I have owned and published Gulf Breeze News since 2001 and Splash! Magazine since 2002. I have a journalism degree from the University of Florida and I have been married to my husband for 37 years. We have two grown children, a granddaughter and a grandson due in the fall.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Reproductive freedom
- 2. Return funding to the public schools
- 3. Preserve our environment

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Candidates for *Florida State House* District 2



Alex Andrade Republican

Kim Kline Gulf Breeze, NPA

Occupation: Owner/Manager of two Senior Communities Web: www.votekimkline.com Email: kim@votekimkline.com

A resident of Gulf Breeze for more than 20 years, Kim is a small business owner in the senior housing industry in Pensacola, and a former AP US Government & US History teacher for Santa Rosa County Schools. She is the wife of a USAF Veteran and the mother of five.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Reducing property insurance
- 2. Increasing affordable/attainable housing in our area
- 3. Improving public education

Haley "Hale" Morrissette Pensacola, Democrat

Occupation: Social Worker Web: www.votemorrissette.com Email: votehaleymorrissette@gmail.com

Haley Morrissette, is a seasoned community organizer with a decadelong track record of empowering grassroots movements. With a Master's in Social Work from the University of West Florida, she has dedicated her career to advocating for social justice, healing, and positive change. Haley has been deeply involved in shaping policy and fostering inclusive community growth on the local level.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Healthcare
- 2. Community Investment
- 3. Housing Affordability



Candidates for *Florida State House* District 3



Keith Ellis Gillum West Pensacola/Navarre, Democrat

Occupation: Writer/Funeral Assistant Web: www.bluedreambook.com Email: kg4florida@aol.com

Grew up on a horse farm. Author of Blue Dream, a Christian Sci-Fi novel. Considers himself a "Candy Crat" or blue collar Democrat. Most interested in helping shape a Florida economy that works for everyone.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Lower costs for families, working class, and students
- 2. Fight against skyrocketing home insurance premiums
- 3. Save the manatees

Joel Rudman Republican

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Candidates for *Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller*



Jason English Pace, Republican

Occupation: Chief Deputy Clerk of Court Web: www.votejasonenglish.com Email: jasonenglish4clerk@bellsouth.net

I am the current chief deputy clerk. Prior I served as the first General Counsel. Before the Clerks office, I was a prosecutor for 20 years. I attended law school at Loyola University NO. Before law school my family owned and operated Hom/Ade Foods in Bagdad. I have a wife and 2 daughters.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Cybersecurity
- 2. Efficiency
- 3. Fiscally conservatism

Ginger Pace Milton, Republican

Occupation: Recording/Deputy Clerk Web: www.votegingerpace.com Email: votegingerpace@gmail.com

With 35 years experience in the Clerk's office, I'm running for Clerk of Court and Comptroller. I'm committed to ensuring efficient court operations and transparent financial management. I bring a genuine passion for serving our county and a commitment to putting the needs of the people first. Christian. Conservative.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Secure tax payer dollars from fraud and theft
- 2. Excellent customer service
- 3. Fully staffed offices with qualified Deputy Clerks

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Candidates for *Supervisor of Elections*





Occupation: Clinical Laboratory Scientist, Lab Quality Control Coordinator, Sales Executive Web: www.cindyhallcampaign.com Email: cindyhall2@protonmail.com

Cindy Hall has lived in Santa Rosa County since 2005. Cindy's a scientist, sales executive and inspector/auditor, each of which mandates accuracy, transparency and integrity. These qualities she will instill in the election process, restoring public trust in elections.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Clean Voter Rolls
- 2. Citizenship Verification
- 3. Eliminate Foreign Influence

Tappie A. Villane Gulf Breeze, Republican

Occupation: Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections Email: ptvillane1@mindspring.com

With 24 years of experience serving the voters of Santa Rosa County, Tappie Villane is seeking another four-year term. Tappie is the only candidate for the Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections with actual experience administering elections. This includes 44 elections, 3 State-Wide, 2 County-Wide and 2 Municipal recounts.

Top Priorities:

1. Continue to administer safe, secure and transparent elections in Santa Rosa County



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Candidates for *County Commissioner* District 1

Rollar Ayers Republican

Bobby Burkett Republican

Jason Hatfield Write-In



Sam Parker Pace, Republican

Occupation: County Commissioner Email: VoteSamParker@gmail.com

Sam Parker has a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He served as a deputy Sheriff for almost a decade and obtained the rank of Sergeant. He has started several successful small businesses. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Santa Rosa County Commission.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Support and Equip First Responders
- 2. Improve roadways and build new roads to reduce traffic congestion
- 3. Provide more recreational opportunities for the community

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Aaron A. Williams Pace, Republican

Occupation: Retired Army Web: www.aaronwilliamssantarosa.com Email: aaronwilliams32571@gmail.com

Aaron Williams, a dedicated community leader and retired U.S. Army Major, brings over 24 years of proven leadership and logistics management experience. As a Santa Rosa County Zoning Board representative, he advocates for responsible growth and development. Williams holds a History degree from Campbell University. A devoted family man and follower of Messianic Judaism, he prioritizes faith, integrity, and service. Elect Aaron Williams for responsible leadership and a brighter future for District 1.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Economic Development
- 2. Infrastructure Development
- 3. Quality of Life

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Candidates for *County Commissioner* District 3

Patrick Eugene Brown Write-In

James Calkins Milton, Republican

Occupation: Santa Rosa County Commissioner Web: www.votejamescalkins.com Email: votejamescalkins@gmail.com

James Calkins, a dedicated public servant in Santa Rosa County, is known for his firm stance against tax increases and fiscal responsibility. A Christian man and Trump supporter, he was endorsed by Congressman Matt Gaetz, advocating for conservative values and community-focused policies with an emphasis on transparency and accountability. Vote Calkins!

Top Priorities:

- 1. Fiscal Responsibility: Firmly opposing tax increases and ensuring efficient use of county funds to benefit the community.
- Conservative Values: Upholding and promoting conservative principles, including limited government and individual freedoms.
- Infrastructure Development: Advocating for the improvement and maintenance of local infrastructure to support community growth and quality of life.

Jerry Couey Milton, Republican

Occupation: Retired Web: www.couey2024.com

I have been a county watchdog for over 30 years. We have a great quality of life and it is my goal to preserve that. We must get serious about infrastructure and to control flooding. The most important thing for you to know about me is that "I am not for sale". My decisions will be based on what is best for the whole county.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Infrastructure
- 2. Storm water control
- 3. Open transparent government

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Occupation: Retired Web: Sandra S Maddox For District 3 Facebook

I am a former Dental Assistant . A mother, A Grandmother, a Greatgrandmother, and a Great-Great-Grandmother. I am currently raising a 10 year old child. I am concerned about the increase in Homelessness in our area. I have other areas of interest which are: Saving the Blackwater River, cleaning up Pond creek (I believe this can be done) Finding a solution to the problem of Addiction , Child Hunger and Child Abuse. We need to alleviate the bottleneck on Hwy 90.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Better treatment for drug addiction
- 2. A better solution for homelessness
- 3. Environmental cleanup and protection of our area

Rhett Rowell Jay, Republican

Occupation: Teacher/Coach Web: www.rhettrowell.com Email: rhett@rhettrowell.com

I am a fourth generation, lifelong Santa Rosa County resident. Married to Lana and we have two children, Major and Piper. Teach American Government and Economics at Jay High (Alma mater) and have been serving as a teacher for Santa Rosa County for nearly 20 years.

Top Priorities:

- ${f 1.}$ Protect taxpayer dollar and the military mission.
- 2. Preserve farmland and green space.
- Promote Santa Rosa. Local government should be an ally to local businesses and not a hindrance.

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Candidates for *County Commissioner* District 5

Ronald Martonick Jr Write-In

Mike Priest Republican

Michael J Stevens Milton, Republican

Occupation: Retired Email: mjsfl34@hotmail.com

I am retired hospital administrator and business owner who has experience with mass budgets and reducing waste. As a Write in I solely answer to district 5 taxpayers and I have no financial strings to anyone. I am running to reduce insurance rates for all, but also make it more affordable for Seniors, Veterans, single family households, widowers. I am running to break the grip the what I call pitchfork possie or Rino Executive Committee. I stand with Isreal God Bless Our Military and The United States

Top Priorities:

- 1. Reduce taxes
- 2. Reduce insurance rates
- 3. Removal of traffic red light cameras

Evan Turner Write-In

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Colten Wright Gulf Breeze, Republican

Occupation: Self-employed / Current District 5 Commissioner Web: www.ElectColtenWright.com Email: WrightforSRC@gmail.com

Colten Wright is a local business owner and family man. He has served as District 5 Commissioner for the past four years and humbly asks for the opportunity to continue moving Santa Rosa County forward to make our community a great place to live, work, and play.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Better Roads & Infrastructure
- 2. Responsible, Common Sense Growth Policies
- 3. Support our Military Bases, Veterans, & First Responders

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Candidates for School Board District 2



Mariya Calkins Milton

Occupation: Self Proprietor Web: www.votecalkins.com Email: votecalkins@gmail.com

Mariya Calkins, founder and Vice-Chairwoman of the Moms for Liberty chapter in Santa Rosa County, advocates for the expansion of middle school sports, fair pay for all teachers with higher pay for veteran educators, and educational excellence for every student. As a school board candidate, she focuses on enhancing parental involvement and promoting conservative values in education. Vote Mariya Calkins!

Top Priorities:

- Educational Excellence: Ensuring high standards and quality education for every student, promoting academic success and wellrounded development.
- Teacher Compensation: Advocating for fair pay for all teachers, with an emphasis on higher salaries for veteran educators to recognize their experience and dedication.
- 3. Parental Involvement and Safety: Enhancing parental involvement, removing inappropriate materials from schools, and ensuring we do not use foreign-owned technology to maintain a safe and trustworthy learning environment.

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Elizabeth Hewey Pace

Occupation: Santa Rosa School District School Board Member, District 2 Web: www.Heweyforsrschoolboard.com

Email: ehewey@heweyforsrschoolboard.com

Volunteers in five schools, membership in four Chambers, Impact 100, Pace Rotary, and is endorsed by Santa Rosa Professional Educators for a second term. Hewey is State FSBA representative, UWF Master of Accountancy, BSBA, and BA in Secondary Education. Administrator in two community college systems, and retired corporate VP/Market Development

Top Priorities:

- 1. Academics: A School District for our students, families, and communities.
- 2. Teacher Pay: Students need their teachers, and SRC families want them well paid.
- Budget transparency: Credentials count. SRSD is the #1 employer in SRC, and families want to know how the money is being spent.

Oscar Locklin Jay

Occupation: Attorney Web: www.locklin4kids.com Email: locklin4kidssrc@gmail.com

Oscar's family has been in Santa Rosa County for generations. He has been married to Sheena for 21 years, and their 4 daughters attend Jay public schools. Oscar graduated from Pace High, Harding University and FSU Law School. Oscar is a shareholder of Locklin, Saba, Locklin & Jones, P.A. in Pace.

Top Priorities:

- 4. Students are the 1st Priority
- 5. Educator Support in the Classroom and salary
- 6. Transparency in Decision Making

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Candidates for School Board District 4



Charles Elliott Pace

Occupation: Pastoral care at Pace assembly of god, church and part-time associate at trahan family funeral home

Graduated from Milton High School, and lifelong resident of Santa Rosa County, married to Cheryl Elliott for 43 years. I have two grown children, six grand children . my family and I are active members of Pace Assembly Of God. been in the Funeral Home business for over 30 years and have been a para Teeball umpire for 25 years.

Top Priorities:

- Continuously striving for the best quality of education and safety for our children
- 2. Staying involved in our budget and pay raises for our educators
- 3. And as always serving Santa Rosa School board with honesty, integrity and common sense, and keeping our families first



Angie Straughn Pace

Occupation: Accreditation Consultant Web: www.angiestraughn.com Email: straughn4schoolboard@gmail.com

I am Angie Straughn, a resident of Santa Rosa County for 33 years. I have 4 beautiful daughters & 7 grandchildren. I'm an accreditation consultant & a member of Woodbine Church for the past I7 years. I volunteer in my church and in our local community.

Top Priorities:

- 1. To ensure that all parents voices are heard
- Support teachers & staff with not only competitive pay & benefits, but additional support in the classrooms
- 3. Increase awareness of the dangers of Fentanyl to our middle and high school students

Candidates for Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Karen Barber Pace

Occupation: Education Web: www.votedrkarenbarber.com Email: drkarenbarber@gmail.com

Dr. Karen Barber is the Superintendent for Santa Rosa County. An educator for 38 years, she has been a teacher, principal, and Director of Federal Programs. She has served in Navarre, Gulf Breeze, Milton, and Chumuckla. Under her leadership, the school district is designated an A-rated academically high performing district.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Preparing students for a successful future
- 2. Recruitment and retention of educators
- **3.** School Safety and Security

David Godwin Milton

Occupation: Teacher Web: www.dgodwin4super.godaddysites.com Email: dgodwin4super@gmail.com

David Godwin is a dedicated educational professional who began his teaching career in 1989. As candidate for superintendent, he is committed to emphasizing student safety, extending learning time to create optimal educational settings, hiring highly effective educators, and developing a district budget that is financially prudent and gives precedence to school site needs.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Student safety and discipline
- Increase learning time for students
- Recruit and retain highly effective educators

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Brenda Stephens Navarre

Occupation: Small Business Owner of a Moving Company Web: www.votebrendastephens.com Email: brenda@votebrendastephens.com

I am a naturalized American citizen of 30 years. I am a Hispanic woman and speak 3 languages. I have a Bachelor's & Master's Degree in Education & Human Resources. I have 5 years experience as a Teacher, 30+ years as a Human Resources professional and currently a Business Owner.

Top Priorities:

- 1. Focus on Higher Levels of Education Not Indoctrination. Remove Controversial WOKE Materials.
- Bring back Discipline & Respect to create a Safe and Enjoyable Learning and Teaching Environment.
- 3. Audit & Improve the Budget to Maximize Funding Resources and Prioritize Teacher & Support Staff Salaries & Benefits.

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2024 *Amendments on the Ballot*

Amendment 1, Partisan School Board Elections Amendment

Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election. However, partisan primary elections may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.

Amendment 2, Right to Hunt and Fish Amendment

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.

Amendment 3, Marijuana Legalization Initiative

Proposing an amendment to allow Adult Personal Use of Marijuana.

Amendment 4, Right to Abortion Initiative

Proposing an amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion.

Amendment 5, Annual Inflation Adjustment for Homestead Property Tax Exemption Value Amendment

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies and for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible.

<u>Amendment 6, Repeal of Public Financing for Statewide Campaigns</u> <u>Amendment</u>

Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.

Amendment summaries courtesy of Ballotpedia





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Our mission is to provide a Christian environment to children in need of love, kindness, and safe place to live. A home fostered with compassion, that will promote a stronger and successful generation for years to come.

For The Children is licensed through Families First Network as a traditional foster home and is dedicated to reaching out to the abandoned, orphaned, abused, and neglected children in Northwest Florida.

If you are interested in assisting us in some way or simply making a contribution please contact us at ahomeforthechildren@live.com or visit our website www.forthechildrenofmilton.org. Thank you for prayers and support.





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