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Thank You to Our Members – The Heart of the Chamber

At the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, our members are more than just names on a roster – you are the heartbeat of our organization. Each business, nonprofit, and individual that joins the Chamber strengthens our community and ensures that Santa Rosa County continues to grow, thrive, and succeed. We want to take this moment to say thank you. Thank you for your support, your involvement, and your belief in the power of working together. Your investment allows us to provide valuable resources, host events that bring people together, and advocate for a strong business climate in our county.

What the Chamber Is All About

For almost a century (100 years!), the Chamber has served as a connector, convener, and champion for local businesses and community leaders. Our mission is to promote economic growth, support small businesses, and create opportunities for collaboration and networking. Whether through educational programs, community events, or business advocacy, the Chamber is here to help you succeed. But more than that, the Chamber is about relationships. It's about knowing that when challenges arise, you have a network of peers and professionals ready to support you. It's about celebrating wins together, welcoming new businesses to town, and helping shape a bright future for our community.

Moving Forward Together

As we look ahead, we're excited to continue building on this foundation of partnership. Every new member adds strength to our voice, every event builds stronger connections, and every success story inspires the next. To all of our members – whether you've been with us for decades or just joined this year – thank you. We're proud to serve alongside you, and together, we'll continue making Santa Rosa County an even better place to live, work, and do business.

Thank you for always being supportive to YOUR Chamber!

Jaime

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“What has the Chamber done for me?”

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome and continued support I’ve received since becoming involved with the Chamber.

A special thank-you to Jaime Cottrell and Jim Ponek for personally welcoming me as a new participant. Your kindness and encouragement made a lasting impression and helped me feel immediately connected to the Chamber community.

Since joining, I’ve benefited greatly from:

- **Networking Opportunities:** The Chamber’s events have allowed me to connect with local leaders and professionals, opening doors to new relationships and business opportunities.
- **Increased Visibility:** Being part of the Chamber has helped raise awareness of my role with Cox Business, which has been instrumental in expanding our reach in the community.
- **Supportive Environment:** The resources, advocacy, and collaborative spirit fostered by the Chamber have empowered me to better serve our clients and contribute meaningfully to the local business landscape.

I’m proud to be part of such a dynamic and welcoming organization. Thank you again for all you do to support local professionals and businesses.

Charley Andrews
Client Development Executive, Cox Communications

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Tips to Get the Most Value From Your Pest Treatments

Prepare Your Home in Advance

- ➔ Clean areas where pests are commonly found, such as kitchens, bathrooms, and storage spaces.

Communicate with Your Patriot Pest Control Technician & Office Staff

- ➔ Provide detailed information about the pests you've observed, including their type, location, and behaviors.

Maintain a Clean Environment

- ➔ Keep outdoor trash bins sealed and away from your home.

Follow Post-Treatment Instructions

- ➔ Refrain from cleaning treated areas for the time advised by the technician.



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Leadership Santa Rosa Class 38



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 38 Celebrates Media Day

Santa Rosa County, Fla. – Leadership Santa Rosa (LSR) Class 38 participated in an engaging Media Day on August 21, gaining an inside look at the diverse landscape of local news and broadcasting. The full-day session offered participants a behind-the-scenes perspective on how media outlets inform, connect, and shape the community.

The day began with an interactive panel featuring representatives from the Gulf Breeze News and Navarre Press, where the class learned how local newspapers operate, report, and sustain their work in a changing media environment. Santa Rosa County's Public Information Officer, Sarah Whitfield, then shared strategies for building strong relationships with the media while serving the public. At WEAR in Pensacola, participants experienced the excitement of live broadcasting by watching the 11 o'clock news, meeting the anchors, and stepping onto the set. Over lunch, Pensacola News Journal Executive Editor Lisa Nellesen Savage spoke about the newspaper's evolving role, its partnership with a larger publisher, and the importance of responding ethically to difficult stories.

The afternoon continued at WSRE, where General Manager and Executive Director Jill Hubbs provided a tour and highlighted the many programs and services offered through public broadcasting. The day concluded at Cat Country 98.7 and NewsRadio 92.3, where on-air hosts Brent Lane and Andrew McKay shared the station's history and its role as a trusted voice in the community. Media Day was an invaluable opportunity for our class to understand the many ways journalists and broadcasters serve Northwest Florida," said Sandra Woodbery, LSR Class 38 participant. "From print to television to radio, we gained a greater appreciation for the dedication and responsibility of those who deliver the news." Leadership Santa Rosa, a program of the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, is designed to develop effective community leaders by offering participants an in-depth look at issues, opportunities, and resources throughout the county. Media Day is one of several themed sessions throughout the year.

Leadership Santa Rosa Class 38 Takes a "Wild Ride Through Santa Rosa County" on Tourism Day

Through Santa Rosa County" on Tourism Day Santa Rosa County, Fla. – On July 17, 2025, Leadership Santa Rosa Class 38 buckled up for "Tourism Day: A Wild Ride Through Santa Rosa County," an action-packed, sun-soaked adventure that offered students a firsthand look at one of the county's most vital economic drivers, the tourism industry. The day began at sunrise at Juana's Pagodas in Navarre, where 32 Leadership students, armed with iced coffee and ambition, set out to explore the people, places, and partnerships that keep Santa Rosa's tourism economy thriving. Their first stop was SpringHill Suites by Marriott, where students enjoyed a chef-prepared breakfast and received a crash course in hospitality, complete with towel animal demonstrations, plate presentation lessons, and a behind-the-scenes look at the significance of the county's "bed tax," which helps fund local tourism infrastructure and marketing. From there, the group visited Windjammers and took a scenic stroll down the Navarre Beach Pier, learning about visitor engagement and development strategies while enjoying panoramic views of the Gulf.

A reef presentation followed, showcasing the vital role that artificial reefs play in both marine conservation and eco-tourism. That message of stewardship continued at the Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center, where students met resident sea turtles and gained a deeper understanding of how wildlife and tourism intersect.

Lunch at Dewey Destin's offered more than just fresh seafood; it came with a rich lesson in the history and heritage of a family deeply rooted in the Gulf Coast fishing tradition. The group then visited Perfect Blend Coffee, where the local business owner offered free drinks to all participants, only to be upstaged by Santa Rosa County's own Kyle Holley, who treated the entire class like a true local hero. At the Gulf Breeze Zoo, students rode the safari train, mingled with giraffes, and got a hands-on

look at animal care and conservation, lessons that highlighted the importance of diverse, family friendly tourism attractions. In the final stretch of the day, the class headed to Navarre Family Sports, where they tackled ropes courses, water obstacle challenges, jet ski rides, and pontoon excursions. Leadership took on a new meaning as students supported each other through adrenaline-pumping outdoor adventures that reflected teamwork, trust, and resilience. The day came full circle back at Juana's Pagodas, where the group was treated to refreshments, VIP concert passes, and an unforgettable Gulf Coast sunset, a perfect close to a memorable day of learning, laughter, and leadership. "Tourism Day is always a class favorite, but this years' experience truly raised the bar," said Melissa Stoker, Business Development Manager for Space Florida and Curriculum Chair for Leadership Santa Rosa. "By immersing students in the unique tourism assets across our county, from coastal ecosystems to hospitality innovation, we're not only cultivating better leaders but also passionate advocates for Santa Rosa's future."



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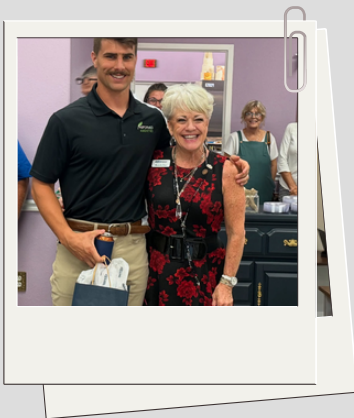


Ambassador of the Quarter

MAGEN WEEDEN AMBASSADOR OF THE QUARTER! MAGEN HAS 10 YEARS OF MARKETING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE IN LEGAL, HEALTHCARE, MANUFACTURING AND REAL ESTATE. SHE WAS AWARDED THE 2019 COMMUNITY LEADER OF THE YEAR, IS THE CURRENT CHAIR FOR SANTA ROSA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, A GRADUATE OF LEADERSHIP SANTA ROSA, AND ON THE BOARD FOR THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY CHAMBER. SHE ALSO SERVES ON THE BOARD FOR GULF COAST CRIME STOPPERS, A MENTOR FOR JUNIOR LEADERSHIP SANTA ROSA AND THE SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR FOR FIVE FLAGS ROTARY. SHE GRADUATED IN THE TOP 10% OF HER COLLEGE WHERE SHE EARNED HER BACHELORS OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN MARKETING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI. MAGEN IS A WIFE AND MOTHER, AN AVID BOATER AND LOVES TO FISH. SHE AND HER FAMILY SERVE AT NORTHVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH AND THEY SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME AT CHURCH, OR ON THE WATER WITH THEIR FAMILY.



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October Chamber Calendar

October 3.....32nd Annual Golf Tournament, Stonebrook Golf Club- 8:00 am registration

October 6.....Jay Chamber Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker St., Jay

October 7.....Business After Hours, Sponsored by Hidden Oak Farm ,5:30 p.m.
7650 Hidden Oak Road, Pace Click [HERE](#) to register!

October 10Ambassador Meeting-Lunch Served 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton

October 10.....Ribbon Cutting for Absolute Zenergy Massage & Bodywork, LLC, 3:00 p.m.
1768 Sea Lark Lane, Navarre

October 13.....CHAMBER CLOSED-Columbus Day Holiday

October 15.....Military Affairs Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by Leonardo Helicopters
4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton Click here [HERE](#) to register! Must register!

October 17.....Chamber Lunch, Sponsored by Coastal Wildlife Removal, NOON
Ace's the Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton-Click [HERE](#) to register!

October 27.....SRC CoC Board Meeting-4:00 p.m.
RC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton


October 31..... A.M. Network Breakfast, Sponsored by Team Bruce Baker, MBA, RE/MAX Select Partners ,7:30 a.m.,
Ace's the Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton-Click [HERE](#) to register!

Community Calendar
Click [HERE](#) for all
community events in the
area.

thank you!



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LEGION

Boat Parts Swap Meet

6025 Spikes Way Milton, FL 32570

Nov 15 Sat 9 am - 5 pm

Nov 16 Sun 7 am - 3 pm

Vendors please Register by Nov 1st!

General Admission \$5



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October 25, 2025

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Adult day services Mon-Sun 7
Days a week 8AM-6PM



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Short Term Stays (Minium of 3
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weeks!!!



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Let The Residence become your
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**Contact Us
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