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County tourism cashes in \$3.5 million

By Jamie Gentry

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Tourism losses from COVID-19 in Santa Rosa County were only a fraction of what was projected.

The final tourism tax report for fiscal year 2019-2020 presented Nov. 5 left Tourist Development Council (TDC) members smiling. The year totaled more than \$3.5 million of revenue to the county's tourism promotion arm. That's down less than 10% from last year, and the total still blows past revenues from two years ago.

Tourist Development Director Julie White initially projected COVID-19 related losses could be as much as \$1.5 million, more than a third of the typical year's revenue.

"We were very conservative," White told the TDC.

March through June showed significant losses, including revenues plummeting by 79% in April when beaches closed. But by July, growth had returned. Combined with a strong winter, the year cruised in about \$408,000 less than the previous year.

See TDC 4A

Salter leaves lasting legacy

By Wendy Victora Rudman

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For 20 years, District 3 County Commissioner Don Salter has been a force moving Santa Rosa County forward. Nov. 12 will be the last time he takes a seat at the **Salter**



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#Help Gulf Breeze businesses



Raelynn Paul works on a homecoming corsage at Flowerama in Gulf Breeze. Of the eight employees who worked there before Hurricane Sally, she is one of three who remain

they got several customers.

By Wendy Victora Rudman editor@navarrepress.com

Late on a Friday afternoon, when U.S. Highway 98 would usually be clogged with traffic, the bays at American LubeFast are empty. An employee, holding a large yellow'NO WAIT' sign sits curbside.

The only ones waiting at many Gulf Breeze businesses these

Board of County Commissioners long table.

The swearing in of new commissioners midmonth will also mark the end of his fifth term as chairman of the board.

Salter, who was born on a farm in Jay in the 1940s and lives there now, said when he took the gavel at the beginning of 2020, he was hoping for a peaceful last year.

Instead, he got the Avalon-Garcon Point wildfire, coronavirus and an above-average hurricane season, including a sideswipe by Hurricane Sally.

See SALTER 5A



The McDonald's in Gulf Breeze closed recently, sending customers to its location at Tiger Point. folks who work there.

They're waiting to see if they will still have jobs, if the bridge will really reopen in March, if community support is enough to keep the doors open.

"It's a great time to film a zombie apocalypse movie on U.S. Highway 98," joked Michael Hutchins, assistant manager at American LubeFast." It feels weird opening up now. I (used to feel) like I was playing Frogger trying to get across the road."

See GULF BREEZE 4A

Potential grocery store mired in complications

By Jamie Gentry

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The entrance to Santander Estates welcomes residents and visitors under a canopy of oak trees. A sidewalk runs along the shoulder of the road, complete with a bench, doggy potty station and Little Free Library stand.

Resident Lorraine Nagy lives with her family in the first house on the left. They walk their rescue dogs along the sidewalk each day.

"You've got the school buses in the morning and the afternoon, but it is relatively a quiet neighborhood," Nagy said. "And that was one of the reasons we moved here because it is in the back and out of the way."

See STORE 4A



Photo by Wendy Victora Rudman Potential development of a new grocery store complex just outside the Okaloosa County line is set to include demolishing the bank that has sat vacant at the corner of Rosewood Avenue.





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NAVARRE PRESS BUSINESS What's up with Dickey's

By Kaitie Meyer

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Dickey's Barbecue is still coming to Navarre. The opening is just taking longer than expected. There have been a few holdups due to Hurricane Sally and sorting out logistics with the landlord. Managing partner Karen Edwards said they have made some progress on the structural repairs in the kitchen, but still have to work on other parts of the restaurant before it will be ready for the grand opening in the spring of 2021.

Owner Wendy Williams is thrilled about opening a Dickey's in Navarre.

"I'm super excited about it," she said. "It's going to be one of the most fun places to go in Navarre."

The new Navarre location will be located right next to Dewey Destin's in the old Helen Back building on the south side of U.S. Highway 98. Dickey's in Navarre will be 6,000 square feet and will have the option for live music and movie nights, Edwards said

"We're going to have a game room as well," Williams added."A game room for big kids and little kids."

It doesn't stop there.

A new bakery called The Sweet Shoppe will open inside of Dickey's location in Navarre. This shop will sell baked goods, ice cream, specialty coffee drinks and milkshakes.

Williams and her crew filed for a business license for The Sweet Shoppe on Sept. 30.



Dickey's Barbecue is opening a location in Navarre this spring in the old Helen Back Building.

"Sweet shoppe is one of ey's Barbecue this spring. the things we're most excit-

ed about,"Williams said.

"We're going crazy to get at night."

it open. I got a lot of balls in Williams and Edwards the air," Williams said. "It's Hurricane Sally, although leaking "by waterfalls and tribulations that we're plan to open the new Dick- killing me not to be open it did suffer some damage. buckets."

already. It's keeping me up Williams said she had to

get the roof repaired after The building withstood the storm because it was

"It makes it that much sweeter when we do open, because of all the trial and climbing over," she said.

Photo by Kaitie Meyer

Navarre Beach Chamber offices fill up **By Jamie Gentry** jamie@navarrepress.com

Business is booming at the Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's Prado Street offices and it's more than just the chamber doing business.

Last month, all of the Navarre Beach Chamber Information Center offices were officially rented out, completing the vision for the chamber's new home.

When the building was purchased in 2019, chamber leadership envisioned the back offices becoming a rentable workspace for businesses in need that did not want or could not afford to sink capital into their own building.

"We worked with the Small Business Development Center to create a business plan around renting out those back offices," chamber executive director Chanda Ryan said.

Although the initial plan



Office rentals in the Navarre Beach Area Chamber Information Center have all filled up.

included a co-work space, larger office space. Paul Ryan said that ended up not panning out.

"Ŵhen COVID-19 hit, (co-work) was something that was unpopular," she pointed out.

A cooperative of engineering firms, led by Anderson Engineering, was interested in taking the

Semmes is the regional manager for Anderson. He said this location was perfect,"right there in the heart of things."

"We wanted to posture ourselves clearly in Navarre," he said.

Ryan explained that while providing a needed resource

ry goal, the added bonus of additional revenue means paying the building's mortgage is a lot easier. That's a boost considering how prepped.

"When we first moved in, the building needed a lot of Ryan said.

to businesses is the prima- work. A lot of volunteers put in sweat equity," Ryan said.

Now, the once vacant building is a hub for local business.

"Any kind of engineering much labor and cost went services someone can need, into getting the building they can get it right here at the Navarre Beach Chamber Information Center,"

In addition to the new engineering partnerships, other occupants range from a variety of industries including real estate, air conditioning repair, health care and more. The Navarre Beach Chamber Foundation and Small Business Development Center also inhabit the building's additional offices.

Baptist opens Navarre urgent care/ER



Photo by Jamie Gentry Patients in Navarre can now receive care at Baptist's combined urgent care/ER.

Staff report

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Navarre's first emergency room opened Nov. 5. Baptist Health Care's new combined urgent care/ER opened its doors to patients.

The new facility is located at Baptist's existing medical facilities at 8888 Navarre Parkway. Baptist's new building is completely built and outfitted, including on-site lab equipment, x-rays, CT scans and ER-licensed physicians. COVID-19 precautions prevented a tradi-

tional ribbon cutting event.

The facility was set to open in late September after completion of an Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) inspection, but that inspection was delayed due to Hurricane Sally.

With all inspections cleared, the new facility has accepted its first patients.

This is one of the three emergency room facilities being built in Navarre. The other two facilities are under active construction and may not open until next year.



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new owner may have a legal

owner before you hadn't paid property taxes for several years. Those taxes do not

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tion and Scott has earned the Certified Land Title Searcher designation as well. In addition, there are six state licensed title insurance agents on staff.

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Reliable Land Title has two offices, one at Harvest Village in Navarre and another in Pensacola at 600 South Palafox Street. Their commitment to homebuyers and the community is long-

> term "We pledge to serve our area with devotion and dedication, one property at a time," said co-owner Scott Parsons.

ATTENTION: Navarre Homeowners who are Che British

New closing agent at



dressed up and gathering in

Business is down 60 to

70% Mitchell said, and she

has reduced her staff from

"We went from 12 to three

Raelynn Paul is one of

Mitchell's last employees. She

Cantonment every day. She

shrugs off the 90-minute drive

you do, you're going to make

"Whenever you love what

A Facebook page started by

Cathy Minshull, a Gulf Breeze

native, is credited with helping

local businesses keep some

traffic. The page, #savethe-

breeze from the #bargeblun-

der, encourages people to shop

Gulf Breeze and allows businesses to post local specials.

"About a week and a half

after the storm hit, I went to

pick up food, and there wasn't

anyone walking around.

There were no cars on the

street," she said." That night it

that it would be for people

"The page just took on

a life," she said. "We had

1,000 people join within 24

hours, 2,000 by day two. It

Last week, she started a second page, #STEPUP #SKANSKA! HELP OUR

"We still need a lot of

help in our area," Minshull

said. "I don't know what's

going to happen. I don't want where every business

was absolutely crazy."

COMMUNITY!!

is vacant."

having events around town.

was really bothering me." The plan for the page was

small groups.

eight to three.

in each direction.

Photo by Brian Lester

that sacrifice," she said.

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Locals are doing their best to support the businesses that have been left hurting since bridge damage during Hurricane Sally Sept. 16 severed easy travel between Gulf Breeze and Pensacola.

Denise Olson stopped by American LubeFast for the first-time last week. She said her husband was bringing his car there, too. They had never had their oil changed there before but are trying to spread out their business.

"I have all kinds of places in Pensacola that I go to, but not now," she said." I want to support them. They look so sad."

Fellow Gulf Breeze resident Doug Joy went to Bay Breeze Dive Center at about the same time, for about the same reason.

The small dive shop at the foot of the bridge has become a turnaround spot for motorists who don't know the bridge is closed. They see the barriers, do a U-turn and cruise slowly through the small parking lot that runs parallel to the highway.

Joy said his family has been frequenting as many local businesses as possible, some of which they learned about at BargeOween on Halloween night.

On Thursday, they went to Baskin Robbins. On Friday, he went to the dive shop to get two air tanks.

That sale, which rang up at a little over \$20, was their only sale of the day, according to Bill Worthington, one of two part-time employees still left at the shop. They had



one sale Thursday and none Wednesday, he reported.

Joy asked if he could return the tanks a day later than normal.

"It's not like we need it to drop off for anyone else," Worthington replied.

He and his co-worker do their best to keep busy, cleaning the shop and working on items that have been dropped off for repair. But with an empty road in front of them, a missing sign thanks to the initial construction, and three derelict vessels cluttering up the small beach a few steps out their back door, it's not encouraging, they said.

"I kind of enjoy the peace and quiet without 58,000 cars a day blowing by,"Worthington said."But at the same time, we are struggling."

Saraya Rouchon, the owner of the Baskin Robbins, said that someone had mistakenly posted on Facebook that her store was closing. It's not, she said. But business is far from good.



Anthony Morgan, who drives from Pensacola to work in the Bay Breeze Dive Center in Gulf Breeze, helps the shop's lone customer Friday, Doug Joy of Gulf Breeze.

"I kind of enjoy the peace and quiet without 58,000 cars a day blowing by. But at the same time, we are struggling." — Bill Worthington, dive shop employee

"We're slow like everybody else," she said.

A short drive east takes you to the nearly empty parking lot of Flowerama, which

fall flowers. Inside, it's quiet.

sports a brightly decorated said they had a small flurry bicycle out front filled with of business from teens buying corsages for "fake" home-

coming. This year, thanks Owner Susan Mitchell to COVID-19, there was no

toise relocation processes.

"It is very straightforward and simple once you have the permit from FWC,"he said.

Pritchard previously worked as an agent on Florida's east coast, and a project involving 400 burrows with 120 tortoises took about two months to complete after permitting.

To get the permit, a pedestrian survey must be completed on foot to assess the property for potential burrows and other signs of gopher tortoises. This results in a GIS map of the tortoises' locations. Once that process is complete, the developer must apply to FWC for a permit to have the tortoises captured by an agent and relocated to suitable habitat.

Nagy said she hopes the wildlife is still there if it means saving her backyard peace for a little longer. She said she feels helpless in the situation. Pritchard said whether or not those 2006 tortoises, or their offspring, are still to be found on the lot depends on if the conditions have changed. "It depends on what the land did in 15 years. A lot can change," he said."... If the soils are there and the habitat is there, they are probably still there."



The problem is, all those amenities, and even the subdivision's welcome sign, are not actually on their property. They're on the neighbor's land, and the neighbor is selling to someone interested in building on the vacant lot.

Developers of a potential 40,000-square-foot grocery store and 20,000-square-foot shopping complex may very well decide what happens Santander's improveto ments. Nagy said she watched in dread as surveyors staked out bright pink and orange flagged property markers right



"That would bring a lot of activity in my neighborhood. I don't want to live on top of a store. I don't want that. I don't want people coming and going,"Nagy said.

Nagy's family has a trio of rescue pups, each with their own traumas. One was used as a bait dog in dog fighting, the family says. Another was dumped in the neighborhood, and the third was malnourished and abused. Those rough starts mean the dogs are nervous of strangers, and activity outside sends them into bark-

Photos by Jamie Gentry Lorraine Nagy takes her dogs for a walk just outside her home in Santander Estates. This area, including the amenities added by the homeowners' association, belongs to a developer looking to build a grocery store on the other side of her fence.

ing, alerting their family to potential danger.

Imagining the daily traffic, floodlights and noise from a grocery store at her back-fence leaves Nagy wondering if she should sell off her house and move

"My husband said this is our last house. We are going to stay here. This is the forever house. And I'm thinking if they build up here, I wouldn't want to stay,"Nagy said.

If a grocery store were built, county code would require between 20 and 35 feet of vegetative buffering between Nagy's back-fence and the edge of the parking lot or at minimum a concrete wall and a couple of feet of vegetation, but she said she's unsure that the buffer would do much good.

The county codes do not protect Santander's entry way, which technically belongs to the other property.

But nature may have a surprise for the would-be development: gopher tortoises.

In 2006, developers sought is unclear if the tortoises ultito build a townhome development on the property. They hit a snag when it was revealed that, according to citizens, roughly a dozen of the threatened tortoises were living on the site, including juveniles.

State law protects these animals and requires permitting through Florida Fish and Wild-

life Conservation Commission (FWC) to relocate them before any land clearing can begin. It mately led to the townhome project's demise, but these shelled burrowers will likely play a role in determining the fate of the new project.

Mark Pritchard is an Authorized Gopher Tortoise Agent permitted by FWC in Gulf Breeze. Agents like Pritchard are required for all gopher tor-

The only way to know for sure is to look.

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"I know I projected it would by \$1.5 million lost with coronavirus. I know some destinations have seen that and more. We are very fortunate that we are closing out with this kind of number,"she said."I'm very grateful."

Tourism taxes, or bed taxes, are collected on visitor stays and reflect how many people are visiting and for how long. Better occupancy at hotels, condominiums, campgrounds, Airbnbs and other temporary accommodations result in better tax revenues.

This year's report signals COVID-19 was more of a bump in the road for tourism than an industry buster. And that's with Hurricane Sally causing problems for many bed tax collectors along the beach.

TDC members pointed to the response by White, her team and marketing firm Paradise Advertising as the catalysts for that success.

Incoming chair of the TDC Lynne Meyer praised



ing. We did very good," she said.

Paradise pivoted the advertising campaign to focus on COVID-19 specific messaging, and using \$250,000 in CARES Act funding, White's office produced new photos for ads that featured COVID-19 safety measures. They have also launched a new ZIP code tracking system of visitors, enabling better honing of advertising efforts. A weekly updated version is available at arcg. is/0vmrCe.

Looking forward, surveys conducted by the office revealed snowbird season is likely to less profitable this year. Snowbirds are a group of seniors who regularly travel to the area in the winter months. Most snowbird events, including the annual Snowbird Expo, have been canceled. Other activities have been pared down. White said surveys show only about 25% of past snowbirds plan to travel this year and attend events. The COVID-19 impacts are not done yet.



New ZIP code tracking software of Santa Rosa County tourists allows the Tourist Development Office to better understand where visitors are coming from. Surprising amounts of traffic were coming from places like Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

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Election Wrap-up: What does it all mean?

By Jamie Gentry

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Nearly three in every four Santa Rosa County voters cast a ballot in the Nov. 3 election, the highest voter turnout in the county since 1976. This year's ballot had no shortage of hot button topics, including local taxes, state constitution changes and, of course, deciding the president of the United States. Here's a breakdown of what the results mean.

Half cent sales tax continues

Roughly 70% of voters supported continuation of Santa Rosa County's half cent sales tax for another five years.

County commissioners have been advocating for the tax's continuation, pointing to completed projects including **Cole**



drainage improvements in south Santa Rosa, paved roads throughout the county, better equipped firefighters and more.

Commissioner Bob Cole said he is thankful for the confidence of the citizens.

"I'm really happy especially

with the quality of the result. Navarre Beach Fire special fire The overwhelming support shows the citizens really feel we have used that half cent appropriately," he said.

The five-year tax is anticipated to bring \$42.5 million to the county, and those funds are limited to covering physical improvements such as roads, parks and equipment for first responders.

About 29% of the funds are expected to go to first responders' equipment and vehicles. The bulk of that portion of the previous tax bought new vehicles for the sheriff's office, but other beneficiaries were local fire departments. Navarre Beach Fire Chief Danny Fureigh said the tax passing is good news for fire departments.

"That is going to help a lot of departments get new fire engines. So, it was a good day," he said of the election.

In addition, funds are tentatively set to: ■ 55% transportation and

- drainage ■ 10% recreation and nat-
- ural resources
- 4% public facility ■ 2% capital equipment

"Continued funding of

planning for our future remain priorities," Cole said.

district moves forward

Navarre Beach Fire Rescue successfully cleared the first hurdle toward becoming a special fire district. Roughly 70% of voters Fureigh on Navarre Beach supported the effort.

Fire Chief Danny Fureigh said he was glad to see the result but there's more to do.

"Our work is just now beginning. This is just step one. We still have to get some support from (state) Rep. Jayer Williamson,"Fureigh said.

Creating a special fire district requires approval of the state Legislature, and Williamson said he would not work on the legislation unless more than 60% of the tially brought to the board by beach voters supported it. They did, so now the process begins.

If Navarre Beach became a special fire district, it would not affect rates on the beach. The change would:

■ Require a vote of the beach residents to approve any change to fire fees

■ Allow Navarre Beach safety and transportation and firefighters to access the state's pension plan

■ Allow Navarre Beach

equipment

■ Require Navarre Beach Fire's board to be elected by the residents of the beach

Fureigh said it will probably take two years to complete the process. That process includes bringing the matter back to the beach voters for final ratification.

"We have a couple of years ties are friendly to educate the 200 or so people that voted no and get 100% support for the binding referendum,"Fureigh said.

Santa Rosa declared Sanctuary for Life

While it's not a matter of Life" is the first of law, Santa Rosa County voters its kind. He hopes it will spark sent a clear signal on a national debate with passage of the Sanctuary for Life declaration.

This declaration was inicommissioner Bob Cole as a resolution to state the county's stance against all abortions. After hours of public debate, the commissioners opted to send the issue to the voters.

More than 57% of voters supported the measure.

'That just shows the people in Santa Rosa County want

Fire access to state grants for should make that decision." Signaling is the whole point,

Cole explained. The declaration does not create law, but it signals the county's support of a challenge to the landmark case Rowe v Wade.

The measure acts similarly to"Second Amendment Sanctuary" policies declared across the U.S., outlining that coun-

to gun rights protection. Incoming commissioner James said Calkins Rosa's Santa "Sanctuary for Calkins

a movement.

"We are the first county in the entire United States to do this. We have started a movement throughout the country that I believe other people will follow," Calkins said. "This is what I call leading. This is a start. It's a message'

Florida constitutional amendments What passed?

■ Amendment 1 changes the wording of the state constitution from "every" citizen to protect life, whether that older than 18 can vote to "only" is elderly or newborn," Cole citizens older than 18 can vote. said. "Life is precious, and the This does not change the law good Lord is the only one that as non-citizens were already barred from voting in Florida.

Amendment 2 passed by a fraction of a percentage point, but it did secure the 60% of votes needed to become law. Under this amendment the state's minimum wage will be raised to \$10 in September 2021 and will increase each year after until reaching \$15 per hour in 2026.

■ Amendment 5 makes it easier to move Save Our Homes property tax discounts from one property to the next by extending the time period to make the transition. It passed.

■ Amendment 6 allows property tax breaks for veterans injured in the line of duty to be passed to their spouses when the veteran dies. This amendment received the highest level of support with nearly 90% of the vote.

What flopped?

■ Amendment 3 would have made primaries for certain state offices open to voters of any party. It won the popular vote, but the amendment failed to secure the required 60% supermajority of voters.

Amendment 4 would have required constitutional amendments to pass at the ballot box twice. More than half of voters turned it down.

Salter

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From working with people who lost their homes to the fire to making tough decisions during the pandemic, it's been challenging.

"The coronavirus has been a huge challenge to deal with, especially in the beginning where we had to make a decision about closing down the beach," he said. "And we've been dealing with the COVID virus ever since."

Sally caused major flooding issues, and debris piled high along the roads following the storm. Santa Rosa residents are still sorting through the losses.

Of course, this wasn't his first hurricane.

Salter took office in 2000 and during his first term as chairman in 2004, Hurricane Ivan made landfall in Na-

varre.



Submitted photos

Commissioner Don Salter signs the limited access use agreement with NAS Whiting Field alongside Capt. Rick Sadsad. This agreement allowed Santa Rosa County to create a unique aviation industrial park with through the gate access.

him to his interest in serving the citizens through elected office.

Salter is credited by many, including former senator Don Gaetz, with bringing economic growth to the county.

"I got to know Commissioner Salter best during my



the state each year through a military defense grant program. He was also able to get money from the Navy's protection program to the tune of about \$500,000 a year. The Navy matched that at 75%.

"Šince we started that program in 2002, we have been able to either purchase or secure conservation easements to the tune of about 12,000 acres (around Whiting Field)," he said."Those areas not only protect the base, but they ensure public recreation."

This method of base protection has been dubbed the Santa Rosa Model and replicated elsewhere to buffer bases. Gaetz said Salter's contributions to Whiting are almost incalculable.

"If Whiting Field didn't already have a name it should be Don Salter field," he said. "The job creation projects and economic development projects he has championed in and

A veteran himself, Salter also helped to get the veterans memorial built in downtown Milton along the Riverwalk. Salter was an Army paratrooper in Vietnam from 1967-68, a time period considered to be that war's bloodiest.

He came home to his family and his fiancé, Kaye, who has now been his wife for 50 years.

When he retires, he plans to continue serving on the military advisement committee.

The couple have one son, Donny, who is married and has two children.

"I'm going to spend more time with our grandbabies," Salter said.



'It almost totally destroyed the county," he recalled. "We spent the next several months rebuilding the county, helping people get back in their homes, setting up free distribution centers and getting our infrastructure restored."

Just under a year later, Dennis came ashore.

"We had to once again help rebuild part of the county," he said.

When asked what he'll do during future hurricanes, he laughed and said he'd probably just sit down. Before becoming a county commissioner, he worked for Gulf Power for decades.

"I won't necessarily miss hurricanes, but I will feel like I need to do something,"Salter said.

It was his position as district manager for Gulf Power in Santa Rosa County that led

vears in the Senate," Gaetz said."When I would want to know how a policy decision or an appropriation decision would affect Santa Rosa County, Don Salter is the guy I would call. When I wanted to let the Senate know what Santa Rosa County needed or was thinking, I was the guy he would call."

Beginning in 2007, as the county struggled with the recession, property taxes tumbled and the county was losing \$3.4 million a year from its budget, Salter said. Four capital improvement proj- his 20 years, but he takes the years, the deficit had grown in \$13 million a year, which is when commissioners took drastic measures.

hit hard by the BP Oil Spill in 2010, which put the brakes on tourism.

"Unfortunately, we had to lay off 104 employees and cut

Don Salter's family poses for a photo at the veterans' memorial he helped found.

ects," he said.

By 2013, they had started to climb out of the recession.

"From there the county The county had also been started to boom with growth, he said. "It really helps increase your tax base but also puts a lot of pressure on your infrastructure."

Salter has done a lot during could get grant money from

most pride in his military base protection throughout the region, especially Whiting Field.

After 20,000 acres were identified that needed to be protected in order to support Whiting Field's mission, Salter worked so the county

around Whiting Field will add hundreds of jobs and tens of millions of dollars in positive economic impact on Santa Rosa County." Salter actively advocated for keeping Santa Rosa's rural areas rural, too. He blocked rezonings that would have allowed increased building in northern areas of the county and frequentbrought lv the important role of

forefront.



Don Salter served as a Santa Rosa County Commissioner for 20 years.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Nov. 13 Holiday Shop & Dine Crawl

Discover unique and locally owned small shops and eateries in our area. This event is free and open to the public. There will be cash prizes drawings and additional prizes. Enter by doing a"check-in" to a retail or restaurant related business on Facebook, by making a purchase and sending a copy of the receipt to 850-400-0466, or posting a photo a business on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #Shop-SouthSantaRosa. Each entry is a chance to win. There is no

limit to the number of entries per person.

Taps on the Diamond

Come thirsty and come hungry to the Blue Wahoos Taps on the Diamond Dinner Nov. 13 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Blue Wahoos Stadium. While enjoying exclusive seating at the ballpark, guests will be served a gourmet five-course feast by executive chef Travis Wilson and the Blue Wahoos award-winning food service team. Each course of dinner will be accompanied by a matching 12 oz. beer served

brewery representative will be on-hand to explain each pairing

Gates will open at the stadium at 5 p.m., and guests will have the opportunity to take batting practice on the field before the dinner. Tickets to this exclusive event are \$90 and include the five-course meal, five beers, on-field seating and a commemorative Blue Wahoos cooler.

Nov. 14 A New Leash on Love

Join A HOPE, other aniby Cigar City Brewing, and a mal rescues and pet related

wiener dog races and even \$10 pet microchipping. Pets older than four months are welcome with up-to-date vaccinations on leash.

Blood Drive at Dickey's

Dickey's Barbecue Pit in Tiger Point is hosting a blood drive with One Blood from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All donors

vendors for a day of furry fleece blanket, a Dickey's pit fun at Bagdad Mill Site Park classic sandwich and a \$10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This eGift card. The Big Red Bus pet adoption event will fea- will be parked at 1480 Tiger ture furry friends looking for Park Lane, shop G. Appointfurever homes, craft vendors, ments can be made at Onefood, children's play area, Blood.org/donate-now using sponsor code #56957.

Nov. 16 **Holley Navarre Middle School** Dickey's fundraiser

Dickey's Barbecue Pit will be holding a fundraiser for Holley Navarre Middle School from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 1480 Tiger Park Lane, shop More information is available will receive a OneBlood G. For every purchase, 10% at 850-469-7897.

will be donated in support of the school. Fundraiser includes dine in and carry out orders.

Nov. 18 Flu Season and COVID-19

Baptist Health Care offers online Wellness Education Seminars in November. Tune in from noon to 1 p.m. All seminars will be presented via Zoom video conferencing. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting eBaptistHealthCare.org/events.

NAVARRE PRESS EDITORIAL

Out and About By Sandi Kemp, Publisher



The one thing every business needs is customers, and they are in short supply in Gulf Breeze. Editor Wendy Victora Rudman spent time there last week and talked to a number of business owners struggling to survive. They are not asking for charity, just business. Do it for yourself, not them. It is important to Santa Rosa County and to all of us that we remain vital before and after the bridge reopens. Some of the places that shared their stories with us are Flowerama, Bay Breeze Dive Center, American LubeFast and Baskin Robbins. We know they are just a handful of the ones working hard to remain open. You can read

their stories on the front page. Speaking of good deeds, crowds filled the parking lot of the **Wine** Vine Bar, Bistro & Shoppe Sunday to raise money for Elis Hines, who was paralyzed in April while skateboarding. More than **\$10,000** was raised and will go toward a vehicle that Hines can drive. Attendees said that the event epitomized Navarre's big heart.

During this next week, we will welcome incoming elected officials including school board members, county commissioners, and our new Superintendent of Schools Karen Barber. Congratulations to all! This issue of Navarre Press includes a special send-off to **Don** Salter, who has been a commissioner for the last 20 years and has a robust legacy in Santa Rosa County. It also features Karen Barber answering questions about her plans for the district.

We brought back our Navarre Beach page last week. It has been missing since we changed our paper after **COVID-19** hit in the spring. We hope you enjoy this window into what is happening on the beach. This week, **Jamie Gentry** wrote an interesting story about an invasive species of plant that has appeared on the island. Find out what experts are doing to keep it from spreading.

Dickey's Barbecue Pit is working toward a spring opening in the old **Helen Back** building. The Navarre Beach Chamber offices that they were renting out have all been rented which is a good sign as we climb back toward normalcy. Both of these prove that business - capitalism - will find a way, even during a pandemic.

As I'm writing this there is still a lot of uncertainty in the national election

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on Facebook

The Navarre Press asked its Facebook readers whether the passage of Amendment 2, which raises the minimum wage, would help them or hurt them. Here is a sampling of their answers.

Bobby Jones

Hurt. My pay will not go up that much over the years to cover the local increase for services. We already pay more just because of the area's cost of living, and tourism. Exact product in Walmart here I pay 78 cents for it; in Kentucky it is 58 cents. Just means less local purchases, more online shopping. Going out to eat will be a thing of the past.

Denise Ferragamo

Wages in the panhandle are horrifically low. Unless you have a good tech job, you're working for peanuts compared to other areas of the country.

Erica Vanessa

The small business community will be the first to feel the burden and it will trickle from there. Inflation will raise everyone's costs and to escalate to \$15 that quickly serves no purpose except to increase cost burden on business owners. Minimum wage is not livable wage but it was never meant to be, it's a starting wage one you grow from and move on from

Michael Bonneau

The increase is too much over a short period of time ... in 6 years employers will be paying a minimum of over \$7.00 more (including their matching payroll taxes) than they are now ... staff will be cut and costs of the product will go up, so employees will be no better off than they are right now









One waitress told me it would hurt her if

Who in Florida works for minimum wage? Honestly. Who? Every job I've had I was hired in above minimum wage. This won't affect me, but I'm afraid it will negatively impact our many small businesses.

Janet-Renah Brown

I voted NO.. we are on SS ... we worked hard our entire life ... now the cost of living (food and such) will go way, way up and we are still getting the same amount.



Minimum wage is for minimum experience. If you're 30 making minimum wage, either your employer thinks you're not worth more or you're not proving that you're worth more. This is a terrible move on FL's part. You'll be 4 years in, making \$15 an hour and so will the high schooler (with no experience) working side by side with you.

Merete Wilcox

minimum pay was \$15, because businesses would fire half of their staff in order to survive. Cost of a meal would increase so people would not eat out so much and tips would be less.

Melissa Teresa Winkelpleck

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Santa Rosa County Meetings

Nov. 12

Commission Regular Meeting

Santa Rosa County Administrative Center Boardroom 6495 Caroline St., Milton, 9 a.m.

Zoning Board Meeting

Santa Rosa County Administrative Center Boardroom 6495 Caroline St., Milton, 6 p.m.

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Nov. 17

Swearing in/Reorganization Meeting

6495 Caroline St., Milton, 9 a.m.

School Board Oath of Office

4530 Spikes Way, Milton, 9 a.m.

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Santa Rosa County Administrative Center Boardroom

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Nov. 12-19

Reorganization/School Board Regular Meeting Santa Rosa School Board Room 5086 Canal St., Milton, 1 p.m.

Tell us what you think! Letters to the Editor

stories and ad reservations are due at 5 p.m. Letters to the Editor is your chance to write to us and tell us what you think. Letters should not exceed 350 words and must include your full name, mailing address, and phone number. Letters may be edited.

that took place last week. There are a lot of states that have very close counts. As much as I love (good) journalism, I took exception that the media was calling elections before the counts were complete. A week later, they are still not complete and there are legal challenges. However, the media "crowned" a president-elect which may or may not be the PO-TUS in 2021. Time will tell. During the election in **2000**, we all patiently waited for more than 30 days to find the outcome of the election. We can be just as patient now -20 years later - for everything to work its way through the proper legal channels that adhere to the **Constitution**. It isn't over until the states ratify the votes per the **Constitution**, **Article II**. I am sure both sides want there to be full transparency in the tabulating process because they do not want there to be any question that whoever wins did so legitimately and that every single legal vote is counted for the person they intended to vote for. If you would like a handy pocket-sized constitution, we have five left at the office. If you haven't read the Constitution as an adult, there isn't a better time than now.

There is an awesome organization in Milton, A HOPE. Their mission is to educate the community so fewer animals are euthanized. This Saturday is A HOPE's annual adoption event and animal fest. Maribeth with Navarre Press will be there from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Bagdad Mill**

Site Park. There will be **\$10** microchipping if you are one of the first 100 in line ExtralExtral with your pet.

Quote of the RAIDERS!

Week: "To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded to the human race." -Calvin Coolidge, (1872-1933) 30th president of the United States.



Bay Bridge repair on schedule

Submitted photo

According to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), two damaged spans of the Pensacola Bay Bridge have already been removed. Bridge contractor Skanska USA has also recovered 22 of the 27 barges that broke free during Hurricane Sally, damaging the bridge. The repair project is progressing on or ahead of schedule on all fronts, according to FDOT, and the projected reopening continues to be March 2021.

Local children create fire safety videos New faces joining Milton







Holley Navarre Fire Department celebrated two local families last month for the winning the Fire Prevention Video Contest by delivering pizza in their firetrucks to the winners. Fire Marshal Joe Early and firefighters Tyler Gifford, Wade Folsom and Johnny Robertson presented dad Terrance Brown and his children King, Xavier, Anthony and Cam with their cheesy prize. Early joined firefighters Daniel Tolar, Earner Harris and Chris Wells to celebrate Maddox and Mason Blixt's win.

Both families created videos demonstrating fire safety plans for exiting the house in the event of a fire. They also shared helpful tips for keeping families safe such as checking doors with the back of your hand in the event of a fire and regularly checking smoke detectors. Check the videos out at Facebook.com/NavarrePress.

City Council

Submitted photo Milton's newly elected city council members Matt Jarrett, **Roxanne Meiss and incumbent** Jeff Snow celebrated late Nov. 3. Jarrett unseated incumbent Peggi Smith by nearly 10% of the vote, and Meiss edged out Johnson by 166 votes. Snow fended off challenger Cecilia Folzman by 151 votes.

Important Phone Numbers:

Santa Rosa County Animal Services 850-983-4680

SRC Development Services (code compliance, flooding issues) 850-981-7000

SRC Mosquito Control: 850-981-7135

Central Landfill Monday — Saturday 7:00 am — 5:00 pm 6337 Da Lisa Road, Milton 850-623-9843 (Also take household hazardous waste)

SRC Library 850-981-7323

SRC Public Works Road and Bridge (potholes) 850-626-0191

Navarre Chamber (NBACOC) 850-939-3267

Santa Rosa County Schools 7:30am-4:00pm 5086 Canal Street Milton, FL 32570 (850) 983-5000

Property Appraiser, **Greg Brown:** 6495 Caroline Street, Suite K, Milton Florida 32570 Phone: (850) 983-1880

Tax Collector: Stan Colie Nichols 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, FL 32570 850-983-1800

Beach Pavilion Reservations: 850-981-8882

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City of Gulf Breeze (850) 981-2270

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NAVARRE PRESS COMMUNITY Mother, daughter graduate together

By Kaitie Meyer

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Some high school graduates move far away from their moms to go to college. They are excited to finally have independence and find their place in this world without mom watching their every move.



Mother and daughter Holly Bartlett and Aubrey Hedlund make a coffee run before nursing class.

eight children, who range in age from 8 to 30.

Both women plan to continue their education online through Purdue University and earn their Bachelor of Science in nursing. First, they must pass one final exam to become a registered nurse - the NCLEX or the National Council Licensure Examination, which they both plan to take this winter.

Bartlett started college when she was younger, but none of her credits transferred over from her school in Alaska. She was a dental assistant for six years and then became a stay-at-home mom.

"I always wanted to finish college and I wanted to have a career of my own. I just wasn't really sure what I wanted vet," Bartlett said.

She kept telling herself for years that she was too old to go back. Then, when her daughter was in school, she said, "Aubrey, let's go get our nursing degree" and Hedlund agreed.

Bartlett said that having so many children helped her learn a necessary skill for nursing multitasking.

"Being able to prioritize and del-egate, all those things that come with nursing, I did those every day for years as a mother," she said.

Hedlund will turn 23 a few days after she graduates. She also has a child, who will turn 2 the day after her birthday. She went into labor on her birthday in 2018.

"I think the biggest motivation oth-

That was not the case for 22-year-old Navarre native Aubrey Hedlund. She went through the Pensacola State College registered nursing (RN) program alongside her mother, Holly Bartlett. Both of them will be graduating next month from the accelerated

RN program. They took almost every class together. The mother and daughter duo started taking prerequisites August 2018 and starting the nursing program August 2019.

Hedlund is the third oldest child of Bartlett's

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Hedlund and Bartlett must complete 10 required 12-hour clinical shifts to graduate.

Right before they started the program, Bartlett's mother and Hedlund's grandmother also died. The nurses came in and held Bartlett through some of the hardest times in her life.

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"That was another moment where I will never forget those nurses, they were just the most extraordinary human beings,"Bartlett said.

'Throughout my life one common denominator I have seen in exemplary nurses is that they have known and experienced the deep pain and vulnerability of loss on a personal level and the empathy cultivated through those experiences cannot be quantified," she said."It changes the trajectory of their lives in immeasurable ways, leaving them with an unshakable desire to 'pay it forward' to others experiencing the same."



er than going with my mom was me being pregnant, because I started my prerequisites when I was pregnant," she said.

Hedlund said her mom has really helped her find direction. After high school Hedlund said she was kind of stubborn and didn't want to go back to college.

"I was working fast food and then whenever I got pregnant that's when I was like I need to get my life back on track," she said. "That's when my mom mentioned that she wanted to go back to school, so we did it together."

The mother and daughter researched different career paths together, but ultimately decided on nursing because there are so many opportunities and they wanted to make an impact.

Bartlett has helped her daughter throughout this process, but said she's been equally helped by Hedlund.

"It's been so many years since I've been in school, and I was like'I don't know if I can do this' and Aubrey was always so confident and said we'd be fine' and we were," she said.

The women faced their share of challenges along the wav.

After Bartlett's sister died at 46, she took going back to school for nursing more seriously.

"My sister's nurse was wonderful and left such an im-nursing school together pression on me," she said. "She treated her with so much dignity and my sister had no brain activity, but she would treat her with respect."

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Submitted photos by

Brendan Bartlett Mother and daughter Holly Bartlett and Aubrey Hedlund started registered get pinned as nurses from Pensacola State College in December.

The mother and daughter spent many sleepless nights together studying their nursing material.



Bartlett and Hedlund walk hand in hand as they approach graduation from their registered nursing program together.

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Back in mid-March when it felt like the world as we knew it was ending, all three of my adult children were ejected from their schools and sent home to their childhood bedrooms.

One of them, in an effort to fight the inevitable sadness, made herself take advantage of one of Yale University's most popular classes – The Science of Happiness.

She wasn't feeling it initially but forced herself through it until she eventually actually began to feel better. When she was especially inspired, she'd share what she learned with me. I mostly refrained from telling her that the Yale professor was, in many cases, saying the same things I'd been saying her whole life.

But that would not have made either of us any happier, so I zipped it most of the time.

One of the lessons that stuck with her was the importance of gratitude. Each night she made a list of five things she was grateful for and her focus reminded me of the importance of that action.

I took time every day to be grateful for the opportunity COVID afforded me to spend time with my children, who would have otherwise fledged the nest and would never under normal circumstances have spent six months under my roof.

I could write an entire column on being grateful because it is actually a habit of mine. And I will almost certainly do that for our Thanksgiving Day paper.

But what I'm hoping you take away from this isn't my gratitude, but your own. I have been editor of the Navarre Press for two months and met some of you, but most of you have not crossed my path.

I know many but not all of you live locally. I'm guessing that it's been a rough year. I'm asking you to take a moment to tell me what you're grateful for, despite COVID and hurricanes and financial stress and the inevitable pain and sadness that comes with being human. You can email me at wendy@navarrepress. com. You can message me on Facebook at either the Navarre Press page or my own, Wendy Rudman. You can even call or text me at 850-598-0176. It can be one word. It can be 1,000. It can be a picture. I'm hoping that out of this request, I have enough to put together something else for our Thanksgiving Day paper – something that reflects this community. It may not work. You all may read this and decide not to put yourself out there.

Navarre raises more than \$10,000 for a wheelchair accessible vehicle

By Kaitie Meyer kaitie@navarrepress.com

Nearly 300 people packed the parking lot of Palm Harbour Plaza Sunday afternoon in support of Elis Hines. The 22-year old was paralyzed nearly seven months ago in a skateboarding accident, leaving him in a wheelchair. The Vine Wine Bar, Bistro & Shoppe hosted a Chili and Wings Cookoff Fundraiser Nov. 8 with all proceeds going toward buying Hines a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Hines was blown away by the outpouring of support from the town he grew up in.

"I appreciate everybody here. It's great to see how this community comes together," Hines said. "I'm like awestruck honestly. I don't even really know what words to say. It's beautiful."

He is excited to hopefully have his own wheels soon and gain his independence back.

"It'll just be nice to get back out on the road and go wherever I want anytime, not having to be like 'Hey, can you come get me?'"he added.

Hines is especially appreciative to Erin and David Crumbley for putting this fundraiser together.

"I've known Elis for a couple of years. The situation happened and I wanted to do something good for him and his family because I know how much they're going through as far as financially, emotionally and physically," Erin Crumbley said.

She said it was overwhelming and awesome to have such a large turnout at the fundraiser and she hopes with all the donations that they'll be able to fund the vehicle.

Hines's stepdad estimated the price of a used wheelchair accessible vehicle to be around \$15,000. Sunday's event raised \$10,454. The total came from a collection of live auction items, raffle ticket items donated from 30 various local businesses, chili and wing tasting tickets and entry fees, and monetary donations from generous citizens. Hines's occupational therapist Montana Staggs from West Florida Hospital came out to show her support for the patient who is exceeding expectations. "Eventually we want him to transition to being able to tolerate standing and, fingers crossed, walking, but it takes a lot of work and a lot of ded-



Hines's surfer friends huddled around him to present his custom-made surfboard autographed by all of them with a special message of support.



17-year-old Skylar Pate painted the hottest item at the live auction at Hines's fundraiser. This sea turtle painting auctioned off for \$1,300 Sunday evening.





Photos by Kaitie Meyer

I understand. But I hope you do.

Before you put down this paper, grab your phone and share something good about your life, whether it's a flower in your garden, the dog that curls up with you in front of the television, or a seashell you picked up on the beach.

It could be your husband or your child or the gift of life your parents gave you long ago. It could be God or your church or a favorite pair of shoes.

I hope to hear from you, now or in the future.

You know every way to reach me. I write these columns not because I want to hear myself talk but because I hope they turn into conversations.

Thanks for taking the time to read. And even if you don't decide to share, please be grateful for just one thing today.



Hines thanks his occupational therapist Montana Staggs for coming out to his fundraiser Sunday afternoon.

ication to get there with his type of injury," she said. "As long as you're putting in the effort and you're dedicating yourself to it, the more you're going to improve."

Hines's friends gave him a blue and green surfboard that his surfer friend, Bailey Bridges, custom-made for him. All of his friends autographed the underside of the board with an encouraging message. Bridges plans to add some modifications to adapt it to Hines's abilities and allow him to surf again – one of the activities Hines says he misses most.

"I'm going to add handles to the back side of the board and there's going to be almost like fins to keep his legs in," Bridges said.

Bridges said he wants to get Hines in a pool to float on the 6-foot board and find his balance point, so that the board can be a perfect fit for him.

custom-maae crafted by his friend Bailey Bridges. Bridges plans to make the surfboard adaptive so Hines can get back on the waves.



Nearly 300 people came out to The Vine Wine Bar, Bistro and Shoppe Nov. 8 in support of Elis Hines.

Hibberts leaves legacy as volunteer, local leader

Staff report

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Van Hibberts, 65, had an opinion about what his community should become, and he was not afraid to share it. Act- **Hibberts**

ing in multiple volunteer leadership roles, he helped to bring that vision to life.

Hibberts died from a heart attack Nov. 5, leaving family, friends and colleagues to mourn. His death was announced by the Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Chamber president and CEO Chanda Ryan remembered Hibberts for his willingness to step up and serve.

"Van was a tremendous asset to our organization, and we are devastated by his passing," Ryan wrote. "He had a quick wit and was always willing to give a helping hand, word of advice or constructive criticism. We will deeply miss Van's vision and leadership in our community."

Hibberts served on the chamber's board of directors during a time of transition as the chamber set up in a new building and expanded its programming to better serve the community.

The businessman owned several businesses throughout his life, but in the last 14 years his attention turned to his role as CEO of Site-Pro Home Inspections. This knowledge of the Land Development Code (LDC) made him an ideal candidate for the Santa Rosa County Zoning Board.

District 4 County Commissioner Dave Piech appointed Hibberts to the volunteer board in January 2019 to make decisions on exceptions to the LDC. Piech said Hibberts experience was only one part of why he chose him for the role.

"He was-how do you put it into words? He was a straightforward, honest hear of Hibberts passing. guy. He had great humor and great integrity. You could trust what he said," Piech said. "There wasn't anything you couldn't ask him and nothing he wouldn't volunteer to do."

During his time with the Zoning Board, Hibberts vocally supported adherence to the letter of the law, calling on his fellow board members to hold the line against exceptions for exceptions sake. He acted as a voice for the interests and expectations of neighboring property owners, playing a role in shaping the county's development path.

Piech said he was shocked and saddened to

According to his obituary, Hibberts was born in Anniston, Alabama in 1955. He studied at Jacksonville State University, where he played basketball, and Rollins College. He was a member of the Gulf Breeze Masonic Lodge No. 347.

Hibberts is survived by his wife Debbie, three children, two grandchildren and other family and friends.

Services were held Tuesday at Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel. Remembrances and sympathies can be shared at HarperMorrisMemorialChapel.com/obituary/ Van-Hibberts.



NOVEMBER 12-18, 2020

By Wendy Victora Rudman editor@navarrepress.com

More than a half-dozen Santa Rosa County employees, including three from the environmental services office, have recovered 120 turtles from the former retention pond in Navarre Park.

The turtles – some of whom were native and others abandoned pets – have been living in the pond, along with some crabs, minnows and at least one shrimp.

With the Navarre Park renovation underway, the critters are being relocated to new homes.

Knee-deep in muck the employees chased and scooped the animals into bins.

The total included cooters, musk turtles, snapping turtles and softshell turtles, all native to Florida. They also found red-bellied sliders and yellow-bellied sliders, according to Brandi Bates, one of the county's public information officers.

The animals they recovered are being relocated to different places, depending on whether they are native or not.

Native creatures have been moved to a county-owned pond. The sliders were handed over to a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission certified wildlife rehabilitator.

The rehabilitator and an assistant were on hand for the removal process.

"We are doing absolutely everything we can possibly think of," Bates said.



Santa Rosa County Environmental office employees Shelley Alexander and Tanya Linzy, alongside Santa Rosa UF/IFAS Sea Grant Agent Chris Verlinde, were among those capturing and relocating turtles from the former retention pond at Navarre Park.



Turtles were sorted into bins with other turtles of the same type. Some were native to Florida while others were pets that had been dumped there over the years. The turtles proved difficult to catch in the shallow muddy water. Staff members returned for a second day to catch the ones they missed the first time.

Senior center to hold off on

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By Wendy Victora Rudman

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The Navarre Senior Center held its first general membership meeting in nearly eight months Friday.

Members, masked and socially distanced, discussed the new slate of potential officers, strict protocols for their election and how many members they had lost since the last time they gathered.

None were due to COVID-19, said President Nelda Seever.

There was some discussion over when activities could safely resume and although some were in favor of bringing them back sooner, the decision was made to not do anything at least until after the first of the year.

Activity leaders had been contacted before the meeting and either did not reply or said they were not ready to resume. Board members concurred.

"We just feel like we need to be careful," Seever said.

That was disappointing to members like Rita, who didn't give her last name. She said she was grateful to at least see everyone again.

"I'm blessed to see everyone here," she said at the close of the meeting. "I only have my daughter to talk to, and it gets annoying. I need to see people more my age."

After the meeting she said that she has been extremely limited with her activities, typically leaving the house only on Sundays to see her grandchildren.

To say she misses the senior center would be an understatement.

"It's utterly fantastic," she said."Everyone is so friendly."

Q&A with the new superintendent of schools

By Wendy Victora Rudman editor@navarrepress.com

Superintendent-elect Karen Barber officially takes the lead of Santa Rosa County School District Nov. 17.

Navarre Press **Barber** asked her to share her vision for the district over the next four years. tiple pathways for industry certification and college and career participation.

My dream is to establish 'Family Opportunity Centers' in each community and school throughout our county. Each Opportunity Center will reflect the unique needs of our students and communities and focus on four of COVID-19. The economic forecast for the next several years will hopefully show an eventual recovery, but meanwhile, we will have to scrutinize every expenditure, reduce spending and yet not compromise the quality of education our children deserve. This will take discipline, transparency, sacrifice and clear communication. We will start with a School Board Financial Workshop at 1 p.m., Dec. 10 and then create a 5-year strategic plan developed with community input that prioritizes and enhances the educational opportunities we provide students while recruiting and retaining talented educators."

when social distancing is not possible). This requirement truly challenges school districts in meeting the needs of students and providing them with consistent and high-quality education. To meet this challenge, we have developed a four-step plan.

1. Provide the student with a laptop and internet connectivity if needed to use at home while in quarantine.

utilize CARES Act funding to ensure these services and supports are provided."

Why did you want to be superintendent?

"As the oldest of six children, I have been blessed with a stable and loving home. My parents also fostered, so I was able to see firsthand that not every child has the advantages or support I was fortunate to have. I want to be superintendent to ensure that every student who receives an education in Santa Rosa County, regardless of their circumstances, receives an outstanding education provided by talented and dedicated educators. I want our students to have every advantage and opportunity to develop into happy, productive and successful citizens."

for 33 years and have experience at the pre-K, elemen-tary, middle school, high school and college level. I have served in the Navarre, Gulf Breeze, Milton and Chumuckla communities. As a special education teacher, school principal and Director of Federal Programs, I have been a fierce advocate for our students. Excellence in the classroom, supporting our educators and families and collaborating with our community are priorities for me. My husband, Dr. Michael Barber, and I moved to Santa Rosa County 24 years ago with our four children, courtesy of the Air Force. We love Santa Rosa County and feel fortunate to live in this community! To lead our school district into the future is the highest honor of my life, and I look forward to working with our educators, families and community members."

Tell us about a dream you have for the district — something you hope to implement or expand during your term.

"The vision Santa Rosa District Schools has for our students is that they become productive, successful contributors to society. Accordingly, our mission is to prepare students for success by providing a superior, relevant education. As a school district, we cannot achieve this vision fully without strong partnerships with our students and their families. Increasing family engagement and strengthening the partnership between the school district and families is essential.

Santa Rosa District Schools has a high school graduation rate of 87%. My goal is to increase our graduation rate by 5% in the next four years and to create mulmain areas:

1. Provide educational opportunities to parents and guardians that enable them to support their child's education during their K-12 experience and successful transition to college and career.

2. Provide career and educational opportunities for parents and guardians that lead to employment and career development for parents and guardians.

3. Engage families in volunteer opportunities that support the district and school vision.

4. Provide a one-stopshop for resources and support families may need to be healthy and focused on providing that superior, relevant education to each student."

What do you anticipate being the biggest challenge?

"Our state, county and school district are experiencing financial uncertainty due to the economic effects

There's a lot of conversation in the community now about COVID-19 and how to handle it in the schools. Can you share your thoughts on strategies moving forward?

"The executive order issued by Governor Ron DeSantis and the public health advisories issued by the Florida Department of Health, require school districts to be 'consistent with safety precautions as defined by the Florida Department of Health' (14 day quarantine for anyone in close contact with a COVID-19 case and wearing a face covering



2. Provide high quality assignments through an online platform, along with remote instruction during the school day or before or after school.

3. Provide supplemental instruction (tutoring) to ensure students stay engaged and do not fall behind in their instruction.

4. Schedule times before or after school for quarantined students to safely come to school and take scheduled tests.

The school district will

Tell us a little about yourself.

"I have been an educator



Meet your government

By Jamie Gentry

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Whether it's the roads on which you ride to school, the ballpark where you play sports or even the water you drink and use to shower, local government impacts your daily life.

Though most people can tell you who the president is, often we don't know much about the people that make decisions that impact us the most!

In Santa Rosa County, decisions are made by a five-person board known as the board of county commissioners. Each commissioner serves the whole county and is elected by the whole county; however, each commissioner must live in a specific district and represents that district's needs.









Being a county commissioner is a full-time job. Commissioners in Santa Rosa County are paid \$69,262 a year.

Hey Teachers! Santa Rosa County Christmas card contest

'Tis the season for third- through fifth-graders to get creative with the Santa Rosa County's Christmas card contest.

The theme for design is "Christmas in My Community."Young Santa Rosa County artists may submit a hand-drawn work of art they create for a chance to win a \$100 cash prize and a party for their class with doughnuts from Milton Bakery, donated by Commissioner Sam Parker.

A winner will be selected for each of the three grades countywide.

Entries must be hand-drawn, adhere to the contest theme and must be an original concept, not a copy of copyrighted material.

Artwork must be delivered (unfolded) to the Santa Rosa County Commissioners' office, 6495 Caroline Street in Milton or a county library by 4:30 p.m. Nov. 20. For the required registration form, visit www.santarosa.fl.gov. For questions, call 850-983-1877.





Samples of last year's winners

Submitted photos County Commissioners honored Whitney Morrill, Adan Williamson and Ryan Laubaugh, winners of the 2019 Santa Rosa County Christmas card coloring contest.







NAVARRE PRESS EDUCATION Scott seeks success for students

By Kaitie Meyer kaitie@navarrepress.com

inclusion Fifth-grade teacher Annie Scott comes from a family with 100 years of teachers. Teaching is in her blood.

'There has never been a doubt in my mind that this is what I wanted to do," she said.

Annie Scott was recently named Teacher of the Year at Holley Navarre Intermediate School, where she has taught for five years.

This is her 10th year teaching. She graduated from Louisiana State University with her degree in elementary education and ESE, K-12 and never planned to be a fifthgrade teacher. She wanted to be an ESE teacher, after spending countless hours in her mom's ESE classroom growing up.

Scott has grown to love the fifth-grade age group.

"They're young enough to where their minds are still open to every possibility in the world. They haven't quite gotten cynical yet," she said. "But they're old enough to understand the world around them and to develop their own thoughts and feelings about it.

"I think if you can fuel that with positivity and love, that's just the best foundation you can give them, especially before



Above: Holley Navarre Intermediate School Teacher of the Year Annie Scott engages her classroom while teaching a figurative language lesson. Left: Fifth-grader Gavin Waters gets clarity from Scott on his onomatopoeia.

they go to middle school," she added.

In between teaching in Louisiana and teaching in

first mate on the Buccaneer pirate ship in Destin, leading their children shows.

Fifth-grader Lannis teacher and lets kids calm Navarre, Scott took a job as Wilkins-Whyms thinks her down,"she said." She lets us

teacher deserves the title Teacher of the Year. "She's a really nice

take time and o u r helps us when we're having problems." The biggest challenge

Scott feels almost all teachers face is balancing academic needs with social and emotional needs.

"Because we do live in such a fast-paced, high stakes academic world,' she said."We want our students to be high achievers, but not at the sake of their emotional well-being."

COVID-19 has also obviously been a challenge at school this year, but it does have some benefits.

"This year we've really been able to focus on getting the kids tech savvy," she said. "We've been able to utilize new online resources that we didn't have before COVID.

There's been a lot of downfalls, but that has been at least one positive."

Her favorite part of her job is watching the children begin accept to the things that she them tells throughout the year.

"I tell them all year long, 'Nothing

is out of your reach. The world is yours for the taking,' and it takes them a while to believe that because I think they're living in a time where people have told them that that's not true."

Unique approach to teaching serves Bryan well at WNI

By Brian Lester

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It's hard for one to determine if room 402 at West Navarre Intermediate School is a concert hall or a classroom.

Janet Bryan's third graders are singing along to



dent inside Bryan's classroom. Newspaper articles that feature former students, including those that have gone on to excel in athletics, consume space on the walls.

Bryan said she often hears from former students.

"One student sent an email and remembered that I played Beatle songs in class. It's really cool to hear from the kids and see what they remember."

music by The Beatles as they work on an art project. This teaching approach is by design and Bryan has leaned on it during her 21 years of teaching. She's been at WNI since 2005.

"I let the kids be creative. They are doing work, reading lyrics and singing. It's a different type of classroom," Bryan said.

But it works, so well in fact that Bryan has been named the school's Teacher of the Year for 2020.

"I was really, really excited," Bryan said. "I get to show off my class. You can't ask for more."

Originally from New York, Bryan planned to go into child psychology, but her daughter had a particular teacher that stood out and that inspired Bryan to go a different route with her career path.



"I saw how my daughter had such fabulous teachers and they let her be creative, and I said if I can do that and have that kind of impact this teacher had on my daughter, it's like being a rock star in your own classroom. I love it." Bryan isn't just about

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Photos by Brian Lester Above: Janet Bryan and her third grade class pose for a picture. Left: Janet Bryan is full of energy as she goes over instructions with her class.

focusing on one subject at a time.

"I incorporate everything into everything to make it interesting," Bryan said. "You don't have to teach things in segregation. You can teach things all at once and they don't

Age: 17

Sara Huston

Class: Class of 2021

Parents: Casey and

even realize they are learning more than one thing at a time."

Principal Shana Dorsey loves the way Bryan teaches. She said that's a big reason why she earned this year's honor.

"She cares deeply for her students and does an amazing job of developing relationships with them," Dorsey said."Ms. Bryan has a talent for creating engaging and fun lessons for her students that both inspire and challenge them. She encourages collaboration and fosters the love of learning on a daily basis."

Those relationships Dorsey mentions are evi-

Bryan added that her students give her energy.

"If I'm bored, they are bored," Bryan said. "I can't stand just sitting there and not do something with them. I have to be doing something."

Bryan said one of the best things about teaching is that it never gets old.

"Every year is like Christmas," Bryan said. "You get a new batch of kids and you know they are in your room for a reason. It's very rewarding. I don't think I could ever do anything else because I'd be bored.'



School subject: Reading Extracurricular activity: Football/ baseball/weightlifting Hobbies: Playing guitar/outdoors-

man Car: 78' K10 Pickup Store: Eastbay **Musical Artist:** Tyler Childers Movie: "A Knight's Tale" TV show: "Friends"

Cafeteria food must-have: N/A Last book read that wasn't required: "All Creatures Great and Small" Pet peeve: Loud areas Person most admired: My father Person I'd like to meet: Koe Wetzel Items always in my locker: Sports equipment First job: Juana's Pagodas Grill Top accomplishment: Being able to balance academics and athletics well

Future

After-graduation plans: To continue my academic and athletic career through college Career goal: Become a well-educated physical therapist



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NAVARRE 7 Four home improvement ideas

Family Features

Whether you're thinking about a bathroom update, kitchen overhaul or any other type of home improvement project, these tips from the experts at the National Association of the Remodeling Industry and eLivingtoday.com can help you get started.

Create a plan

Improving your home can be one of the most exciting projects to undertake. Start by setting realistic expectations, determining your goals and needs, finding inspiration and, perhaps most importantly, setting a budget.

Renovate the bathroom

You can improve your home's usability and increase its value with bathroom updates or a full renovation. Before you get started, think about these factors: the amount of space and storage you need, features that are important to you, sustainability concerns and accessibility considerations.



Update the kitchen

The kitchen serves as command-central for most homes, and you can get the most enjoyment out of yours by making purposeful changes, reconsidering the physical space, re-evaluating your shopping style and choosing appliances with care.

Start a remodel

If it's time for a serious undertaking, a full-blown remodel may be necessary (or simply desired). Remodeling typically calls for hiring a professional contractor, a process you can go about by gathering



local recommendations, asking for licensing and insurance, checking references and comparing bids.

Find more home improvement ideas and solutions at remodelingdoneright.com and eLivingtoday.com.

Tips for proper use of battery-operated power tools

Family Features

While battery-powered tools are convenient options for efficiently tackling projects both around the house and on the job site. contractors and DIYers alike still need to know how to safely operate and handle



and knock-off batteries can be difficult to distinguish from OEM, it is important to purchase batteries from authorized dealers and distributors. If you have questions about your battery being a genuine OEM product, contact the power tool manufacturer.

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These counterfeit and knock-off batteries have not been evaluated as a part of the tool, battery and charging system where an independent certification lab such as UL, CSA or ETL tests and evaluates the product for compliance with ANSI and internationally accepted safety standards. For cordless power tool"systems," these standards evaluate the tool, battery and charger to ensure proper communication between those items and the ability to monitor and

control critical functions, such as cell voltage bal-

> ance, power delivery and temperatures. Using a lithium-ion battery that is not specifically designed for a specific tool and charger system can result in poor performance, shorter life and damage to the tool and charger. This can also void a tool's warranty or cause a battery to fail, which may cause a fire or explosion that could lead to personal injury or property damage. Because some counterfeit

In addition to the potential dangers of using unauthorized batteries, the higher energy potential in lithium-ion batteries, even OEM ones, can lead to potential damage when misused. Before operating a battery-powered tool, consider these tips for safe selection, use, transportation and disposal from the experts at the Power Tool Institute – the leading organization for power tool safety resources, information and education – and its members, who represent power tool brands.

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Raiders complete first unbeaten season since 2015 with win over Bulldogs



By Brian Lester brian@navarrepress.com

Chants of Let's Go Raiders boomed from the visitor's section of Jack Foster Stadium.

Along the sideline, Navarre's football players showed an extra bounce in their step, raising their helmets in the air in the final minutes of a 30-13 road win over Crestview.

The celebration continued into the locker room late Thursday night, chants of undefeated echoing through it as the Raiders (6-0) celebrated their first unbeaten regular season since 2015.

It wasn't a full regular season because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, it's an accomplishment.

"It kind of doesn't feel the same. But we did beat every team ahead of us," senior running back Jaden Rivera said. "Every challenge, we accepted, and we came up winners."

This season presented challenges. Navarre lost one game to Hurricane Sally and another because of COVID exposure.

Raider head coach Jay Walls admits there were concerns if the season would even happen -- the summer began with temperature checks, answering COVID questions and scaled back workouts.

"Our kids persevered,"



the board. We definitely left points on the field tonight."

Rivera now has more than 800 yards and 14 touchdowns.

"He's been running hard and the O-line is a big part of it," Walls said. "They've done a good job of run blocking. To have any success in the playoffs, we're going to have to be able to run and throw."

Navarre had success throwing the ball, with Jason Deal and Zach Marquis both connecting on scoring strikes to Trent Hall. His first catch on a ball that sailed over the defender put Navarre up 7-0 with 8:26 left in the first.

He caught a second TD pass in the third that gave the Raiders a 27-7 lead.

Preston Penton drilled a 42-yard field goal in the fourth. There were other opportunities for Navarre to put more points on the board. Dropped passes on wideopen plays negated that.

The defense made sure the Bulldogs (1-6) never closed the gap. It gave up one big play for a touchdown in the first half and then a touchdown as time expired.

Navarre spent most of the night harassing Crestview in its backfield, even swatting down a couple of pass attempts.

"Our defense basically shut them out in the second half. We started subbing in a lot of guys to try to get everyone in the game,"Walls said.

Walls said. "What a great effort by our kids this year. There were a lot of distractions. We were fortunate to get it done."

Senior offensive lineman Elijah Melendez was among the five starting offensive linemen who had to quarantine a few weeks ago.

The offensive line has since returned and hasn't missed a beat.

"It was a terrible feeling being out but I knew I had to watch film and keep the guys up the best I could," Melendez said. "We had Zoom meetings and I also trained on my own. When I came

Photos by Dickie Williams Grady Kelly blocks a pass attempt by Crestview quarterback Marquis McCoy. Kelly was a force all night as the Raiders held the Bulldogs offence in check, allowing only one touchdown until Crestview scored on the final play of the game.

back, I came back better than I was before."

Melendez and his fellow linemen were their usual selves on a cool November evening, paving the way for the Raider offense to crank

out more than 300 yards for the fourth time.

That included a 147-yard effort out of Jaden Rivera, who hit the 100-yard mark for the seventh time in his last nine games.

Rivera's 23-yard touchdown looked effortless as he sliced through the defense and gave Navarre a 14-0 lead with 3:50 left in the first quarter.

His second score came on

3-yard run straight up the middle, extending the Raider advantage to 21-0 with 8:26 to play in the opening half.

"It felt like a stat night," Rivera said. "We should have put more points on

handled it well. We have to stay hungry." g the Raider 0 with 8:26 "We can't take our foot

"We can't take our foot off the gas pedal. We have to keep the momentum going into the playoffs," Rivera said.



Kamal Rustom manages to make the tackle by a thread on a kickoff return.



Jaden Rivera rushed for 147 yards and two touchdowns on the night.



A bye week awaits Navarre before it begins its road to a 7A state title. The Raiders play either Creekside or Buccholz next Friday at Bennett C. Russell Stadium. "Everyone is 0-0 and we

have to build on what we've done this year," Walls said.

"You worry about relaxing or

getting a big head, but we've



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Maybe I missed the memo. Maybe I was left off the press release list that was sent out by the Florida High School Athletic Association.

Or maybe I just need to clean out my email because an important one from the FHSAA is buried under the rubble of other emails that include requests for your checking account number so that you can have \$100,000 deposited into your bank today.

At any rate, please forgive me if I'm still scratching my head in my attempts to figure out when TBD became the name of a stadium in Florida and where exactly is it located.

Oh wait. My bad. TBD isn't the name of some fancy new stadium with a jumbotron, a concourse with delicious food options, comfortable seats, locker rooms that would make a pro team jealous and the best artificial turf money can buy.

Nope. TBD is short for we have no clue yet on where we are going to play the high school football state championship games for 4A-8A.

Did I mention it's November and that we are just over a month away from those games actually being played?

One would think a lot of planning is required to make a state championship event happen, and one would also think that more than a month is required to make said state championship event happen.

Then again, it is 2020 where chaos rules and very few things make sense.

Daytona was the location for those state title games a year ago. But it was a one and done thing.

The governing body of high school athletics in this state opted to"mutually abandon" the final two years of the deal in Daytona, which is a nice of saying we want nothing to do with the dumpster fire that burned in 2019 during state championship weekend.

There were parking issues, traffic issues, scoreboard malfunctions, clock failures and internet and cell phone service were so horrible you'd

Losquadro caps stellar career at state meet

By Brian Lester brian@navarrepress.com

Luke Losquadro played football until his freshman year of high school at Navarre.

A tough day at practice changed everything.

He was on special teams and someone ran into him. His hand broke as a result.

"During surgery, I was thinking I need to get out of (football)," Losquadro said. "After going to practice my sophomore year, I realized I could be pretty good at swimming."

Two years later, Losquadro finished up his swimming career with an appearance at the 4A state meet in Stuart Saturday.

The senior competed in both the 50 and 100 freestyle, placing in the top 16 in both.

Losquadro recorded a 22.06 in the 50, taking 15th, and clocked in with a 48.37 in the 100, good enough for 16th.

They weren't his fastest times but still impressive. "I was a little tired and I

think that's just from three

straight weeks of racing, but it was awesome to be there,"

against many of the top swimmers in the state at he'd be up against at state.

Still, there were nerves. "Once you get on the blocks, there are butterflies," Losquadro said." A lot of these guys had D1 offers. I remember looking over at one kid I was against that was a second away from the national record."

He never imagined he'd ever compete at state or

Through extra hours in the pool doing both high school and club swimming, Losquadro carved out a reputation as one of the area's top swimmers.

He remembers watching his brother, Jake, swim the 100 a couple of years ago and saw him break 50 seconds in it.

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"I thought it was insane and that I could never go that fast. I didn't think breaking 50 was even humanly possible," Losquadro said.

But he pulled it off, hit-

ting a school-record 47.32 in the 100.

He broke the 50 free record as well (21.67). Both were accomplished at the regional meet.

"That 50 record was one that I really wanted to beat," Losquadro said.

His ability to do it is a credit to the improvements he has made in the pool.

"I'm proud of how good my dive and flip turn has gotten. That's where I tried to improve the most," Losquadro said.

With his high school career behind him, he hasn't ruled out swimming in col-

"I'm not going to make the FSU (Florida State University) team, but I'll most likely go to FSU and swim club and then keep working and hopefully make the team the next year," Losquadro said. "Or I may go to another school. I haven't decided yet."

What he does know is he'll forever have a place in school history.

"My name is on the state (meet) shirt. I'm so proud of that," Losquadro said.





Luke Losquadro competed in both the 50 and 100 freestyle at the state swim meet in Stuart. Losquadro said.

Losquadro competed both the district and regional, so he knew what break records.

swear it was 1995 instead of 2019.

It wasn't the finest hour for championship weekend in football. And when you consider the way Florida is viewed when it comes to high school football, it's really an embarrassment.

What the FHSAA needs to do is find an NFL stadium or major college football stadium that is available the weekend of Dec. 17-19 and use that for its title games. Not just this year but for every year moving forward.

There's no excuse why a state considered one of the best in the nation for high school football is playing its championship games in a high school stadium or even Camping World Stadium, which is where those games used to be played.

I get it no one likes the idea of a stadium looking half empty because there aren't enough fans that attend championship weekend to fill a place like Doak Campbell, Ben Hill Griffin or Raymond James.

The focus, though, shouldn't be on the number of fans in attendance but rather the experience for the athletes. I assure you they will be much more excited about playing on the same field as the Florida Gators or the Tampa Bay Bucs instead of some high school stadium in Tallahassee or wherever.

Other states do it. Florida should as well.

Rachel Leggett follows

through on her shot.

Unless, of course, TBD is really the name of a new stadium I don't know about. In that case, I have an email or memo to dig up.



By Brian Lester

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Every so often Navarre head girls basketball coach Abby Fogg will remind her team of the gut-wrenching ending to last season.

That district tourney semifinal against Pace she references went to three overtimes, and ultimately it was a 17of-29 showing from the freethrow line that doomed the Raiders' upset bid in an 81-74 loss.

Junior standout Rachel Leggett is all too familiar with those reminders.

"She brings it up a lot," Leggett said."It's one of the examples she makes of making free throws and playing all the way through."

Leggett has no plans to let something like that happen again. One of only a handful of experienced players on a young team, she knows a lot of what the Raiders do rests on her shoulders.

"Last year was my first one playing basketball in high school. didn't know what to expect," Leggett said."I didn't have to be a leader last year. This year I do."

A lot is also expected out of Mickey Vollmer, Skye Burleson, Tailor Ernst, Alyssa Herrick, Hailey Smith and Olivia Warren.

Vollmer is a junior. The other four are seniors.

"We have a hard-working group. They want to be here and they want to get things done,"Fogg said.

Fogg plans to employ a different brand of basketball as she begins

her fourth season at the helm, using speed to the team's advantage while still leaning on its usual leave-it-allon-the-floor style of defense.

"We have great energy and a lot of speed, and we're going to try to capitalize on that," Fogg said. "We want to press more, get into our sets guicker and then run the ball a lot more because we don't have anyone that is slow."

Fogg said she doesn't have a lot of depth but that could develop as the season rolls on.

What she does, have is a versatile team.

"I think this group can be interchangeable," Fogg said. "We have players that can play any position and that should make us tough to guard."

That includes Leggett, who should be one of the area's top scoring threats this season.

"Last year all I did was drive and people picked up on that," Leggett said. "Coach Fogg has worked with me to be an all-around player."

While the Raiders will bring a different look on the offensive end of the floor, they plan to maintain a high level of intensity on defense.

"We're still going to be aggressive and it's something we like to pride ourselves on," Fogg said. "We will press a lot more this year and have been working on training them to get into the press right away rather than wait for me to tell them."

Navarre is scheduled to play a pair of preseason games this week at Pace before tipping off the regular season Nov. 17 at home against West Florida.

The Raiders won 13 games last season, the most since 2016, and Fogg knows nothing comes guaranteed this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

She's hopeful Navarre will make it through the year and have a shot to compete for a district title.

"We still feel like we can be one of the top teams,"Fogg said."I like this team a lot. I think this group is going to surprise people."

Leggett has confidence that it can.

"I want to help lead us to something we've never done before,"Leggett said."We want to get our name out there and let people know who Navarre is."



Navarre head coach Abby Fogg leads her team through a drill in practice.

Weightlifting Raider weightlifting team off to strong start

By Brian Lester brian@navarrepress.com

Jada Thomas said she didn't want to push herself too much in the first girls weightlifting meet of the season last Wednesday afternoon.

But being the competitor that she is, the senior attempted a few bonus lifts to test her strength.

Officially, Thomas recorded a 180-pound bench press and a 170-pound clean-andjerk, giving her a total of 350, an effort that helped propel the Raiders to a 72-12 win over Gulf Breeze.

Thomas was glad just to be back in the weight room for a meet that counts.

"I feel great about it," Thomas said. "I was trying to stay conservative and not over-lift too much. I did pretty good."

Navarre finished as the 2A state runner-up a year ago. Thomas said the COVID-19 protocol the lifters must follow, including wearing masks, hasn't slowed their desire to succeed.

"Everyone has been working their tails off," Thomas said. "Even with masks on, it doesn't affect us."

The Raiders won every weight class against the Dolphins. Navarre head coach Garrett Bagley said his team exceeded expectations.

"As far as competing and knowledge and technique, I was impressed," Bagley said. "They did better than I thought. The first couple of meets are usually rough, but we have some experienced lifters and they have spread their knowledge pretty well."

Jelina Bly won the 101-pound weight class with a combined lift of 290 pounds. Kari Brewton took first at 110 (235).

Bella Martin (265) took the top spot at 119 and Eliana Colon recorded a combined lift of 280 to take first in the 129-pound division.

Ariel Michel (320) was first at 139 pounds while Deja Olson (280) and Jacey Harper tied with the same lift total (280). Olson technically won by virtue of weigh-in before



Deja Olson won the 169-pound weight class for the Raiders in their season-opening meet against Gulf Breeze.

Photos by Brian Lester





the meet.

Mackenzie Prather (275), Izzy Ferrel (185) and Emilia Collins (395) were winners in the 183, 199 and unlimited classes, respectively.

"There is still strength to gain," Bagley said." Our technique looks good but there are a lot of things we can improve on."

Thomas is all about making improvements and doing what it takes to make those happen.

"The mentality is that we don't have the same team we did last year, but we have a great group of girls,"Thomas said. "I'm focused on motivating others and reaching the goals we have set for ourselves."



Garrett Bagley goes over technique with Chloe Robique at last Wednesday's meet.



Teammates cheer on Jada Thomas as she attempts a lift.

Sports Calendar

Varsity Girls Basketball Nov. 17 vs. West Florida, 7 p.m.

JV Girls Basketball Nov. 16 at Gulf Breeze, 4:30 p.m. Nov. 17 vs. West Florida, 5:30 p.m.

Freshman Girls Basketball Nov. 16 at Gulf Breeze, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity Girls Soccer Nov. 14 vs. Maclay, Noon Nov. 17 at Pensacola, 7:30 p.m.

Freshman Girls Soccer Nov. 17 at Pensacola, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity Boys Soccer Nov. 12 vs. Bay, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Catholic, 7 p.m.

JV Boys Soccer Nov. 12 vs. Bay, 5:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Catholic, 7 p.m.

Freshman Boys Soccer Nov. 17 at Milton, 5:30 p.m.

Girls Weightlifting Nov. 18 at Niceville, 4 p.m.



NHS Athlete of the Week



Sport: Football Parents: Dwayne and Renee Marquis Class: 2021 Plans after graduation: Attending UF to study sports medicine Favorite Subject: History Favorite Store: Dick's Sporting Goods Favorite Sports Memory: Winning county championship at Max Bruner Jr. Middle School Favorite Song: "A Thousand Miles" Favorite Movie: "Rocky" Do you have a pregame routine or superstition? Too many to count What is the toughest thing about being an athlete? Balancing time and focus with family, sports and academics What do you love most about being an athlete? The drive and competition to improve Name three people, dead or alive, that you would love to sit down and have dinner with? My great, great, great, great grandfather, Kobe Bryant and Arnold Schwarzenegger If you could be anyone for a day who would it be and why? Josh Allen. Being a Bills fan and returning to quarterback, Allen and his playing style are exciting to watch.



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Soccer

Navarre splits preseason soccer games



Navarre's girls soccer team split its two preseason matches last week at the NYSA Soccer Complex.

The Raiders knocked off rival Gulf Breeze 5-3 last Wednesday but lost 4-3 to West Florida Saturday.

The big win over the rival Dolphins didn't come easy. It was a back-and-forth affair as head coach Rob Simon was able to test his squad against competition. He tried to give everyone on the team playing time.

"It was an exciting game," Selissa Bly said. "Every time we scored a goal, the Dolphins came right back with a big effort of their own."

The Raiders scored their first goal in the 19th minute by Hunter Wallace. She was assisted by Rae Anne Askfeldt.

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The Raiders' aggressive play on the Dolphins' end of the field by Megan Kirby eventually forced them into an own goal.

Kayla Johnson's first of two goals tied the score at 3-3. Kirby assisted on the play.

"I was called up to the varsitv near the end of last year," Johnson said. "It was a little intimidating. It feels good now."

Kirby scored goal No. 4 on a penalty kick and Johnson closed out the scoring with her second goal.

Simon used all three goal keepers in order to give them experience. Erin Travers led the way with three saves.

Against West Florida, the Jaguars took the opening kickoff and scored in the first minute.

That seemed to awaken the Raiders as Kirby received a nice pass from Katie Kauth and scored from 8 yards out to tie the score.

A minute later, the Jaguars scored to take a 2-1 lead.

In the 11th minute, Wallace received a pass from Kirby and again shot from close range to tie the game.

Up 3-2, the Raiders tied the game when Maia Vacks scored an unassisted goal.

The Jaguars scored the winning goal in the 73rd three saves.



Bella Martin brings the ball up the field in Navarre's game against West Florida.

minute. Travers again made Maia Vacks keeps the ball away from a defender in a game against West Florida.

Motivated Navarre soccer team ready to make its mark

By Brian Lester

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It feels a little different for Navarre's boys soccer team as it hits the field for another practice on a picture-perfect fall afternoon.

There is a new head coach for starters. James Baccarini is now at the helm. This is also a team with 14 seniors, the majority of them seeing significant time last season.

"We had a solid team last vear, but it's definitely been different this year," senior Brady Ackman said. "I think we're going to be on a different level. We're looking forward to having a good season."

Ackman is among the key players back for a Navarre team that won 15 games but endured a painful first-round district tournament exit at the hands of Tate, which handed the Raiders a 1-0 loss.

"It's a very bitter loss. We haven't forgotten it," Ackman said."We're ready to make up for it."

Baccarini believes his team can do just that.

He likes what he's seen in practice and can't wait to see how it translates on the field.

Navarre began its season Tuesday night against Pace at the NYSA Soccer Complex.

"So far, this team has surpassed my expectations,"



Goalie Korey Betts sharpens his footwork skills during a drill in practice

Baccarini said."It hasn't been a lack of skill in the past. It's been focus and intensity. These guys have shown up ready to train and I'm ready to see that transition to game time."

Baccarini has been around the Raider soccer program the past few years and that's given him a chance to know what works and what doesn't.

He has attacked those weaknesses head on and has told his players it's important to always go all-out.

"You take what happened (in the tournament) last year and that shouldn't have happened," Baccarini said. "They have come in determined and with fire. I told them my only expectation is that they walk way from every game feeling like they've done all they can."

The Raiders lost their top offensive threat from a year ago in Jack Patching, who scored a school-record 32 goals.

Still, Baccarini believes the diversity of the offense will serve Navarre well.

"We have a set of skilled strikers and a strong midfield presence. We feel like we can be dynamic in our attack," Baccarini said.

Navarre also has a solid defense as well as two experienced goalies in Korey Betts and Shaun Hughson.

"I love that those two are back there," Baccarini said. "Both have experience and I'm confident in both of them."

The players in front of the goal aren't bad either, with Ackman helping to set the tone.

"We've been playing together for years and we stick together like glue," Ackman said. "The chemistry is there. We are going to be solid in the back."

And motivated. The Raiders are hoping to make the district final for the third time in four years.

"We're going to come out swinging," Ackman said. "This our year to show everyone who we are and how tough we can be."



New Navarre soccer coach James Baccarini goes over what the Raiders will work on in practice.



For God's sake 'Take the detour'

My wife accuses me of having a"cartoon head." I don't think she is implying that my head looks like that of a cartoon character (note to self - get clarification on that detail). What I believe she is referring to is my ability to see wacky, cartoonish humor in life, even in the most mundane things. I come by this trait honestly. For several years, I was one of the key animators for the Scooby Doo cartoons. I was paid to be a "cartoon head."

What goes on in this alleged"cartoon head"is this: I think in pictures and storylines. Often the images and storylines are funny, at least to me. Sometimes, they are fascinating as I gain a new insight into something I had already known. Occasionally, they are sad and unsettling because life can be sad and unsettling. Then, not too infrequently, some of these images and storylines merge under a common theme and render an appealing, even compelling, concept that conveys a useful message. This trait helps me write these columns and my weekly sermons at COMPASS Church.

So, by way of example, a necessary detour made me think of the gospel. Hurricane Sally had damaged my car and repairing it required that I take it to a shop in Pensacola. Of course, the newly constructed span of 3-mile bridge is closed because it was damaged by a runaway barge driven by the same hurricane. This closure has hurt businesses along U.S. Highway 98 because drivers going to Pensacola must make a detour onto State Road 281 and the Garçon Point bridge. This route normally requires a hefty toll, but the FDOT has suspended the toll. I have driven across the Garcon Point bridge more times in the past week than I have in the entire three years I have lived in Navarre. The bridge transects Escambia Bay and East Bay, and the view is spectacular. When I think about this new detour route and what made it necessary, I can't help but think of the gospel – the good news the Bible offers. It is not flawless comparison, but it is helpful. First, there is bad news: sin, like a runaway barge driven by cataclysmic winds entered the world through the disobedience of Adam severing his fellowship with God and any hope of that fellowship for his descendants. But God, who is rich in mercy and love, made a way to bridge the gulf between us and him. He sent his own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to give his life a ransom for many that by faith alone in Christ alone, people could have forever fellowship with God. There is no "toll," no good deeds necessary as an act of payment – Jesus paid it all. The Bible calls us to abandon all other routes, and trust in him alone. Jesus said,"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

FAITH New Life Deliverance church turns vision into action

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Members of the New Life Deliverance Temple Church have found ways to celebrate their faith despite COVID-19 by broadening how services are held.

Editor's note: This is a guest article by one of the church members, Lisa Hiracheta.

In these times of uncertainty and fear over contracting COVID-19, New Life Deliverance Temple Church (NLDTC) has broadened how "church" is being held.

Online live services are offered on Facebook and videos of each sermon are posted to YouTube. Additionally, a new vision was birthed in the advent of the lingering virus threat, according to information provided by the church.

The pastor, Apostle Brenda Williams, received a vision and Bishop Mark Williams put it into action along with help from the men of the congregation. Instead of them not seeing their flock and the flock not seeing them for extended periods of time, a stage was constructed and built in the retention pond on the property of 2105 Panhandle Trail in Navarre.



As one who is on this route, I can tell you, it is a spectacular ride! Take the detour!

The first outdoor service was on Mother's Day 2020.

"At that time, we were conducting outdoor services about once a month," the release said. "Our stage was dressed to look and feel just like we were all indoors, complete with our full band.

"Everyone could see each other safely ... with masks on and everyone socially distanced, members waved, shouted, and honked their horns throughout the service," it continued."What a blessing!

The "parking lot" ministry has only grown and evolved from there.

The first Facebook post was May 3, quickly followed by the first live out-

Their 'parking lot ministry' has allowed New Life Deliverance Temple Church members to come together, while staying safe.

door service May 10.

Since then, the church has expanded its online outreach to include broadcasting live services every Wednesday night and Sunday morning.

Instead of canceling annual out-of-town retreats for marriage, singles, men and women's conferences, the retreats were held on the outdoor stage.

"We've been having fun with our page and with our people," the release said. "Our pastors love their flock so much

that they will get on FB with announcements to delight us with surprises such as to-go barbecue plates and Apostle Williams' handmade, famous banana pudding, German chocolate cake, and pound cake handed out after parking lot services."

The church's Facebook audience has grown since last spring.

"Our little corner has been the source of ginormous food distributions brought to us through these new local connections," the release said.



"So many happy, joyful, and great new things have been birthed out of a seemingly depressed worldwide situation."

Join any of the church's livestream services from the website or on the Facebook page. Services start at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays of 11:30 a.m. Sunday. You may watch via the website livestream at www.nldtc.org or on FB (#nldtc). You may also view past videos on YT by searching Brenda Mae Williams or #nldtc.

Anyone is welcome to join

The New Life **Deliverance Temple** Church built this stage in a retention pond so members could attend and still have plenty of social distance.

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3. Who is the only daughter of Jacob specifically named in the Bible (KJV)? Dinah, Junias, Noadiah, Orpah

4. From 2 Samuel 12, what personality did God name Jedidiah? David, Amos, Solomon, Joab

5. What type water did Jesus offer the Samaritan woman at the well? Fresh, Cool, Living, Clean

6. From John 10, to what type of animals are Christians compared? Camels, Sheep, Lions, Serpents

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Cherubims with a flaming sword; 3) Dinah; 4) Solomon; 5) Living; 6) Sheep (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.



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6C / NAVARRE PRESS HEALTHY The Center for Cosmetic and Family Dentistry Where the South Comes for Smiles





There's a new dentist in town – two actually. Dr. Yola Noumeh and Dr. Greg Stanley are with the The Center for Cosmetic and Family Dentistry, which is coming to Navarre this winter to help patients find their smiles again. The doors are projected to open in December and the grand opening will be in March.

The dentistry, located at 8158 Navarre Parkway, will open right next to Little Caesars in Navarre.

Owner Dr. Dennis Lichorwic opened his first practice in Destin in 1999 and with much hard work, the team was able to open a second location in Panama City Beach in 2010. Following the trend of expanding every decade, Lichorwic will be extending his practice to Navarre at the end of this year.

Their office has more than 70 years of combined experience amongst their six dentists. The Center is able to pro-



with exceptional service in a comfortable relaxing environment. Their goal is to exceed their patients' expectations at every level. They continually raise the standard of dental services with their commitment to education and by providing the best dental care for the community.

Marketing specialist Alyssa Jesmain loves her job because she believes she is marketing something that people really need.

"It's more than confidence," Jesmain said." It's your health too."

The Center for Cosmetic and Family Dentistry loves to give back to their community that they serve. Some of the charities they are involved in are Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center, Sinfonia Gulf Coast and Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation. Dr. Lichorwic got into dentistry because he was inspired by helping people smile and he witnessed how important it is to their whole being.

"Having a healthy, beautiful smile changes someone physically, emotionally and spiritually," he said.

When someone smiles for the first time with their new smile, Lichorwic said he feels proud, honored and joyful.

"There is no better feeling than giving someone back their confidence," he added.

Samantha Draves's smile is evidence of the dedication and results that The Center for Cosmetic and Family Dentistry continually deliver.

Growing up Draves didn't like her smile. "I had many consulta-

tions as a teenager with orthodontists, but they never tist.com to scroll through

for my parents or the plan of action seemed unreasonable,"Draves said.

People thought Draves was unhappy because how rarely she smiled, when in actuality she was very self-conscious of her teeth.

"Then, I found Dr. Lichorwic and The Center for Cosmetic and Family Dentistry and they changed my life," she said. Her treatment consisted of Invisalign, veneers and Zoom Whitening, which dramatically improved her smile and allowed her to get her confidence back.

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False Positives Plague Lung Cancer Screening

Dear Dr. Roach: I'm a 74-year-old female who smoked a pack a day for 40-plus years, having quit smoking about 18 years ago. As a precaution, I asked my primary doctor to order a

screening CT scan, knowing that I'm a candidate for lung cancer. The results showed a 3-mm nodule in one lung, and I was advised not to worry and that my doctor would order another CT scan in six months. I can't help but wonder if this is cancer and if an oncologist, after six months, will ask me why I waited so long to see him. -- T.W.

Answer: Medical professionals have been attempting to screen for lung cancer for decades. Chest X-rays proved insensitive: By the time cancer could be seen on X-ray, it was usually too late to do anything about it. CT scans are much more sensitive (maybe too sensitive; see below), and studies have shown that some lives will be saved with a

screening program. However, the number of people who would benefit is relatively small; 256 moderate-to-heavy smokers would need yearly screening for three years in order to prevent one lung cancer death.

There are two other significant concerns about lung cancer screening. The first is the issue you have now: an abnormal result and what to do about it. It's extremely common. Almost 25% of scans will be abnormal, and 96% of the abnormal results will be false positives. But it will require multiple scans and sometimes an invasive procedure to prove it. This means a great deal of anxiety among people who get the type of result you did.

The small size of your nodule means your risk that this

nodule is cancer is much lower than 1%. A follow-up scan is the usual recommendation, and if the nodule is the same size or smaller, the chance of it being cancer is very close to zero. You should have had a careful explanation of the likelihood of false positive results before getting the scan. You should also have been warned of the possible need for a biopsy and the possible financial costs associated with follow-up testing.

The second concern is that current smokers who consider screening should receive intensive advice and help in quitting smoking. A negative CT scan is not a"clean bill of health" for a smoker and quitting remains the single most important thing most smokers can do for their overall health.



Dear Dr. Roach: How often does a healthy person with perfect vision and no eye concerns need to see an eye doctor? -- D.S.

Answer: A periodic eye exam in someone with no symptoms involves a screening test for vision changes related to aging and other eye diseases, including glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration and cataracts. There are several commonsense reasons for screening, but there has not been good evidence

to support its use. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force does not make a recommendation for or against screening. The Canadian Task Force recommends against it.

By contrast, the American Academy of Ophthalmologists recommends a baseline exam at age 40; visits every two to four years from age 40-54; every year to three years from age 55-64; and annual exams for people 65 and over.

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High cholesterol is one of the major controllable risk factors for coronary heart disease, heart attack and stroke, but typically shows no symptoms. Understanding the role cholesterol plays, potential risk factors and how to manage it are important aspects of protecting your heart health.

LDL cholesterol (low-density lipoprotein) is considered "bad" cholesterol because it contributes to fat buildup in the arteries while HDL cholesterol (high-density lipoprotein) is considered "good" cholesterol as it can carry LDL cholesterol away from the arteries to be broken down and passed from the body.

The LDL cholesterol level is important to monitor and is optimal when it is less than 100 for otherwise healthy people, according to the American Heart Association, which recommends adults age 20 or older should have their cholesterol and other risk factors checked every 4-6 years by their primary care physician with a simple blood test. Cholesterol management is not one size fits all, so those who have already

experienced a heart attack or stroke, or have family history of high cholesterol, may need to have their cholesterol levels and risk factors checked more often and may need to make lifestyle changes or take prescribed medication to help manage cholesterol levels.

Make informed decisions about managing your cholesterol levels and overall health with these tips from the American Heart Association's"Check. Change. Control. Cholesterol" program, nationally supported by Amgen:

Assess your risk. Your health care professional can help determine your risk for a cardiovascular event like heart attack or stroke and help manage your cholesterol as one aspect of preventive care.

Your medical and family history and your lifestyle provide important clues about your risk level. Risk is elevated for people who have had a heart attack or stroke; blockages in the arteries of the heart, neck or legs; chronic inflammatory disease; kidney disease; or other medical concerns. Your health care professional will also consider your age, sex, whether you have diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and if you smoke. Your diet, physical activity levels, alcohol intake and any drugs or supplements you've been taking factor into your risk level, as well.

Eat a heart-healthy diet. From a dietary standpoint, one of the best ways to lower your cholesterol is to avoid foods with saturated fat and trans fat. Limit saturated fat to 5-6% of your daily calories and avoid trans fat, which means limiting intake of processed or fatty meats and full-fat dairy products. Choose low-fat dairy products and lean proteins instead.

A heart-healthy diet emphasizes fruits, vegetables, nuts, legumes, whole grains, lean vegetable or animal proteins and fish while limiting things like trans fats, sodium, processed meats, refined carbohydrates and sugary foods and beverages. Eating this way may also help increase your fiber intake, which can help lower cholesterol levels by as much as 10%.

Be physically active. A sedentary lifestyle lowers HDL cholesterol. Just 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise a week is enough to help lower both LDL cholesterol and high blood pressure. Consider mixing up the options to keep your exercise routine engaging and prevent boredom. Try activities like brisk walking, swimming, bicycling or dancing.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Smoking lowers HDL cholesterol. What's more, when a person with unhealthy cholesterol levels also smokes, his or her risk of coronary heart disease increases more than it would otherwise. Smoking also compounds other risk factors for heart disease, such as high blood pressure and diabetes. By quitting, smokers can lower their cholesterol levels and help protect their arteries. Nonsmokers should avoid exposure to secondhand smoke as much as possible.

Lose weight. Being overweight or obese tends to raise LDL cholesterol and lower HDL cholesterol. A weight loss of as little as 10% can help improve your cholesterol numbers.

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NAVARRE PRESS NAVARRE BEACH Dune invaders How one plant threatens Northwest Florida's delicate ecosystem and the fight to eradicate it from our shores

By Jamie Gentry

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It started out innocently enough. Beach dwellers of the Carolinas looking to beautify their yards in the 1970s and 80s discovered a vine of pretty purple blooms and silvery hued leaves; an ornamental plant that could survive dry, sandy conditions.

Then it started to grow, stretching out with shoots thicker around than a quarter and more than 10,000 seeds per square meter of plant. Its spread was methodical and insidious. The roots emitted a toxin that drew water away from other plants, ultimately killing the competition. Then the shoots moved in.

Beach vitex became the invasive dune wrecker.

It's a scourge on the Carolina coasts, killing native species, endangering sea turtle nests and leading to erosion of dunes, said Rick O'Connor, UF/IFAS Sea Grant Extension Agent for Escambia. He and the other members of the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Six Rivers (CISMA) are combating this weed closer to home.

Beach vitex has appeared along Florida's gulf coast, including Navarre Beach.

"Some say they bought it at a nursery. Some say they had a landscaping company come in and it was one of the plants they brought in, and some said it just showed up," O'Connor said. "The seeds stay viable in salt water for six months."

ChrisVerlinde represents the Sea Grant in Santa Rosa County for UF/IFAS. She said invasive species like vitex can threaten already endangered animals and plants. "If one plant takes over then you don't have that food source, and the habitat and places to hide are also lost,"she explained. "So, you don't



Sea Grant Agent Rick O'Connor was part of the team that worked to get beach vitex — the plant surrounding him in this picture — declared a noxious weed.



Beach vitex blooms are a lavender color. During the warmer months, the plant produces large blooms.

just lose the plants, you also lose the animals and insects that depend on them." That includes en



These seed pods allow beach vitex to spread far and wide. One square meter of this plant holds an average of 10,000 seeds.

and intruded into a turtle preventing dune erosion nest, harming the eggs.

compared to native species. And vitex impacts people, Healthy dunes help mitigate oo, Verlinde said. The plant's damage from storm



Shoots or runners from beach vitex can spread up to 20 feet in a month.

"It is a hard thing with invasives. When there are only a few, people don't see it as problem,"O'Connor said.

area along White Sands Boulevard, beach vitex has taken up residence along a twometer-wide area, running from the edge of White Sands to the edge of Gulf Boulevard.

Across White Sands, undeveloped dunes and wild sea oats form habitat for beach dwelling species. O'Connor discovered the

vitex patch while assessing Navarre Beach for future removal efforts. Looking out from the shade of his weathered blue UF/IFAS ball cap, O'Connor explained that if left here, the vitex would likely jump the street into the untouched habitat and spread like wildfire. It would quickly choke out all other species along the acres of land.

gered species like the Perdido beach mouse and sea turtles.Vitex in the Carolinas actually grew over

root system is ineffective at

"The dunes are the first defense against storms. That is the first place where the waves break. It protects our

environment and the built environment,"she said. The battle is on to halt vitex's spread in Florida. The first step was stopping the plant from being planted, O'Connor explained. CISMA worked with the state to have beach vitex declared a noxious

in the state. They are also coordinating with property owners and volunteers to remove vitex where it has spread through a combination of ripping up the massive shoots and roots and spraying weed killers.

weed and banned from sale

But one plant can reproduce quickly.

"Part of what makes it so invasive is that it has thousands and thousands of seeds. Seeds are dispersed, and then there's the runners,"Verlinde explained.

Vitex's runners enable a single plant to grow 20 feet within a month.

Once the plant is entrenched, it can be impossible to fully remove it, O'Connor explained. Weed killers will only kill about 95% of the plant, requiring retreatment for years. And if just one seed pod is dropped during removal, vitex can take hold in a new location.

"Then it's game over," he said.

In a small, gravel parking

Photos by Jamie Gentry

Rick O'Connor, UF/IFAS Sea Grant Extension Agent for Escambia, tugs at the shoots of a well- rooted beach vitex on Navarre Beach. This invasive species spreads quickly.

veterans * POST *

by Freddy Groves

Letters reach out to troubled vets

We've been in a stressful period for many long months, and now here come the holidays. It's going to be different this year: fewer (or no) family get-togethers, no parties, little shopping at stores ... in other words, a potentially lonely time for many veterans who are sad or anxious or who have PTSD.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has done a randomized evaluation of its Caring Letters Program to test the effects of sending a written letter every month to veterans who have called the Veteran Crisis Line. One result was that when asked, 85% of psychiatric patient veterans agreed or strongly agreed that they would like to receive caring communication through the mail, and the period of time was monthly for one year. (This rated higher than receiving email or text messages.) Granted, given the setting, most of them said that contact with a mental health counselor or physician was preferred, but I expect that a message from a friend or acquaintance or another veteran would likely be just as welcome.

At this point, the Veteran Crisis Line has sent letters to 90,000 veterans over the past year.

What can you do? You can reach out to a veteran you suspect might be struggling, whether it's with suicidal thoughts or just loneliness. Monthly cards or letters in the mail to say hello are small things that can be huge to receive when someone is alone and struggling. Keep the communication brief, but caring. If you honestly don't know any veterans who might be struggling right now, make a call to the chaplain of your local American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars and ask if there's anyone they're worried about. If you're going to do this, make a commitment to yourself right now that you'll do this monthly for a minimum of one year. The impact of your effort might be greater than you'll ever know.

MILITARY "Legacy" Hornets say farewell

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The Blue Angels fleet of F/A-18 "Legacy" Hornets made their farewell pass over Navarre Beach Nov. 4.



By Jamie Gentry jamie@navarrepress.com

> For 34 years, the Blue Angels fleet of high-tech F/A-18 "Legacy" Hornets screamed across Northwest Florida's skies, plowing through looping stunts and nail-biting close passes.

The spectacle has gathered crowds in the tens of thousands over the years and gone on the road across the U.S., but those once topof-the-line jets are outdated. So, they are retiring.

Fans of all ages lined Navarre Beach Nov. 4 to say wave goodbye to this staple of Naval Aviation as the "Legacy" Hornets made their final flight as Blues. Navarre beachgoers lined the sand in lawn chairs, clustered along walkovers and leaned against the Navarre Beach Fishing Pier railing as the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico, waiting for the Blues to pass over.

Don and Kathy Tuck were among them. The retirees split half their year living in Navarre in Robledal Estates and the other half on a farm in Virginia.

"We wanted to take our mind off the TV," Don said of the election.

"It's the last time we will get to see these jets," Kathy added."And it's a beautiful afternoon."

A short distance away Nathaniel Molina, 7, watched with his mom Arine and little brother Caleb, 5. He said he loves the Blue Angels.

"I even have a hat that says the Blue Angels," he said, pointing to his cap. "It's pretty much ever since my dad joined the Air Force."

Nathaniel's Blue Angels hat was slightly too big for his head.

When the jets approached, they turned on their contrails, streaking over the beach before turning back north, then west toward home. The full pass over included portions of the gulf coast from Alabama to Navarre, a farewell to their home base.

Taking flight in the signature blue and yellow next will be a sleek new fleet of F/A-18E/F Super Hornets. Though visually similar, the Super Hornets have a distinct flare out between the nose and wings of the plane, where the Legacy Hornets nose stays narrow to the wings. This distinction can be seen in the photo on this page. At the top is a Super Hornet. Below are the Legacy Hornet Blue Angels.

The Blues will celebrate the start of their 75th season in the updated airframes in 2021.



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Photos by Jamie Gentry Nathaniel Molina, 7, watched the Blue Angels on Navarre Beach with his mom Arine and little brother Caleb, 5.

Female fighter pilots test new suits



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt Savanah Bray Five fighter pilots from various squadrons tested the modified ATAGS. The modified ATAGS are the latest advancement in female aircrew fitment, and were flight tested at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. October 26-30, 2020. From left to right, Maj. Shanon Jamison, Capt. Brittany Trimble, Lt. Col. Ashley Rolfe, Maj. Kristin Hollrith, and 1st Lt. Elizabeth Pennell.

By 1st Lt Savanah Bray, 53rd Wing

Eglin Air Force Base– A modified version of the Advanced Technology Anti-Gravity Suits was successfully tested by five female fighter pilots Oct. 26-30, 2020.

"As more women strap into fast jets to get the mission done, I think the Air Force is heading in the right direction," said Capt. Brittany Trimble, F-16 instructor pilot, when asked about her experience testing the modified ATAGS. ATAGS is a proven design and a critical life support item that protects aircrew members from the effects of high-G forces during maneuvers in fighter aircraft, but having been in use since 2001, the more than 20-year-old ATAGS design was developed primarily for standard men's body types. Pilots who are shorter or have smaller or hard-to-fit body types often struggle to properly adjust the G-suit to fit well due to a limited range of adjustability in the standard sizes.







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Pop culture, beer go hand in hand

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There is no question that pop culture has always had a soft spot in its heart for beer.

Think back to the television show"Cheers," with most of the sitcom taking place"where everybody knows your name," or America's favorite animated dad, Homer Simpson, relaxing on the couch with a can of Duff.

The craft beer industry often ties brews together with popular pop characters. Check out some of the tasty beverages that were inspired by on-screen antics.

Knee Deep Brewing Co. Breakina Bud **Beer Advocate Rating:** 92

The instant classic"Breaking Bad" was the force behind the creation of this fruity IPA. The wizards behind the creation describe its flavor as old school meeting new school. Breaking Bud includes a 6.5% ABV and combines the classic bitterness and alcohol with a hoppy taste and aromas of Mosaic.

Honorable mentions: Heisenberg – Austin Beerworks, Heisenberg Dark — Marble Brewery



New England Brewing Co. Imperial Stout Trooper **Beer Advocate Rating: 94**

"Star Wars" is one of the most popular franchises in American history, so it's no surprise that breweries are honoring it through their brews. This stout drink consists of hints of coffee, dashes of dark fruits and precise

mementos of chocolate. It will quickly become a favorite of craft beer enthusiasts. The window to acquire your Imperial Stout Trooper package is limited as it is brewed once a year to welcome the winter months.

Honorable mentions: Empire Strikes Black, Imperial Stout -Sierra Nevada

Brewery Ommegang Game of Thrones: Fire and Blood **Beer Advocate Rating:** 83

Brewery Ommegang and HBO collaborated to deliver a craft beer series inspired by Daenerys Targaryen and her three dragons."Game of Thrones" was a hit show on the cable network HBO and had a

mass following of fans. The Fire and Blood brew features a deep, dark red hue with a creamy off-white head. You will notice the scents of ripe fruit, malt and subtle spice. The taste is followed with a floral and spicy hop character.









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BASKETS Served with french fries or tater tots & 2 hush puppies Substitute side for a salad - Add \$3

Chicken Tenders Five hand-cut chicken strips soaked in buttermilk, along with a five-spice house blend, hand-breaded and deep-fried - 10

Surf Dog This crowd-pleaser is a deep-fried, bacon-wrapped, foot-long, all-beef hotdog - 10

Grouper Fingers Six hand-cut grouper strips, hand-breaded and deep-fried. Served with Jammer's Sauce - 12

PIER PLATTERS Served with cilantro lime rice, steamed broccoli or french green beans & 2 hush puppies

Crab Cakes Two pan-seared jumbo crab cakes - 15

Jumbo Shrimp Platter Ten hand-breaded, deep-fried Gulf shrimp - 13

Cast Net Combo Redfish (grilled, blackened, fried or Caribbean Island) served with six fried Gulf shrimp - 15 Add a side salad - 5

ON-A-BUN

Served with your choice of fries or tots Substitute salad - Add \$3

Seafood Sandwich Mahi-mahi (grilled, blackened, fried or Caribbean Island) dressed with lettuce, tomatoes and pickles - 12

Braised Island Chicken Sandwich Marinated jerk chicken breast (grilled or fried) covered with pineapple mango salsa - 12

Roasted BBQ Pork Sandwich Roasted island pork topped with Caribbean slaw - 12

Pier Burger

8 oz. certified Angus beef custom-blend patty (chuck, brisket, short rib) dressed with avocado mayo, lettuce, tomato and pickle - 12 Your choice of cheese: Pepper jack, Swiss, Cheddar or Provolone

Surf & Turf tacos One seafood taco and one ribeye beef taco served on flour tortillas with cotija cheese, cilantro lime Pico de Gallo, and our house made jalapeno ranch - 12

SALADS House Salad Artisanal mixed greens with tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, cheese, onions and croutons - 7

Add Chicken - 4 grilled, Blackened, Fried or Caribbean Island

Add Fish - 5 grilled, Blackened, Fried or Caribbean Island

Add Fried shrimp - 6

12 years old and under

Island Coconut Shrimp Salad Artisanal mixed greens with strawberries, red peppers, mandarin oranges, diced avocados and fried island coconut shrimp - 9

Dressings: Ranch, Cilantro Lime and Italian

KIDS MENU served with a side of fries or tots

Beach Burger Angus beef topped with lettuce, tomato and pickles - 7 Your choice of cheese: Pepper jack, Swiss, Cheddar or Provolone All burgers cooked to medium unless otherwise requested

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Grilled Cheese Texas toast and melted cheddar cheese grilled to perfection - 5

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1/4 cup peach spreadable fruit 1 (6-ounce) graham-cracker pie crust

2 tablespoons purchased graham-cracker crumbs or 2 (2 1/2-inch) graham-cracker squares, made into crumbs

1/4 cup Splenda Granular

1/4 cup chopped walnuts

 Heat oven to 350 F. In medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry gelatin, reserved peach liquid, water and spreadable fruit. Stir in peaches.
 Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring often, being careful not to crush peaches. Spoon hot mixture into pie crust. 3. In a small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, Splenda and walnuts. Evenly sprinkle crumb mixture over filling. Lightly spray top with butter-flavored cooking

spray. Bake for 15 minutes. 4. Place pie plate on a wire rack and let set for 30 minutes. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Cut into 8 servings.

HINT: A self-seal sandwich bag works great for crushing graham crackers.



All burgers cooked to medium unless otherwise requested

Pier Po' Boy

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Served with your choice of fries or tots Substitute salad - Add \$3

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ARRESTS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY RESIDENTS Arrest and incident reports are taken from the information released from law enformation in the Navarre Press do not imply guilt. Guilt is determined by the courts. Information arrest records will not be withheld by request for any reason. Juveniles are named Nov. 2 through Nov. 9 November 7 November 9 November 2 November 3 November 4 November 4 November 6 November 7 Kelly Mallory Kennedy, 45, 2700 block of Avenida de Cortney Jean Reed, 35, 3200 block of Cor-nell Drive, Gulf Breeze, Charge: DUI Hunter Kimball, 18, 300 block of James Richard Hassan Ait Haddou, Thomas Jude James Maxwell Marina Faith Patrick, 21, 4600 block of Hickory Shores Blvd., Gulf Breeze, Morris, 34, 2000 block of Alfred Blvd., Navarre, Charges: DUI, 59, 1300 block of Sabal Palm Drive, Gulf Carrier, 37, 2100 block of Paloma St., Mobley, 26, Green Washington Ave., Briar Court, Gulf Breeze, Charge: Out-of-Navarre, Charges: Gulf Breeze, Charge: Breeze, Charge: DUI Soto, Navarre, Charge: Charge: Probation violation Larceny (2), conditional release violation drugs-possession, drug equipment-possession DUI county warrant Battery November 8 November 5 **Joseph Austin** Michael Chad William Raymond Lebright, 49, 1300 block of Whisper Bay Blvd., Gulf Breeze, Jordan, 36, 8100 block Spence, 56, 1300 block of Autumn Robert Allen Weber, Eric Charles Landis, Scott Chadwick 56, 5600 block of Charof Sierra St., Navarre, Schuster, 42, 4700 block of Bay Breeze Drive, Gulf Breeze, 60, 1900 block of Church St., Gulf Breeze, Breeze Circle, Gulf Charge: Out-of-county warrant Jessica Ann ter Circle, Gulf Breeze, Joshua Tyler Johnson, 27, 5800 block of Congress Court, Gulf Breeze, Charge: Mazahem, 35, 8100 Breeze, Charge: Charge: Probation Charge: Contempt of block of Verano St., violation Charges: DUI, <u>Battery</u> cocaine-possession, drug equipment-possession Charges: Moving traffic violation, hit and run Navarre, Charge: court November 3 Battery Out-of-county warrant November 9 November 6 Hunter Robert Kimball, 18, 4800 block of Soundside Tony Mark Williams, 52, 5300 Breeana Michele Vogel, 31, 6400 block of Flagler Drive, Drive, Gulf Breeze, block of Maverick Lane, KC Guillermina McCall, 35, Whisper Bay Blvd., Gulf Breeze, Laurel Alexandra Gulf Breeze, Charge: Charge: Out-of-county Dylan Price Brayton, 21, 3300 block of Lau-Miller, 28, 6700 block **Dustin Travis** Larcenv warrant Gulf Breeze, Charges: Family offense (2) Fretwell, 25, 800 Charge: Trespassing of Valerie Lane, rel Drive, Gulf Breeze, block of Gulf Breeze Navarre, Charge: Charge: Larceny Parkway, Gulf Breeze, Failure to appear **Charge: Probation** violation **NCIDENTS** DUI suspect says she Who is that stranger in the The deputy knocked on When the deputy attemptobserved her swaying back conducted and revealed a and forth while standing the window a second time, ed to check his eyes, Moore's "messed up" driveway? glass Mason jar of marijua-Michael Sherman Moore, and Moore woke up. He eyelids would twitch, accord-Danielle Elizabeth Cofand unsure of her balance. na, a plastic lip balm of THC appeared to have constricting to the report. His defey, 34, of the 1000 block of When asked to take a field 44, of the 8100 block of Sier-(the hallucinogenic chemical ed pupils and his behavior meanor would also allegedly Bayshore Road in Gulf Breeze sobriety test, Coffey alin marijuana), a glass smokra Street in Navarre, was arrested Oct. 30 for an incident was erratic, according to the change when deputies were was arrested Oct. 31 for DUI legedly deflected, asking ing pipe with THC residue, deputy. He could not speak no longer near him. the officer to take her home that occurred in Navarre back and drugs possession. THC edibles labeled with her

in June.

According to a Santa Rosa County arrest report, a deputy was called to a home on Tortuga Street by the homeowner about a random vehicle parked in the driveway with a man passed out inside. The homeowner advised the deputy the vehicle had been there for an hour.

The driver was identified as Moore. The deputy attempted to wake Moore, but he did not react. According to the report, the car was turned cuffed at this time. He then off with the doors locked, and Moore was sweating

coherently and was dazed. Moore was moved to a shaded area to cool down.

The report states Moore conceded to his vehicle being searched. During the search, Moore allegedly began to fidget with his pocket. The deputy asked to search Moore's pockets and he agreed.

At one point, Moore allegedly began to scream and flop around, yelling that he had ingested a large amount of narcotics. He was handfell over and became unresponsive to verbal com-

It was discovered that Moore had a felony arrest warrant out of Okaloosa County, but he was not arrested at that time due to being transported to the hospital.

In the car, deputies found a cigarette box containing three baggies of marijuana leaves, two baggies of meth, a meth pipe and a cut straw.

Moore was arrested Oct. 30 and charged with felony drugs possession and misdemeanor drug equipment possession. He remained in Santa Rosa County Jail as of

According to a Gulf Breeze Police Department arrest report, an officer noticed a car "ping ponging" down the er's license, Coffey said it road. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was identified as Coffey. The officer indicated that Coffey's eyes were blood shot and crystal meth. Coffey stated that she smelled of alcohol. She also appeared fidgety and confused about the traffic stop. She was crying.

Coffey also appeared to smoking pipe with an un- a breath test. She initially known residue inside.

She was asked to exit answer several times.

and stating, "my dad is go-

ing to take my kids." When asked for her drivwas in her purse. The officer asked to retrieve it from her purse, and she said yes. In the purse, the officer found her friend must have put the drugs in there.

Coffey was informed that she was being arrested for driving under the influence be sitting on top of a glass (DUI) and asked to take agreed but then switched her

name and a grinder. Coffey claimed she had a medical marijuana card, but officers could not locate it.

While being transported to Santa Rosa County Jail, Coffey allegedly admitted she had been drinking alcohol, that the marijuana found in the car belonged to her, and that she had "messed up."

Coffey is charged with two counts felony drugs possession, misdemeanor DUI, misdemeanor drug equipment possession and misdemeanor marijuana possession. She remained in Santa

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mands. EMS was called.

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the vehicle, and the officer

A search of the vehicle was Rosa County Jail as of Friday.

DIVORCES

The following people were divorced in Santa Rosa October 2020

■ Timothy S. Laplant and Alysha K Laplant

Adam Charles Workman and Christina M Workman

■ Arinn Hammer and Grace Garavito

■ Donn Scott Parsons and Edith Ann Parsons

■ Kathy Barth and Kenneth William Barth ■ Ashley R Salgado and

Gabriel Salgado

■ Victor M Blocker and Dawn Maudeste Blocker

■ Brenda Lynn Pribyl and Richmond Prescott Kovalevaskaya

■ Rose Ann Butler and Paul Leslie Butler

Rosalinda Ann Roebuck and Porscha Altomese Roebuck

■ Kelly Marie O'Malley and Patrick O'Malley

■ Patrice Leshell Warren Ingram and Jonathan E Ingram

■ Brittany Anderson and Fred J Anderson

Ramona Kaye Greer and Matthew Alan Greer

Gary Lynn Coleman and Michelle Suzanne White

Danielle Marie Frias and Cody Michael Firas

■ Michael Anthony Peltier and Jacqueline Louise Peltier Chad Curtis Yardley and

Demetria Monique Robinson Yardley

■ Jeanne Alexandrine Bergeron and Phillip Michael Bergeron

■ Lavosha Lakee Gerlits Gerlits Sr

Christinie Walding and and Yumi Ikehara James Walding

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Jessica Diann Tate

■ April S Stephens and Herbert L Stephens

■ Maricela Aviles and Erick Sanchez-Gomez

■ Valarie Marie Rodriguez and Khalid Jadallah and Ruben Antonio Rodriguez

■ Crystal Freeman and Daniel Hardy

■ Derrick Jerome Gibson and Tiffany Danice Gibson

■ Merri Lee Nichols and Kenneth C Nichols

Diane Elizabeth Mendoza and Antero Mendoza

■ Jeffrey Todd Bailey and Melanie Marie Bailey

Sara Johnson and Leroy Johnson

■ Thurman Young and Tiffani Young

Sasha Magdalenda Hendricks and David Anthony Hendricks

■ Jeaninne Marie Charles and Carlton James Charles III

■ Dustin Christopher Lee and Karen Odessa Lee

Letisha Tamara Thomas and Matthew Scott Thomas

■ Alicia Marie Laisney and Scott Dilger Laisney

Monte Martin Miller and Sharon K Dickinson Miller

Dawn Ashanti

quline Kaye Holland

Chance Douglas Rickets and Christopher Michael and Lauren Kanani Rickets

■ Joshua Mathew Avery

■ Fermina Del Carmen Camryn Kelley and Tyler Santiago and Kevin Santiago

Sonia Roxanne Parker Brittany Nicole Tate and and Wesley Vance Parker

Miriam Faison Dupont and Marion Richard Dupont

■ James E Avirett and Leah L Avirett

Rebecca Anne Jadallah

Michael Snider and Stacey Snider

Michael Scott Mccollum and Kara Mccollum ■ Jessica Lynn Deadrick

and Kynn Jay Deadrick

■ Barbara L Walker and Loyd R Walker

Richard Newman and Elizabeth Boutwell

■ Mark Folcik and Jeana Folcik

 Heather Nicole Nash and Tierre Jevon Nash Sr

Chad Earl Roop and Lori Ann Roop

■ Lindsey Nicole Laffery-Gautney and Dustin Gautney

■ Cheree Anne Bullock and Timothy Carter Bullock

■ Joseph Allen and Stacey Noonan

■ Vanessa Marie Thomas and Daniel Webster Thomas

Silvana Alejandra Santillan Alex Miguel Santillan

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■ Stevan Davis and Jac-

BUSINESS LICENSES

■ 10/13/2020 - John Thomas Poole, JM Home Service, Repairs, 5355 Woodlake Terr Gulf Breeze, FL 32563 10/13/2020 - Jason M Mcguire, JM Premier Holdings, LLC, Motto Mortgage Premier Group, Intangible Property Dealer, 3780 Highway 90 Pace, FL 32571 ■ 10/13/2020

- Jeff Riddle, R-H-C Services, Service, 5490 Leroy Drive Milton, FL 32583

■ 10/13/2020 - Sarah Sutton, SAS Cleaning Services, Service, 4549 Farmlife Road Milton, FL 32583

10/13/2020 - Brian Preston, Sirens Trident LLC, Service, 7442 Manatee St., Navarre, FL 32566 ■ 10/13/2020 - Sprint-

com Inc., Sprintcom Inc., Retail Sales, 3779 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

■ 10/14/2020 - Catherine Anne Bytell А Breath Of Fresh Air Cleaning, LLC, Service, 8143 Menorca St., Navarre, FL 32566

■ 10/14/2020 - Mark Allen, All FLorida Safety Institute, Schools, 4487 Chumuckla Highway Pace, FL 32571

■ 10/14/2020 - Cosmo Boucher, CB Electrical Services LLC, Contractor, 9881 Creet Circle Navarre, FL 32566

■ 10/14/2020 - James Victor Degraaf, Degraaf Electrical Service, LLC, Service, 3881 Wilkes St. Pace, FL 32571

■ 10/14/2020 - Jason R Short, Gulf Coast Tree Service, Service, 1600 Mauna Kea Court, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

■ 10/14/2020 - Timothy J Louviere, L&K Construction and Remodeling LLC, Sub Contractor, 8347 Punjob Road Milton, FL 32583

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 197.3632 (3)(a), Santa Rosa County gives this notice that it intends to utilize the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments. Such assessments may be made in any portion of Santa Rosa County and may be utilized for road paving or construction, road impact construction, bridge construction, bridge maintenance, storm water improvements, fire protection, sanitary sewer construction, potable water, canal maintenance, street lighting, fire hydrant installation, or any other purpose authorized by law. A public hearing to adopt a resolution authorizing the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments will be held on December 10, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in the Santa Rosa County Administrative Center, Commissioners Meeting Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, Florida. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a public hearing you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Emily Spencer at (850) 983-1855 or at 6495 Caroline Street, Milton at least one (1) week prior to the date of thepublic hearing.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA **PROBATE DIVISION** IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES LEE BECKJORDEN a/k/a JAMES L. BECKJORDEN a/k/a JAMES BECKJORDEN, Deceased. File No.: 2020-CP-454 Division: D NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JAMES LEE BECKJORDEN a/k/a JAMES L. BECKJORDEN a/k/a JAMES BECKJORDEN, deceased, File Number 2020-CP-454, is pending in the Circuit Court for Santa Rosa County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 6865 SW Caroline Street, Milton, Florida 32570. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION **OF THIS NOTICE OR 30** DAYS AFTER THE DATE **OF SERVICE OF A COPY** OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other

persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

LEGALS Representative Florida Bar No.: 438960

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of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Navarre, Florida, this 2nd day of November 2020. Evan Shane Britton, owner, or Corporation full name.

LEGALS LEGALS ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED Fictitious Name Notice WITHIN THE TIME **NOTICE IS HEREBY** PERIODS SET FORTH **IN FLORIDA STATUTES** GIVEN that the SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. undersigned, desiring to engage in business NOTWITHSTANDING under the fictitious THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY name of Nauti Nutrition, at 7285 Navarre CLAIM FILED TWO (2) Pkwy, in the County of Santa Rosa, in the city of Navarre, Florida, YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. 32566 intends to The date of first publiregister the said name cation of this Notice is with the Division of November 5, 2020. Corporations of the Florida Department /s/Jennifer Byrom of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Attorney for Personal Navarre, Florida, this 2nd day of November 2020. Ánchored LLC, owner, or Corporation Jennifer Byrom, P.A. full name. 5177 Elmira Street Milton, Florida 32570 Legal Notice #3709 Telephone: (850) eservice@byromlaw. MIDWAY MINI STORAGE AUCTION--5426 GULF jbyrom@byromlaw. **BREEZE PKWY., GULF** BREEZE /s/Harriet D. Reeve Legal# 3710 4270 Rice Rd. Milton, FL 32583 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL DIS-Personal Represen-

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Fictitious Name Notice

ESTATE OF IN RE: SHARON PATRICIA **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the TAYLOR, undersigned, desiring Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS to engage in business under the fictitious The administration of name of Air Mission the estate of SHARON Solutions, at 2240 PATRICIA TAYLOR, Ortega St, in the deceased, File No. 20 County of Santa Rosa, CP 444, is pending in in the city of Navarre, the Circuit Court for Santa Rosa County, Florida, 32566 intends to register the said name with the Division Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 6865 Caroline Street, Milton, Florida 32570. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other Legal Notice #3708

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PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 20 CP 444

FLORIDA

SANTA ROSA COUNTY,

persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AF-TER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A **COPY OF THIS NOTICE** ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AF-TER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first Publication of this notice is : November 12. 2020. Melonie Qualls Personal Representative 8338 Pleasant Home Church Road Holt, Florida 32564 Dennis L. Pratt Florida Bar No. 814954 770 Baldwin Avenue DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435 (850) 951-2244

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Packet Pick-up: Friday, December 4, 3 - 6 pm or on Race Day, 7:00 am at the Fire Station.

Benefiting Navarre Chamber Foundation's Community Projects

Race Start: Navarre Main Fire Station (behind McDonald's), 8:00 am start, one hour course time limit. **Course:** Run/walk through the residential streets of the Town Center for a 5K (3.1 miles) or several shorter distances (includes a short cut to Grandma's house).

Jingle Bells: Participant will receive a jingle bell and are encouraged to dress up for the season.

LEASHED PETS ARE WELCOME. POST RACE REFRESHMENS. at the Fire Station after the event. DOOR PRIZES Special prize will be awarded for the most festive participants.

Register online: runsignup.com/navarrejinglebellrun Download registration form: navarrechamberfoundation.org/jingle-bell-run.html