

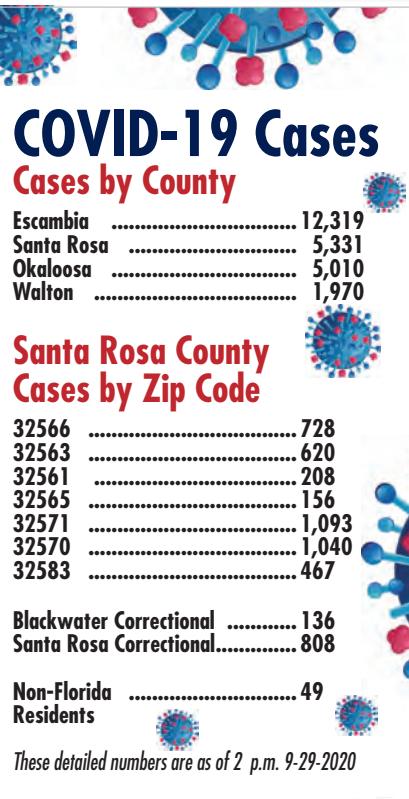


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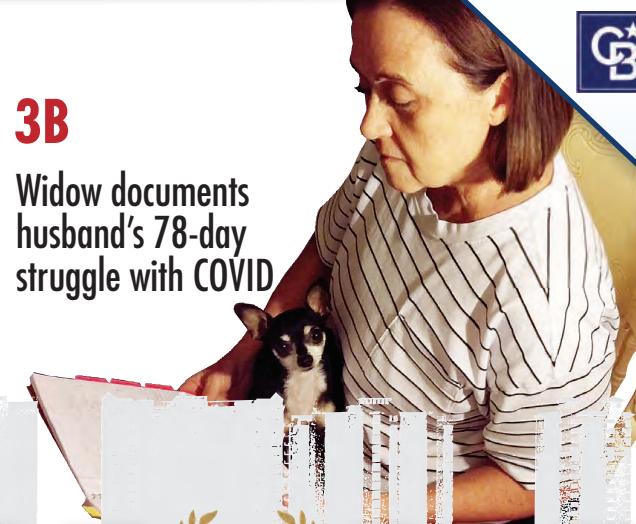
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## County to repeal south Santa Rosa water supply protection

By Jamie Gentry  
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Water utilities across south Santa Rosa are prepping to fight a potential threat to the region's water supply.

County Commissioners are considering a modification to the Land Development Code that would allow digging borrow pits and filling with vegetative debris within the well field protection area of East Milton. Those wells provide water for south Santa Rosa residents and businesses.

Planning and Zoning Director Shawn Ward explained the county looked at changing the laws surrounding borrow pits merely to separate out two different types under zoning. The county initially did not plan to adjust the existing East Milton Well Field Protection Area, which prohibits natural resource extraction to include any type of borrow pit.

See WATER 4A

## Parents: Stop quarantining healthy students

By Jamie Gentry  
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Pace High School sophomore Nick Stiles was ready. As right tackle for the school's JV team, he had been awaiting the return of football season. Games finally started last week after COVID-19 stopped play for nearly a year and Hurricane Sally shuttered schools.

Through diligent workouts, Stiles dropped roughly 70 pounds in preparation for the season. He also took extra precautions, eating lunches alone in the gym rather than in the cafeteria and following masking rules to prevent COVID-19 exposure.

But like hundreds of Santa Rosa students, Stiles got quarantined. In his third period, he sat next to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Despite both of them wearing masks, Stiles was instructed he could not return to school for more than a week, meaning no football.

See QUARANTINE 4A



After the floodwaters receded, Sharon "Martini" Golden's kitchen was left damaged and dirty.

Coffee brown sludge slicked the once white tiles. Assorted rugs and carpets squished with water and formed puddles when stepped on. A telltale line of funk along the wall showed where Hurricane Sally's storm waters came up about a foot and a half into the house.

"I'd never been through a hurricane," Martini said. "The day after the hurricane, my neighbors were draining my house. It wasn't just coming from the bay. It came through

from the woods and over the road."

Outside is not much better. Piles of broken docks, snapped tree limbs, a stray recycling can and a child's play chair from other homes showed the path rushing water took around Martini's house. Where a landscaped stone fountain and grassy sitting areas once were, there is only sand and wash out.

"The yard was mud, just mud," Martini said. "I'm left thinking, how did this stuff get in my yard?"

The two story, bayfront home is situated between East Bay and wooded wetlands across the street. When Sally dumped her buckets of rain Sept. 16, the waters met in the middle of Martini's house. A neighbor staying to ride out the storm texted a picture from Martini's kitchen as the water's began to slip into her home. The message read "I'm sorry."

With the house rendered uninhabitable, Martini was in a difficult position. Retired, single and living on Social Security, she said she knew she would need every dime for the recovery effort of the house and to pay property taxes. Neighbors had an RV to live in, but she did not.

So, Martini and her 13-year-old dog Gracie loaded up into her van. And that is where she's lived for more than a week. She drives it around town and parks where she can each night. She said the black bears common to East Bay make her too afraid to just park in the driveway of her home, and the lack of electricity to the house makes it a less than ideal place for nighttime needs.

"It's not cheap living in your van," she said with a laugh. "It's so fun when you need to go to the bathroom at night and everybody is closed because of the curfew."

Though she feels a bit stuck, Martini said she did not just sit back and accept her situation.

See MARTINI 4A



Photos by Jamie Gentry  
Sharon "Martini" Golden assesses the state of her backyard following Hurricane Sally.



Sharon "Martini" Golden's house along East Bay Boulevard is one of many that flooded due to Hurricane Sally.

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## Scammers impersonating Social Security Administration

Staff report

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Your Better Business Bureau is issuing a warning to be cautious when receiving a call from the "Social Security Administration." Several consumers have reported receiving calls and being told that their Social Security number is being suspended because illegal activity, including money laundering, has been tied to their account, according to a press release from the Better Business Bureau.

### How the Scam Works

You answer the phone, and it's someone alleging to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) or another government entity. The name on your caller ID may even back up that claim. The caller says your Social Security number has been used to fraudulently apply for a credit card or commit another crime. In order to fix the situation, the caller needs you to confirm your SSN and other personal information. If you don't cooperate, the caller threatens to take you to court or have your Social Security number blocked or revoked.

No matter the details, the stories are designed to induce fear. Scammers hope that under pressure you will tell them your SSN and other sensitive personal information. Scammers can use SSNs to commit identity theft and file tax returns in your name to steal your refund.

### How to Avoid the Scam

■ Never give personal information to unsolicited callers. If someone contacts you without your permission, refuse to tell them any personal information.

■ Remember, the SSA will never call you asking for your Social Security number. They will never ask you to pay anything, nor will they threaten your benefits.

■ Don't trust your caller ID. The internet has made it possible for scammers to use fake IDs when they call your home. If you receive a suspicious call, don't make any important decisions based on what your caller ID says.

■ Contact the Social Security Administration: If you are concerned about a call you received from someone who claims to be with the SSA, you can call the real SSA at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

## 5 things to know: nonprofit fundraising post COVID-19

By Jamie Gentry

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It's hard to run massive fundraisers standing 6 feet apart with fewer than 50 people. As COVID-19 health advisories drag into the final months of 2020, nonprofits of all sizes have had to face some tough questions on how to financially meet their missions.

Organized Occasions Concierge owner Gretchen Carter spent years assisting nonprofits in coordinating large scale events, and last week she repurposed those skills to offer advice for nonprofits in a Zoom meeting of the Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's nonprofit committee.

She said there are no shortage of options to make up for lost funds if nonprofits plan and utilize the right resources.

### 1. Planning virtual events

Signature events are one of the largest revenue generators for many Navarre area nonprofits, but by March, a lot of events got cut.

"The idea of having 200 to 2,000 people in the room scared them and scared them good. They had to pivot quickly," Carter said.

Many larger nonprofits postponed those spring events for fall dates in the hopes COVID would have subsided. But it didn't. Now those same groups are looking at virtual and hybrid events instead.

Carter said the key is to start early and keep a clear goal in mind.

"If you don't know your 'why' of doing this event, you need to stop right there," she said.

Set a date and work backward in the timeline, front loading as much of the work of the event as possible,



Navarre Press file photos

Local nonprofits like the Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center and Emerald Coast Exceptional Families have used large scale community events in the past to generate funds. With COVID-19, those plans are interrupted.

she said. Carter suggested pre-filming much of the programming for any live streams where that makes sense.

She also emphasized having the social media messaging, email pushes and press releases prepared early in the process with a clear plan of when things will be sent out.

### 2. Keep it short

"The brain can only absorb what the butt can endure," Carter said.

She recommended not running virtual events for more than an hour, pointing out potty breaks and wandering minds start at about 45 minutes.

"Front load your program with all the good information, the good numbers," Carter recommended.

Rafaela O'Reilly is an experienced master of ceremonies, and she recommended having a separate volunteer during the event to handle the chat or comment section of the event, allowing things to flow more smoothly. She pointed out it is awkward for the event host to con-

tinually stop addressing the group to answer comments.

### 3. Auctions in a virtual world

Perhaps one of the most common fund generators at typical events are auctions. Offering donated items to generate funding is still possible under virtual.

But Carter recommended limiting the number of items to those that have typically generated high interest. She also suggested finding donations as early as possible to allow for online cataloging and repurposing volunteers to help with distribution after the fact.

Auctions are not the only option, though. Carter emphasized creative ways to engage the audience that harken back to what made the event exciting when in person. For example, "signature cocktail kits" physically distributed to participants call back to the wining and dining of previous events.

### 4. Resources for nonprofits

Outside of virtual events, many resources have grown for nonprofits, sparked by COVID-19. Carter recom-

mended websites such as Greater Giving, Mobile Cause and Network for Good.

"They have resources, e-books and guides...They have provided a lot of resources in the last eight months," she said.

Charles Frank of the Northwest Florida Volunteer Weekend, a nonprofit training event for firefighters, said they have benefited greatly from the information shared by Network for Good.

"When I have a question, I reference back to those white pages they provide," he said.

Other organizations, like animal rescue A HOPE, have utilized Facebook's peer-to-peer fundraisers. These fundraisers allow a person to set up a mini fundraiser on their page, calling for donations to a specific group. People often set them up in lieu of accepting birthday presents.

Carter said these can be a great way to reach donors outside of their local community, but she cautioned organizers to

ensure they have control over how their story is told for these fundraisers.

### 5. Some options less effective than others

While resources for fundraising have expanded, Carter warned that not all options are effective.

She pointed to GoFund-Me as an example. GoFund-Me retains 40% of donations made through their platform, meaning a significant cut to what goes to the actual entity.

"It was never made for the nonprofit world," Carter said.

Text to donate may also be an ineffective method. The cost of proper promotion and administration is high, Carter said.

"If you are not a larger organization, it is going to be cost prohibitive," she said.

But for the virtual options with lower cost thresholds, she said opportunities are there.

"There events can be less costly, so then you are able to profit more on your event," Carter said.

## Local receives Firehouse Subs Axe Award

Staff report

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Firehouse Subs Area Representative Jim Broscius of Gulf Breeze has earned an Axe Award for Area Representative of the Year, presented by Firehouse of America.

As an area representative, he oversees all Firehouse Subs restaurants in the Mobile-Pensacola, Panama City, Biloxi-Gulfport and Hattiesburg areas. This award recognizes the highest performing area representative throughout the Firehouse Subs system and honors Broscius for his commit-



Submitted photo  
Firehouse Subs Area Representative Jim Broscius accepts the Axe Award for Area Representative of the Year at Firehouse Subs in Gulf Breeze.

ment to the franchisees and communities that fall under his regions.

"I am honored to be named the Firehouse Subs Area Representative of the

Year this year," Broscius said. "I take great pride in being a part of the Firehouse Subs family. I've always made building solid relationships with the

franchisees in my territory a priority so we can work together to ensure the success of their restaurants. I am so humbled to receive this prestigious award once again."

Broscius joined Firehouse Subs in 1999 as one of the brand's first area representatives. He has since promoted the success and growth of the brand in his territory, which now includes 31 restaurants, and is a two-time recipient of this award.

In addition to his role as an Area Representative, Broscius owns two Firehouse Subs restaurants with his wife Cheryl and his

son Chris, the first in Gulf Breeze in December 2001 and second in Navarre in January 2004.

Brocius and his restaurants have supported the public. Earlier this year, they partnered with their local church, Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church, and its Methodist Meals program. Through this partnership, they donated more than 300 meals to feed elderly citizens who were unable to leave their homes amid the pandemic.

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## Florida Department of Environmental Protection lifts permitting restrictions

**By Jamie Gentry**  
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Normalcy appears to have returned to the permitting process for building in south Santa Rosa County after concerns about water capacity brought building to a halt for months.

In April, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) officials feared south Santa Rosa's demand for water was dangerously close to outpacing the supply. So, they issued a letter to Fairpoint Regional Utility System, Inc. (FRUS) declaring a prohibition on general permits.

General permits do not impact single lot owners paying a tap fee, but larger projects seeking permitting for water usage may run into trouble. That meant any new subdivisions, hotels, restaurants, retailers and other large-scale projects came to a screeching halt.

External Affairs Manager Brandy Smith explained FDEP's goal is management of proper access to water. And that goal prompted heavier scrutiny of FRUS after a large-scale project submitted a general permit earlier this year.

"The department's role is to ensure that there is reasonable assurance of an adequate water supply for the community, and the department is asking for the information necessary to make such a determination," Smith wrote in email.

FRUS is a cooperative of South Santa Rosa County's water utilities. FRUS sources water from wells in the north part of the county and sells it to the member utilities who then provide that water to customers in the south end. The member utilities include Holley Navarre Water System (managing partner), Navarre Beach, South Santa Rosa Utility (Gulf Breeze) and Midway Water System.

FRUS officials, including acting executive director Daryl Lynchard, argued FDEP's fears were unfounded. Even acknowledging system limitations, the capacity was 8.46 million gallons per day. FRUS's maximum day on record is 6.98 million gallons per day, according to FDEP.

Lynchard, system engineers and FDEP officials were set to meet on the matter in mid-August, but in a sudden change of plans, FDEP issued an email with specific questions two days before the meeting.

FRUS responded and received an email back the day of the meeting canceling and stating the issue was resolved Lynchard said.

FDEP sent no further communications, but Lynchard said one general permit submitted in the meantime has since been approved.

"It will be business as usual at this point as far as we know," Lynchard said, though he added they would like to receive official verification from FDEP sooner rather than later.

## Water

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"The purpose was to help preserve and protect the wells where the majority of the water in south Santa Rosa comes from," Ward explained.

Though the protections have since been encoded into the county Comprehensive Plan, there was an existing pit "grandfathered in." Owners of that pit are seeking for the rules to be modified to allow expansion. But that would require the protection area to be modified or even repealed.

Last month, county commissioners changed course.

"They advised staff to basically remove the natural resource extraction pro-

## Quarantine

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"We haven't played since Halloween, and I worked really hard this offseason. And now I've missed two weeks," Stiles said.

He will get to play four games at most this season.

Since the beginning of school, Santa Rosa School District quarantined at least 559 students from campus. Most never tested positive for COVID-19. They wore masks as directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and school district policy, but they were within 6 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes.

Parents frustrated by the quarantines of healthy students dominated the last two school board meetings with complaints. Angie Klug organized a protest outside the Sept. 24 board meeting.

"In-person teaching is the best that you can get, and that is all that our kids want. And they are being denied that because supposedly they sat next to somebody who later tested positive," she said.

Klug's son C.J., 16, is a student at Gulf Breeze High School. He's taking four university level AP courses, including AP chemistry. He said he's afraid of what will happen to his grades if quarantined.

"Just a couple of days ago I had a six-page packet for my AP Chem, and I just bombed my AP chem test today," he said. "It happens, but if I miss two weeks...it would absolutely destroy my grade."

Klug said he has no problem masking at school, but that should mean he can stay in school.

"If someone is wearing the mask and can sufficiently say they've been wearing the mask the whole time, then they didn't break any rules and they shouldn't be sent home," he said.



**Parent Angie Lund pleads with Superintendent-elect Karen Barber to change COVID-19 policies that cause healthy students to be sent home. Lund said her junior cried when sent home from school.**



**Parent Angie Klug and others held a protest at the Santa Rosa County School District board meeting Sept. 24 against district quarantining and masking policies.**

His mother and other parents argued not only did the district misrepresent who would be sent home, but that they were completely unprepared for providing instruction to students that were quarantined.

Parents like Dawn Henderson described struggling to get assignments from some teachers or having no instruction to go along with the new assignments.

One student taking AP and honors courses returned after quarantine with six makeup tests to complete on the same day.

"The kids if they get that actual work, they are not getting the instruction, the teaching part. They are given a list of work that they are then expected to teach themselves and come back to school ready to test on it," Angie Klug said.

And even if a student returns from quarantine, there is no guarantee they will not be sent home again for another exposure or due to showing a symptom of COVID-19 to include cough, sneezing, runny nose, fever, diarrhea, headache, loss of taste and smell or others.

Posters waved by protesters included phrases such as "stop quarantining healthy kids" and "make masks optional."

In last month's meeting, Superintendent Tim Wyrosdick said health department officials make the decision on who is and is not required to quarantine at home. District Safety Director Daniel Hahn advised the board that is due to the state emergency orders placing Florida Department of Health as the lead agency of Health as the lead agency for response efforts.

"These orders have the effect of rule of law," Hahn said.

If a student or staff member tests positive for



**Pace High School student and football player Nick Stiles, 15, asks the school board to change COVID-19 policies that quarantine healthy students from classes and extra-curricular activities. Stiles, who has no symptoms, was quarantined after sitting next to a classmate that tested positive for the virus.**

## Martini

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"You have to do something," she said.

She began reaching out to organizations that could help. She contacted the Navarre YMCA to sign up as a member, so she would have somewhere to shower. She reached out to the Red Cross, though she was unable to get help. She even found a group of volunteers that have organized to help Martini start clearing the massive piles of debris.

While she attended church on Navarre Beach Sept. 27, Helping Hands Crisis Ministry members from the Church of Latter Day Saints showed up at the damaged house and began the task of sorting her damaged belongings and tearing out the water-logged walls and carpets.

"I was at church, and I didn't even know God was



**Submitted photo**  
**Sharon "Martini" Golden and her dog Gracie have been living in the back of her van since Hurricane Sally flooded their home on East Bay Boulevard.**

answering my prayers," she said of the surprise visit by the volunteers. "They're just cheerful the whole time. I've never seen people enjoy getting nothing for doing so much."

Martini started the process of making her insurance claim, but the adjuster

says it could take months for things to get rolling. It is estimated a contractor will need to replace everything from about 4 feet up the wall, including the air conditioner.

Although Martini had flood insurance, she said she's still concerned about

the deductible and the fact that her contents coverage will be slashed due to depreciation. The artwork she has gathered over the years that has mildewed on the walls will likely not be covered because it did not go under water.

But Martini keeps smiling,

even as her arthritis makes it difficult to sleep in the back floorboard of her van. She's quick to crack a joke about the state of things.

"I'm a comedian person," she said. "And I laugh at things that aren't funny, because sometimes they kind of are."

one of those piles must be inspected by a third party before dumping. Such oversight is not required for a vegetative pit.

"You think (Pensacola Bay) Bridge being out is bad, wait until someone spills a thousand gallons of diesel in our water supply," Lynchard said.

Draft of the Land Development Code changes will be shared via NavarrePress.com when it becomes available. The next public hearing on the code changes, including the pits issue, will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 12 before the Zoning Board.

*Public comment on the proposed Land Development Code changes can be submitted via email to bocc@santa-rosa.fl.gov or by calling 850-983-1877.*

vision from the well field protection area," Ward said. "That would allow some of these pits to expand and allow the land clearing debris, natural vegetative stuff to go back into those pits."

Daryl Lynchard serves as the interim executive director and CEO for both Holley Navarre Water System and the regional water utility partnership, Fairpoint Regional Utility System. He said that change is a bad idea.

"They are digging a hole over the water supply. If there are any accidents at the bottom of that pit, we could poison the water supply for the south end of the county," Lynchard said.

"The water systems, Fair-

point and me personally—a lot of people I imagine—are going to be against this."

He added that private property rights are import-

ant and compensation to those property owners may be necessary, but protecting water comes first.

Ward echoed the concerns. The county would only allow vegetative debris pits, not the type for landfills or other waste disposal, but those vegetative pits have less federal and state regulation.

"There are some questions and concerns as to who is going to monitor what goes back into those pits," Ward said. "We are already starting to get the emails in from folks saying 'No. Don't do it.'"

Representing the Navarre

area in this decision will be District 4 County Commissioner Dave Piech. He said he is undecided on the matter.

"I have not seen all the science or math on that," Piech said. "I have not been swayed either way," Piech said.

But he added, "protecting drinking water is my No. 1 priority."

Piech acknowledged that regulating pits would be difficult. By law, Florida Department of Environmental Protection does oversight of borrow pits, ensuring they comply and that contaminants do not find their way in. But Ward said those oversight resources are limited, and while county officials report any suspicions or concerns to the state department, it may be too little too late if a mistake is made.

Piech pointed out the

county is having difficulty keeping vegetative debris piles from Hurricane Sally properly cleared of any contamination, and every

# Farms take hit after storm washes out harvest

**By Jamie Gentry**  
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Farms across north Santa Rosa County get busy in September. Peanuts, a staple crop of the region, are ready to be turned out of the dirt. Cotton and soybean harvests are not far behind.

So, when Hurricane Sally took a sharp turn east, farmers braced for losses. According to UF/IFAS Extension office researchers, agriculture along the Panhandle lost between \$55 and \$100 million worth of income.

Alan "Big Al" Edwards raises cattle and farms peanuts and cotton off Mineral Springs Road in Jay. He said the cows came out unscathed, but the crops were not as lucky. Edwards, 51, has been farming his entire life, first alongside his dad and then striking out on his own at 17. He's no stranger to hurricanes.

"We went through (Hurricane) Ivan and that damaged our barns. This is usually when it comes is when its harvest time," he said.

Edwards estimates only a third of his waterlogged peanuts will be harvestable and continuing rain showers mean added losses as the ready-to-harvest nuts deteriorate in the dirt.

"They are probably going downhill every day," Edwards said.

Same goes for his less profitable cotton. The normally 5-foot-tall plants lay battered and flattened to knee height. About half of the once fluffy cotton balls are damp and mildewing on the ground.

"If it keeps raining it'll keep rotting," Edwards said, adding that they'll take care of the peanut crop first. "Peanuts is our main money crop. We have got to get them out."

UF's analysts found losses associated with the hurricane spanned many



Submitted photos  
**Footage shows soybean fields before and after Hurricane Sally dumped more than a foot of rain on Santa Rosa County in less than three days.**

***"That is the risk we have to take. That is why most of the farmers don't go to the casinos. We are high rolling already out here."***

***— "Big Al" Edwards, farmer***

aspects of agriculture including dairy and other products lost to spoilage from power outages and lost time harvesting aquaculture products. UF/IFAS assessors toured affected

properties following Sally's passing to assess the damage and, working with economists, estimated the overall dollar value of losses.

Associate professor

Christa Court is the director of UF/IFAS's Economic Impact Analysis Program. She said Sally's unusually high rainfall, more than 20 inches in places, played a significant role in the amount of damage caused.

"There were still impacts like pecans blown off trees, but we also have to account for significantly more water impacting crop fields and grazing lands than we usually see,"

Court said in an email.

Soybeans, another leading crop for Santa Rosa, were left under standing water from Sally.

Edwards said he and his partners barely break even normally.

"We are going to be in the hole this year," Edwards said. "That is the risk we have to take. That is why most of the farmers don't go to the casinos. We are high rolling already out here."

## Beach road remains closed



Photo by Kaitie Meyer  
**The road between Navarre Beach and Pensacola Beach remains closed due to damage from Hurricane Sally.**

**Staff report**  
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weekend when work began.

A structural engineer is evaluating the roadway's condition and integrity. Once that evaluation is complete, decisions will be made about temporary limited access as well as long-term repairs.

The National Park Service closed all areas of the national seashore prior to Hurricane Sally making landfall along the Gulf Coast, the release said.

"Efforts to clear both roads have been hampered by ongoing weather which has saturated sand and flooded roadways again," the release said. "Despite these challenges, significant progress has been made since last

A reopening date is not available, the release said.

All areas of the national seashore in Florida remain closed as a result of the storm. These areas are closed to all access including vehicles, bikes and walkers.

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## Naked man allegedly runs through school grounds

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Approximately 200 students of Gulf Pointe Latin School in Navarre watched Sept. 23 as a naked man ran through the school grounds.

The man fled from first responders through the woods and then ran through the school grounds, according to a Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office arrest report. He has been identified as Jason Boucher, 32, of Navarre.

The incident began as a water rescue call in East Bay Boulevard off Boat Club Lane. EMS observed a male with no clothes on get out of the water and begin running into the woods to the west.

An officer later saw the man emerge from the woods onto Gulf Pointe's property, running through the parking area around 8 a.m. There were approximately 200 students on the playground at the time who viewed Boucher on property. Gulf Pointe is a gated private school.

The officer detained Boucher. Scratches covering Boucher's body were consistent with running through the woods naked, according to the report.

Boucher's charged with misdemeanor indecent exposure of sexual organs, misdemeanor trespassing on school grounds and misdemeanor disturbing the peace, interfering with school. He was transported to Santa Rosa County Jail, bond set at \$2,000.

## FHSAA announces classifications for playoff purposes

**By Brian Lester**  
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It's only week two of the high school football season, but the playoff matchups are set to be released as early as next week.

The Florida High School Athletic Association announced the new-look classifications Monday now that schools have decided on opting in or out of the postseason.

Navarre finds itself in Region 1-7A with Atlantic Coast, Buchholz, Chiles, Creekside, Crestview, First Coast, Fleming Island, Fletcher, Leon, Lincoln, Niceville and Tate.

Playoff pairings for the opening round will be made via blind draw and a coin flip will determine which team is home and away for each game.

The top three teams in the region, as determined by the draw, will be given an automatic berth into the eight-team regional.

The remaining 10 teams in Region 1-7A will face each other in play-in games Nov. 13, with the five winners also advancing to the regional.

The quarterfinal round of the playoffs is set for Nov. 20 and state championship weekend is Dec. 17-19 at a location yet to be determined.

A decision on volleyball pairings for the district tournaments could be made as early as this week. District tourney play is scheduled to take place the week of Oct. 12, and the district tourney champ and runner-up will advance to the regional tournament.

## Sally leftovers



Submitted photo by Michel Gutman

**Navarre Beach island photographer Michel Gutman shot this photo over the weekend of an island forming under the Navarre Beach Fishing Pier. His photo of the island went viral on Facebook.**



**Clean up of the area continues two weeks after Hurricane Sally.**

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Santa Rosa County Administrative Center Boardroom  
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**Saturday**  
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**Sunday**  
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## EDITORIAL

## In Our Opinion

## Shop local

This year has been a challenging one for business owners. Normally, even as the economy ebbs and flows, folks still shop and go out to eat and even take vacations. They still get their nails done and go to their medical appointments and go out for coffee. But between COVID 19 and all the fears and restrictions that came with it, and Hurricane Sally, some local business owners are having a hard time getting their financial footing back. The amount of time people have spent at home these past months is unprecedented. And while they appear to have spent money on livestreaming services, groceries and home improvement projects, they were not going out to eat as much. Or going anywhere as much. Shopping online became the default option, which is good for the big corporations like Amazon, but not for your community.

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease, Northwest Florida now faces the added challenge of one of the most important

bridges in the area being damaged and closed for the foreseeable future. Travel between Pensacola and Gulf Breeze has become time-consuming and cluttered with heavy traffic. There will be no more quick trips across the bridge for a bite to eat in Pensacola or vice versa. Adding to business owners' woes, some structures were actually damaged during Sally's siege on the coast.

What can we do? A lot. We can make sure we keep spending money locally. We can eat out. We can shop locally. We can take a little extra time on the road to get to some of our favorite places, even if it's less convenient. Imagine the Emerald Coast

without some of our favorite restaurants, stores and service businesses. They're waiting for us to come back and that's what we need to do.

As we continue to recover from the isolation of this past year, and from its challenges, remember the people and places that help make this area beautiful, strong and vibrant.



## Letters to the Editor

## Keep prayer on the forefront

Biblical prophecies unfold daily. Is America heading toward judgment like the destruction of ancient Israel for turning away from God? Nine harbingers appearing in Israel now appear on American soil!

Bestselling author Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, warns America in Harbinger II, inviting all to "THE RETURN," National Mall, Washington, D.C. Sept. 26, 2020. The purpose? For Christians, not the hoi polloi, (masses,) to return to God by coming before His presence in humility, sincerity, prayer and repentance.

Already in progress through 2020, the movement leads up to 10 days of prayer, fasting, repentance starting Sept. 10, with the Feast of Trumpets, ending with the Day of Atonement, throughout the world! Live simulcast in our homes, churches, towns, cities available.

Many quote 2nd Chronicles 7:14, crucial to America's healing/survival. They should learn verse 13 – God says, "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain or command locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ....!" So, Biden et. al., shut up blaming Trump! God sends pestilence, plagues, and pandemics giving us time to return to God!

Martin Luther King's niece, Alveida, Billy Graham's daughter, Anne, Dr. James Dobson, Pat Robertson are among speakers.

God bless us all as only He can. Maranatha!

Chrys Holley  
Milton

## Who will you vote for?

What is AFFH (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing)? This rule established under Obama and Biden is designed to force any city, county or state government to meet the demographic distribution of race and income based on the sole interpretation of HUD or the federal government. This rule establishes a new level of government between local and federal governments with the sole authority to withhold funds, sue or both. HUD will establish how many and where the new housing units will be built at predominantly local government expense. Local zoning rules would be useless.

This excessive regulation will destroy the autonomy of local governments and establish dictatorial power concerning new housing. The current rule would cut federal funding for housing if the draconian requirements are not followed. The rule is code for imposing low rent housing in any neighborhood.

The American dream is to work hard and move up within society and housing is one of the first steps. Due to the destructive nature of AFFH the Trump administration has suspended this rule; however, Biden has pledged to reinstate the rule and add the withholding of transportation funds as added punishment.

Who will you vote for?

Larry Sessions  
Gulf Breeze

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## Out and About

By Sandi Kemp,  
Publisher



I've been watching through the week as the debris piles on the sides of the streets have grown and grown. The longer it takes for the county contractor to come by with their first pass, the more people will find to get rid of – at the expense of the county.

According to the piles in **Holley by the Sea**, bicycles, children's toys, basketball goals, couches, chairs, freshly cut tree and foliage trimmings and even tires are being put forward as debris from **Sally**. And, from what I've heard from others, **HBTS** is not unique – it just happens to have at least a quarter of the residential property in **Navarre**. Don't let a crisis go to waste. Might as well have the county pick up whatever junk we don't want anymore – at taxpayer expense. The money has to come from somewhere. There are no free lunches. The contractor that is hired by the county is probably charging by the ton of "debris." So, when that half-cent sales tax comes back around, please vote for it, we will need it and more.

It is fall and football season. **Windjammers on the Pier** is showing football games and has beverage and wing specials every Saturday through Monday.

This weekend is sure to be a lot of fun with the **Fishing Rodeo**. The **Rodeo** is part of a larger umbrella event called **"Fish Navarre Weekend."** The **Pier** will have free admission for anglers and walkers on Saturday and Sunday. Also, this is the only time that the pier will give a discount on annual walking or fishing passes. The weigh-ins are from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Juana's and will be a good time to enjoy people-watching. The adults get a little competitive and sometimes grumpy but if you want to witness pure joy, go there to watch the children weigh in their pinfish and even an occasional Spanish mackerel. The weather is forecast to be beautiful and the Gulf is predicted to be flat – at least on Saturday. As of press time, there are more than 250 registered and we are expecting at least 300.

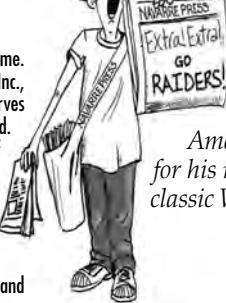
**Windjammers at the Pier** will have "Pier Marshalls" on Saturday and Sunday who will be happy to fillet your freshly caught fish (after it is weighed in and photographed by Rodeo volunteers) for a tip. **Windjammer** chefs will then grill, fry or prepare with a **Caribbean** prep and serve it to you with two vegetables for \$12 a plate. I'd like **Pompano** please, with a **Caribbean** prep.

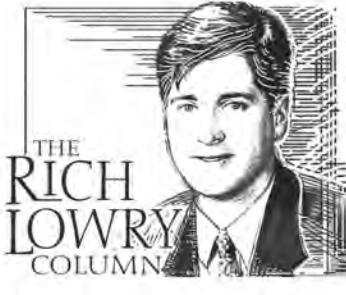
I already can't wait to see all the pictures next week in the paper – and the pictures that don't make the paper. If you want to see some awesome pictures, please go to [navarre-photos.com](http://navarre-photos.com). That is where we put all the photos that make the paper and the pictures that don't make the paper.

**Go Raiders!** They play **Gulf Breeze** this Friday in **Gulf Breeze**. While you are there, please go to **Chick-fil-A** and other **Gulf Breeze Proper** restaurants. Suddenly they are at the end of a dead-end street, which is what U.S. Highway 98 has become with the closure of the three-mile bridge. **Chick-fil-A** caters.

**Quote of the week:** You must pay for everything in this world one way and another. There is nothing free except the race of God. You cannot earn that or deserve it. Charles Portis (1933-2020)

American author best known for his novels **Norwood** and the classic Western **True Grit**.





## Ideological vengeance

Constitutional revolution is going mainstream.

If the Republican Senate confirms a Trump appointee to fill Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Supreme Court seat right before or after the election, progressives say Democrats, if they sweep in November, should retaliate by packing the Supreme Court.

None of this comes out of the blue. The left is disenchanted with our country, and especially its governing institutions, which it believes are shot through with racism and deeply undemocratic. Democrats have gone from assuming a few years ago that they have a permanent majority to assuming that they can't possibly win under such a rigged system.

They no longer want to live under a government that checks majoritarian passions, recognizes the importance of states in our federal system and features a Supreme Court that is supposed to render independent judgments based on the law and the Constitution. All of this, once a matter of basic civics, is now for suckers.

Before its new fashion, court-packing used to be notorious, the ill-considered move that President Franklin Roosevelt couldn't see through even at the height of his power.

For good reason. To add a bunch of new seats to the Supreme Court explicitly so a Democratic president could fill them would radically diminish the Court's standing. It would invite Republicans to counter with their own bout of court-packing when they again return to power. The Court would become merely a partisan plaything and essentially an adjunct to the legislative branch -- all that would stay the same would be the black robes.

And for what? To compensate for a duly elected Republican Senate acting on its prerogatives to block one Supreme Court nominee (Obama nominee Merrick Garland) and potentially confirm another (Trump's nominee to fill the RBG seat).

The Senate itself is now an affront because small states get equal representation with large states. Never mind that this arrangement was at the center of the deal that gave us the Constitution. Never mind that the Constitution stipulates that this provision is unamendable. Never mind that prior to 2014 the Democrats controlled the Senate and didn't seem overly concerned about the body's alleged lack of legitimacy.

It's not a failing of our constitutional design that Democrats have made themselves so hateful to rural voters that they despair of reliably holding the Senate going forward. As a corrective, they are threatening to eliminate the filibuster to allow them to add Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico as states to boost their number of senators, a maneuver that smacks of pre-Civil War era power politics.

All of this talk is an awkward fit for Joe Biden's candidacy. We are told that Biden is an inoffensive institutionalist and committed moderate, but if Republicans defy his wishes on the RBG seat, he will respond by blessing outlandish changes to our system passed by narrow majorities.

And, by the way, Biden better win. Shadi Hamid of The Atlantic wrote a piece expressing his worry "that Trump will win reelection and Democrats and others on the left will be unwilling, even unable, to accept the result." He raises the possibility of "mass unrest and political violence across American cities."

Accepting the result of an election is a pretty important norm -- unless you've convinced yourself you live under a hideously undemocratic regime with no legitimacy.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Syndicate, Inc.*

# EYE ON GOVERNMENT

## FEMA individual assistance unlikely



Photo by Jamie Gentry  
Images like this one help Federal Emergency Management Agency assessors determine how high floodwaters rose within a home. This measure is used in determining whether individual assistance will be allocated for the area.

By Jamie Gentry  
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Santa Rosa County officials are optimistic that federal assistance is coming for public safety costs associated with Hurricane Sally. Property owners may not be so lucky.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is processing which types of assistance will be given said County Administrator Dan Schebler.

"We are still optimistic that the public assistance declaration is just working its way through the process, but the individual assistance, we are not as optimistic on the outcome of that decision from FEMA," he said.

Public assistance helps to cover costs to the county to responding to the disaster, depending on the level allocated. For example, an expansion of FEMA public assistance would

help cover millions of dollars in costs for a contractor to haul residents' storm debris.

Individual assistance provides property owners financial support for recovery not covered by their insurance.

Schebler said only five homes in Santa Rosa County were categorized as destroyed by FEMA. Another 77 were ruled majorly impacted.

"We have hundreds of homes that have had minor impacts or been affected," Schebler said, but those properties do not qualify, he added.

So, what's the distinction? According to FEMA, it depends on how high the water goes.

"Eighteen inches on the first inhabitable floor or water covers the electrical outlets is considered major impact," Schebler explained. "There are extenuating factors. If there is standing water for more than 24 hours,

you go up one level. If you have contaminated water that goes up a level. You need to identify that contaminant."

Destroyed is defined as a single or multifamily home damaged "to an extent that repair is not feasible," according to FEMA charts.

The number of homes destroyed or sustaining major impacts decides whether or not FEMA will offer individual assistance to property owners. And the level of damage just does not appear to qualify, Schebler said.

Santa Rosa County has tried to make a case for relief. Residents were asked to submit proof of damage, such as photos to the county's online reporting feature to then be presented to FEMA. But it appears the numbers were not there.

For now, the county waits on final FEMA decisions.

## Restaurants cleared to fully reopen

By Jamie Gentry  
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Local restaurants were cleared to fully reopened Sept. 25 as Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the state is entering "Phase III" of reopening.

In a news conference, DeSantis announced signing of an executive order to preempt any local regulations that hold restaurants to 50% of capacity or less. By extension, restaurants without any local restrictions will

be able to operate fully.

"The order that I am signing today will guarantee restaurants operate, DeSantis said Friday. "They can operate at a minimum of 50% regardless of local rules. We are cognizant of the need for business certainty."

The order also puts the onus on local governments to justify continued limitations less than 100%, including identifying what the cost is to restaurants due to the limitation.

"This is a difficult industry to succeed in. The margins aren't great," he said.

DeSantis also said bars will remain at 50% and that outstanding fees and penalties related to local regulations will be held in abeyance by the order.

DeSantis said the focus for COVID-19 prevention at this point needs to shift toward the elderly who are most vulnerable to serious negative impacts from the disease.

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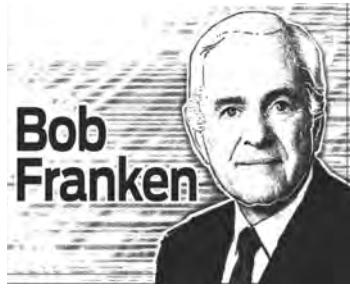
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## Ginsberg impact, TBD

The October surprise happened in September, but it was certainly a jarring surprise. Normally in a presidential race, it will be engineered by supporters of one candidate against the other. But unless we learn differently, the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg came when her health finally collapsed after years of fighting off cancers. Shortly before she succumbed, she dictated a statement:

"My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed."

But in the ways of Washington, the beauty of all the Twitter tributes immediately gave way to ugly politics. A vicious fight is assured as President Donald Trump is locked in a battle with his opponent, with a chance that he will lose; and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, also a Republican, is locked in a re-election battle with a chance that he will lose.

It's even feasible that Joe Biden and the Democrats will take over the White House and the Senate. So the GOP, in power now, is scrambling to ram a conservative justice through the "advice and consent" ritual and replace Ginsburg, a liberal legend who had become a longtime battler for women's rights. Her dissents and written opinions were so majestic that she had become a champion of the younger set, the "Notorious RBG."

If the Republicans are successful, the high court would be able to reverse so much of the progressive agenda that has grown into reality in recent generations, including the right to get an abortion.

So many women, even conservatives, view Trump as an obvious misogynist. However, many are even more offended by abortion. So they may see a conservative anti-abortion justice as an appropriate replacement for the pro-women's rights, pro Roe v. Wade Ruth Bader Ginsburg, enhancing the chances to prohibit a procedure they view as murder.

The bitter absurdity is that the passing of the most liberal justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, has altered the election campaign. The political scenarios following her death are chaotic, all over the map. On the one hand it allows Donald Trump to present himself as a statesman instead of the caricature of the hated, hateful buffoon to which so many million Americans see. But can the Trumpster hold back on his compulsion to say or tweet something outrageous?

And what about the contest for control of the Senate. Will endangered Republican members, who are fighting close battles for re-election, including McConnell himself, be willing to play along with McConnell and Trump's strategy to force through a replacement? Democrats promise an all-out fight against that. Will that help or hurt them? And will more GOP gadflies, like Mitt Romney, help the Democrats conjure up the four votes they need to thwart the hurry-up plan?

How will Joe Biden handle this unexpected development, and how will Kamala Harris deal with it? She's a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, under the control of Chairman Lindsey Graham, a Republican who is fighting for his political life back in his home state of South Carolina.

The September surprise of Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death will have an enormous impact on the campaign, and it's not overstating it to say that it will affect the future of this country. Obviously it might not be in the direction Ginsberg would prefer after a lifetime of leading the fight for human rights.

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## Wise Words

By Wendy Victoria Rudman

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As I write this column, it has been one week to the day since I last dabbled in my old addiction.

I had given it up for more than 20 years, and then I started feeling over-confident. I could do it. It would be OK. It would feel great. I am a new and improved person, I decided.

I strapped on my walking shoes, waved a wand and dubbed them running shoes. Then I hit the streets with my watch measuring my steps, my pace and my heart rate.

Four houses down the street, my heart rate had zoomed to over 150. I kept going, taking steps about the size and speed of the average toddler who has just learned to walk. I reached the cul-de-sac in about two and a half minutes and wanted to slow to a walk.

But I was determined. That night, as the sun set and the temperatures cooled, I knocked out a tidy one mile, most of it running, at a pace of 14:35 per mile.

It was exhilarating except for the pain in my knees and the rest of my body.

The pace was about two minutes faster than I could have walked the same distance if I was pushing myself.

It raised my endorphins, creating that coveted runner's high, but what a price I paid.

The pain lasted a week. I felt like I had broken both knees and worried that I had done permanent damage in my zeal. I don't remember running being this painful before I had kids. Before I turned mumble-mumble, and 20 more mumble-mumbles.

Birthdays, as you age, morph into mini-funerals.

Goodbye to whatever I was able to do last year that I will never do again. Goodbye to whatever sweetness my adult children had to offer last year, that they may or may not serve up in the year to come.

Goodbye to running, for me. It was fun to brag out. Painful to recover from. Definitely not worth a crippled week.

Assuming I salvage my knees to move another day, walking and swimming are amazing activities. Neither makes me want to wake up in the morning and amputate a limb or two.

Running was an amazing sport. I was never fast but I had the discipline to run and run. I even ran the Chicago Marathon once. It was glorious, a bucket list item for the bucket list I was too young to have.

I ran daily for years, looping through neighborhoods and cornfields, city streets and rural roads yet to be discovered by developers. I did a lot of thinking along those roads. I got in my zone. Some of it hurt but not most of it. I felt strong, fit, powerful, indomitable. Notice my use of past tense.

I'm glad I tried running again. I'm proud of myself. I'm even more glad it's behind me.

And my knees are extra proud of me for knowing my limits.

# COMMUNITY

# Snake Samaritan

Schaffer removes snakes from homes free of charge

By Kaitie Meyer

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A Navarre man is volunteering his time and sharing his passion for reptiles by relocating snakes from people's yards and homes to safer areas.

Ryan Schaffer, 33, has been an active wildlife enthusiast his whole life and has been rescuing reptiles since he moved here last year. He has been a lot busier lately.

"The rising flood waters when the hurricane hit caused a lot of animals to seek shelter in higher ground, and most of the neighborhoods are considered higher ground so it kind of pushed a lot of snakes in particular into the neighborhood," he said.

As a member of the "Concerned Citizens of Navarre" Facebook group, Schaffer saw people posting pictures of snakes in their yard, trying to identify them. Many people reached out to Schaffer on Facebook, requesting reptile removal after the storm.

Schaffer rescues snakes free of charge, refusing money or even bottles of champagne.

"For me, it's not about receiving any sort of compensation. The reward for me is the life of the animal," he said.

At Schaffer's day job he repairs medical equipment in the Air Force. Currently stationed at Hurlburt Field, Schaffer has been in the U.S. Air Force for 15 years.

Since Sally hit, Schaffer has rescued 11 snakes and between 40 and 50 since he moved here.

Schaffer immediately releases the snakes in an open wildlife area north of Navarre.



Ryan Schaffer has rescued 11 snakes since the floods of Hurricane Sally have relocated wildlife in our community, a mission he started long before the storm.

"I have a few very secluded areas that I let them go where they definitely will not be winding up back around a residential area," he said.

Navarre resident Jenn Cronin was absolutely mortified

of snakes, before she met Schaffer.

"He taught me that snakes actually provide a service to us and they are part of nature and we should live in harmony with them," she said.

"When you're deadly afraid

of something and you have someone who's willing to come help you and educate you absolutely free of charge, it helped eradicate my fear of snakes."

Snakes are vital to the environment, according to Schaffer. They prey on rodents and other disease-spreading pests, and even help curb the tick population.

"If you encounter a snake, don't engage it. The safest action is to simply leave it alone," he said. "Many people learn to fear snakes at a young age and grow up believing they're aggressive creatures that want to hurt us. That's simply not true. They want nothing to do with us and just want to go about their lives like we do."

Schaffer has never been bitten by a venomous snake because he uses tools to handle them and does not put his body in the strike zone. He has however been bitten rescuing nonvenomous snakes and says the bites are "just small pin pricks and only require standard washing with soap and water."

Snakes spark a lot of fear in people, Schaffer said.

"The best way to overcome a fear is through education and exposure," he added. "I've had a lot of people reach out to me saying that my posts have really relieved some of the extreme fear that they've had regarding snakes. That's really satisfying to me, knowing that it's able to bring comfort to someone else."

## Navarre Fishing Rodeo on, filling quickly

By Kaitie Meyer

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Despite the many obstacles that might have impeded the 7th annual Navarre Fishing Rodeo, the fishing extravaganza is still a go this weekend.

Navarre Fishing Rodeo is a fishing competition where anglers can fish from anywhere "except the frozen section of the supermarket," said organizer, Sandpaper Marketing.

Participants can fish from the shore, a boat, a kayak or the pier. The boundaries are the Destin Pass to the Pensacola Pass.

The tournament starts at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, and ends at 4 p.m.

the next day. Weigh-in is at Juana's Pagodas and prizes will be awarded

in all divisions. There is even a junior division for anglers who are 12 and under. Young anglers can compete in that division for free with a registered adult angler.

Mike Sandler, chair of the Navarre Beach Area Chamber Foundation, said the kid's division is one of the most significant pieces of the rodeo.

"The young anglers get to come in, sometimes with the very first fish that they caught, and put it up on the scale, so that's really a lot of fun to watch," he said.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Navarre Beach Area Chamber Foundation.

This weekend is also Fish Navarre Weekend, which means that pier admission will be free Oct. 3 and 4, and all annual fishing and walking passes will be 10% off. Pier admission is normally \$7 for adult fisherman and \$1 for walkers. Annual adult fishing passes are normally \$150 and annual walking passes are \$60.

Packet pickup will be at Windjammers on the Pier Friday evening, where anglers can pick up their captain's bags and complimentary long sleeve

Mojo shirts. The Captain's meeting will be virtual this year.

Proceeds from this

event will benefit the Navarre Beach Area Chamber Foundation.

Last year, more than 527 pounds of fish were caught at the rodeo and more than 2,000 people attended the event.

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Kayden Samuelson smiles as he holds tightly to his prized catch at the 2019 Navarre Fishing Rodeo.

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# "It could be worse"

## Family stays positive after destructive house fire

By Jamie Gentry  
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Hurricanes and house fires make for a destructive combination, and for the Golden family of Navarre Beach, it meant the end of their home.

But the Goldens have taken a positive perspective on the loss. Debbie Golden is mother of four children, three adult sons and 15-year-old Lillie. Golden said she and her husband are financially well-established, owning their home and carrying good insurance.

"It could have been worse," she said.

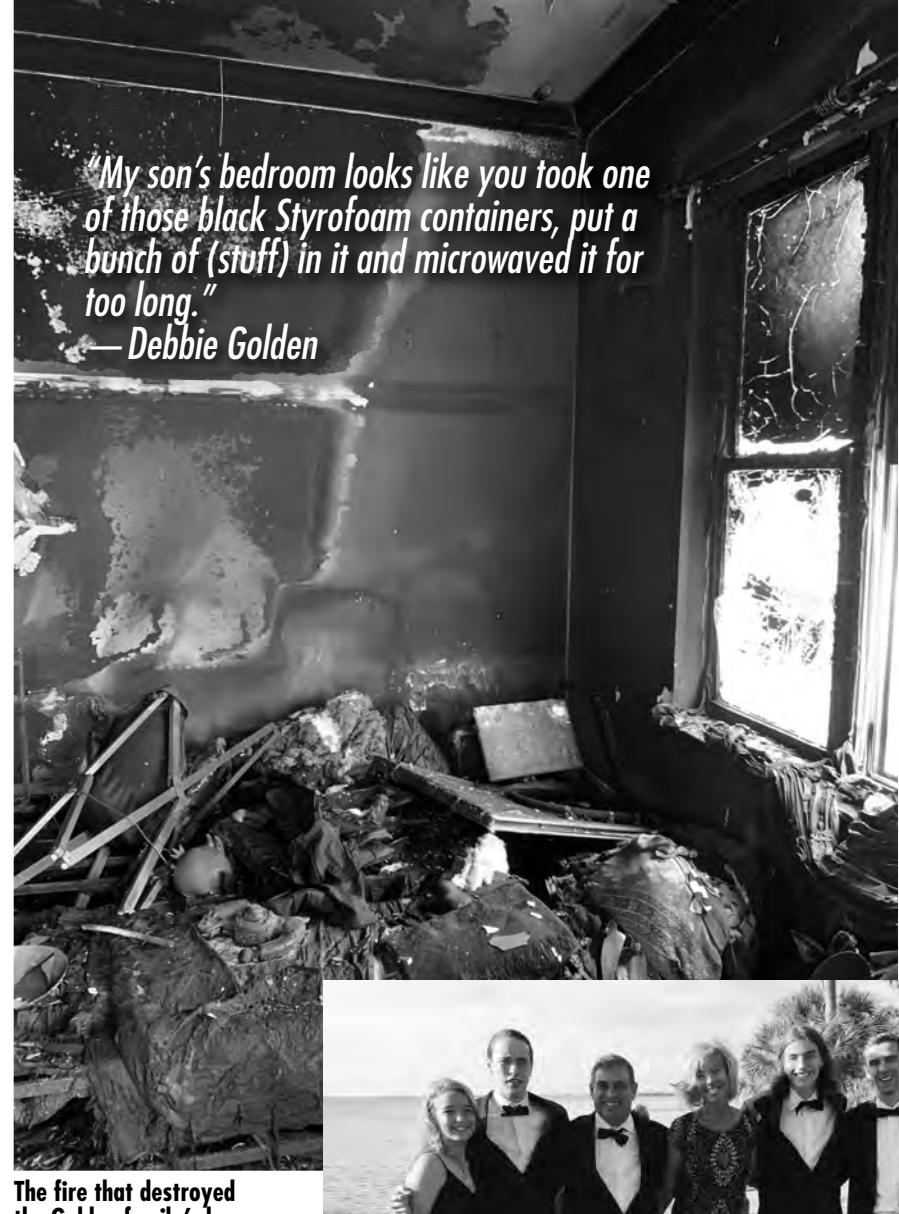
An electrical fire sparked in one of the son's bedrooms late Sept. 26. Fortunately, he had been out with friends at the time. The family became aware of the fire when a smoke detector went off. The older brother grabbed a fire extinguisher, but the fire was too great.

"He tried to spray it down, but came out and told us to get out," Debbie Golden recalled.

They grabbed their dogs and awoke the father, evacuating the house. Flames prevented them retrieving rescue cat Izzy, who died in the fire. The flames eventually sputtered out in the one bedroom but created toxic blooms of smoke that rendered the house uninhabitable.

"At this point they are telling us both floors will have to be ripped down to the studs," she said. "If you drive by, you would say there was no fire here."

But the destruction



The fire that destroyed the Golden family's home started in one of the son's bedrooms. He was out of the house at the time.

inside means the Golden family cannot enter to retrieve belongings. Even a quick trip inside requires protective covering and an immediate shower upon exit.

"It's toxic. It's cancerous," Golden said.

It is suspected the heavy rains associated with Hurricane Sally may have gotten some water



The Golden family of Navarre lost their home in a fire Sept. 26.

into the wall, sparking the blaze.

"My son's bedroom looks like you took one of those

black Styrofoam containers, put a bunch of (stuff) in it and microwaved it for too long," Golden said.

Still, they were lucky, she said. Their insurance is covering repairs, which will take six to nine months. A neighbor housed them the first night, and they were able to shelter in a hotel after that. Insurance will cover a temporary Airbnb while repairs are made. The day after the fire, Southern Specialty offered Debbie and Lillie Golden new clothes free of charge.

"We're safe. And we have excellent insurance, and we are being taken care of," Golden said.

The uncertainty is stressful. Lillie, a Navarre High School varsity soccer player, will likely take her classes online for a while. She's worried about staying in soccer, though her mother notes Lillie is thankful for the help they have.

There are also things insurance and kindness can't replace. School assignments, family photos, childhood art projects — some things claimed by the fire are one of a kind.

"There was 31 years' worth of our life in that house," Golden said. "And that's stuff you can't replace."

Still, the Golden family has asked that anyone seeking to help the family donate to the Navarre High School girls soccer team. Contact coach Rob Simon at simonr@santarosa.k12.fl.us.

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## Co-parenting basics

By Kari Clemmer



My co-parenting with a toxic ex series continues today with a thought to consider for your parenting plan or co-parenting plan.

What does your current parenting plan that is included in your temporary or final orders look like? If you don't have one, want to create one or modify your current one, here are some considerations to think about if you are co-parenting with a toxic ex.

Creating a parenting plan, or co-parenting plan with a toxic ex, is going to require elements of the plan to be very specific.

If you leave no room for a gray area, it will be less likely for your toxic ex to be able to manipulate and control.

I encourage documentation and tell my workshop attendees who are in difficult co-parenting situations to "document, document, document." Documentation may prove very beneficial to the process of modifications, if you are following a parenting plan that needs to be changed.

Just like with setting boundaries for communication, if you are using an online communication tool such as Our Family Wizard, AppClose or Talking Parents, then you will have documentation provided through that source too, should you need it.

A regular standard agreement sometimes just does not work in some co-parenting situations, and co-parenting with a toxic ex could possibly warrant more detail and specific considerations as it is being written. Seek legal counsel should you feel the need for help for that to happen.

You may have good intentions for what you would like in your parenting plan or co-parenting plan, but protecting you from a possible hidden agenda from a toxic ex is the reason for serious consideration for parenting plan specifics.

I hope you all have a great week.

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## Aldi on pause, still coming to Navarre



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Workers have leveled the lot where Aldi will be located in Navarre just off Ortega Street, but work is on pause until the distribution center in Loxley, Alabama is completed.

By Jamie Gentry  
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Aldi is still coming to Navarre. It's just delayed.

The discount grocery franchise announced plans to build a Navarre location last year as part of a larger expansion into Northwest Florida.

Located at the corner of U.S. Highway 98 and Ortega Street behind the Culver's, the development is

on pause for now said District 4 County Commissioner Dave Piech. Piech has been in close contact with the developers, Navarre 19 LLC.

"They are still coming, but they have got to get that distribution center built first," he explained.

The distribution center project is underway in Loxley, Alabama. The center will provide stocks to all the new

stores being built in the area of Northwest Florida and southern Alabama.

Piech explained that center must be completed before the local store, otherwise there would be no way to stock the new shop.

The development also comes with planned satellite stores. Dunkin Donuts and Firestone have been confirmed for the project, while

earlier teasers of a potential Panera Bread and Whataburger appear to have not materialized.

Piech said the development is now in negotiations with a cellphone store to fill one of the spots, but that is not yet set in stone.

Construction is scheduled to recommence at the Navarre site in early spring 2021.

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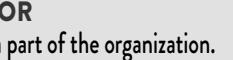
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# Widow documents husband's 78-day struggle with COVID

By Wendy Victoria Rudman  
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To talk about her late husband of 38 years, Evelyn Keating needs her spiral notebooks.

They comfort her, making her feel like she is in control. Or that she was, in some way, during the 78 days her husband Dennis spent in the intensive care unit of Sacred Heart Hospital where she is a nurse.

It took her two notebooks to document in soft pencil etchings his journey through the medical system.

On the good days, she wrote carefully on the right-hand page only. On the bad days, she scribbled diagonally across the left page, trying to capture it all as his life slipped away.

"Settings highest. Flatlined. Poor prognosis," the registered nurse wrote July 25, one of the bad days. That was the day doctors gave him a 10 to 20% chance of survival, the day his oxygen levels dropped so low he ripped out his tubes and his heart stopped.

After staff revived him, they called Evelyn and held the phone to her husband's ear.

"They're going to intubate me," he told her. "I love you. Tell the kids I love them, too."



**Dennis Keating lost 80 pounds during his long hospitalization. Before he became ill, he weighed 300 pounds and was frequently seen around town with his 4-pound Chihuahua Peeps. She still becomes agitated when she hears a truck that sounds like his.**



**Dennis Keating, left, smiles for a photo with his family, which includes a wife, two adult sons and two grandchildren. Keating, the As You Wish Handyman, died Sept. 15 after battling COVID-19 for nearly three months.**



**Dennis Keating with grandson Brantley**

"You better come back," she told him. "I love you too."

That was the last time he spoke.

Dennis, well-known in the Navarre area as the As You Wish Handyman, died Sept. 15, one day before a storm rolled in that would have kept him busy for months.

At that point, he'd been in the intensive care unit longer than any other COVID-19 patient at Sacred Heart Hospital, according to Evelyn. Days before he died, a doctor told her that was nothing to celebrate.

Evelyn got COVID-19 first — she believes from work — and Dennis tested positive a few days later.

She got to the point where she was too weak to hold up her head when she tried to take a shower. On June 23, they were both admitted to the hospital.

"I felt like I wanted to die when I had COVID," she said.

At age 63, she had no other risk factors other than being somewhat overweight.

Dennis, at age 60, "almost checked off every box," she said, referring to health conditions that made him more vulnerable. Still, he was discharged two days after he was first admitted, while doctors kept her for five. He looked terrible when he came to pick her up, and she sent him right back into the emergency room.

He never left the hospital again.

On top of the guilt she feels over giving him COVID, she is heartbroken that she was hospitalized as he became more ill.

"Home alone," she wrote June 26.

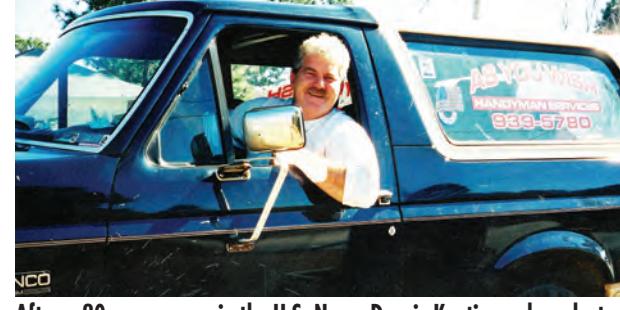
"Home alone," she wrote again the next day.

On June 28, Dennis was hospitalized again. He spent most of July on oxygen and most of August on a ventilator.

For a few days in August, Dennis recovered enough to breathe without the ventilator. He squeezed his wife's hand and tried to open his eyes but was too weak. She started making calls to long-term care facilities. She thought he was one of the success stories.

Then he contracted pneumonia. Back on the ventilator, unable to communicate, his body

**Evelyn, a registered nurse at the hospital where her husband died, tracked his long battle with COVID-19 in these notebooks. It was her way to feel like she had some control over his struggle, she said.**



**After a 20-year-career in the U.S. Navy, Dennis Keating, whose last post was in Pensacola, built up his As You Wish Handyman service. His wife, Evelyn, jokes that her "honey-do" list was longer than most because her husband was so busy helping others.**

slowly trudging toward death. In the end, his kidneys failed, his blood pressure dropped and doctors likened his scarred lungs to the cover of a basketball instead of the inside of a balloon.

For all but a few of those 78 days, she believed he would come back, that they would travel again to the Cayman Islands, that they would take their Disney Cruise and that he would be strong enough to see his grandchildren again.

On Sept. 12, she had her first glimmer of acceptance. That was the day she told doctors she wouldn't sign a Do Not Resuscitate order. He was going to die. She knew it. But she



## Butterfly house getting closer to spreading wings

By Maribeth Brossart  
News@NavarrePress.com

The Panhandle Butterfly House, previously located in Navarre, had its official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 22. PBH, founded in 1997, educated the community for 23 years before a relocation setback halted operation. According to its website, the award-win-

ning non-profit hopes to continue its mission by summer 2021.

In the meantime, volunteers are busy fundraising and donating sweat equity. A recent event, the Migration Plant sale, was so popular police responded to direct traffic unexpectedly.

According to President Jen Weber, the family-friendly charity event raised about \$3,000.

"It was a clear example of how much this means to our community and the need for native pollinator plants. We would love to be the hub for a consistent supply of pollinator-friendly, pesticide-free, native plants," she said.

Next on the list for PBH is their final plea for the Impact 100 Pensacola Bay grant in which they are 1 of 15 finalists. Eleven of

the finalists will receive \$106,000 at the IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area Annual Meeting on October 11. The money would help pay for the butterfly enclosure needed to meet their goal deadline for opening.

**Photo by Cassandra Sharp  
Kevin Smith, Holly Miller, Jenny Weber, Becky Majors, Chris McLean, and Mary Salinas.**



## Fencing off at HBTS board meeting

By Wendy Victoria Rudman  
editor@navarrepress.com

From builders clear-cutting lots to streets lined with out-of-compliance fencing, the Holley by the Sea Improvement Association board of directors covered it all at a Sept. 10 board meeting.

At issue were both violations of covenants and the challenges of imposing and enforcing suitable penalties when violations occur.

Staff members told the board that they were stepping up their inspections, including looking for fences that exceeded the 4-foot height requirement. Any fence bordering Hidden Creek golf course must be ornamental and shall not exceed 48 inches in height and approved by the Architectural Control Committee, according to the covenants.

Particular attention was spent on the issue of a fence that a builder constructed after the staff had completed final inspection.

The fence, a white vinyl fence, runs along one side of Gail and Randy Folsom's property. They don't have a view of the golf course and do not border the golf course, which would mean they were subject to stricter covenants.

The Folsoms asked the board to grant a variance allowing them to keep the fence, arguing that they didn't know about the covenants, that the home had been inspected and approved by HBTS staff before they closed on it and that their yard doesn't

actually border the course.

If it did, Randy Folsom told the board, he'd be sitting in his backyard enjoying the view afforded by a golf course home. Instead, his only view is of his neighbors' backyards.

Board members agreed the Folsoms weren't responsible for putting the fence in and shouldn't be fined, but the board voted unanimously to make them remove it.

The Folsoms voiced their frustration to board members

after the decision.

"We would not have bought the house," Randy Folsom said. "(The fence) made all the difference in the world."

After the Folsoms' request was denied, resident Greg Breitling addressed the board about his own fence frustrations. Breitling would like to put a pool in his backyard but has not been able to find the fencing required under the community's covenant. He attributed the fencing shortage to COVID-19.

His request for a variance was turned down in August. He came back in September to express his frustration.

Board President Joe Campbell told Breitling that if he could prove the fencing wasn't available, they might be able to work with him. Breitling pointed out that he'd provided that documentation with his original request, which was denied.

Holley by the Sea staff members agreed to try to help Breitling find the required fencing.

# Ye Olde Oktoberfest



Ye Olde Brothers Brewery owners Jerry and Larry Rolison and manager Christy Skerrett serve up German Bier during Oktoberfest Sept. 27.



Server Halie Spain offers up sausage and giant pretzels for Oktoberfest.



Server Joshua Marcos delivers German-inspired treats clad in lederhosen during Ye Olde Brother Brewery's Oktoberfest Sept. 27.



Siblings Mason and Alayah Durward of Navarre kick up their heels at Oktoberfest.



Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge's Carol and Bill Andersen introduce Aries, a red shouldered hawk to County Commissioner Dave Piech.



Metal artist Killian Steele enjoys a bier.



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Public Notice# 2342

## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING BY COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

As a result of the public health emergency that exists in the State of Florida as a consequence of the COVID-19 coronavirus, in light of the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control for the protection of all members of the community, and with the authority granted by Executive Orders issued by Governor Ron DeSantis, including Executive Order 20-69 (Emergency Management—COVID-19—Local Government Public Meetings), The School Board of Santa Rosa County, Florida, gives notice that it will conduct a public meeting using communications media technology. The public meeting will be held on October 8, 2020, at Santa Rosa School District Offices, 5086 Canal Street, Milton, Florida 32570 at 9:00 a.m. A limited number of persons may attend this Board meeting and not more than 50 persons may be present in the meeting room, based on the required social distancing. Should there be additional attendees, then they will be located in separate rooms for viewing the meeting. The public can participate by watching the meeting via live stream at <http://santarosacountysdf1.swagit.com/live> and can offer public comment or submit written or other physical evidence by emailing comments or evidence to the following email address DOC@santarosa.k12.fl.us, and placing "Public Comment" in the subject line of the email message, or by mailing comments or evidence to Superintendent Timothy S. Wyrosdick at 6032 Hwy. 90, Milton FL 32570. All emails and other communications and evidence received by 4:00 pm CST on October 7, 2020 will be provided to Board Members in advance of the meeting and will be posted on the Board's website along with the minutes of the Board Meeting. The public is advised that all comments and evidence received will be public records.

Additional information about this Board meeting can be obtained from Joey Harrell, by email at Harrelj@santarosa.k12.fl.us, or by telephone at (850) 983-5123.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2020.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Timothy S. Wyrosdick, Superintendent of Schools

Public Notice# 2340

## NOTICE OF BOOK CLOSING

Supervisor of Elections, Tappie A. Villane, hereby gives Notice that the Santa Rosa County voter registration books will close on Monday, October 5, 2020, for registration to be eligible to vote in the General Election that will be held on November 3, 2020.

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Tappie A. Villane  
Supervisor of Elections  
Santa Rosa County, Florida

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Public Notice # 2339

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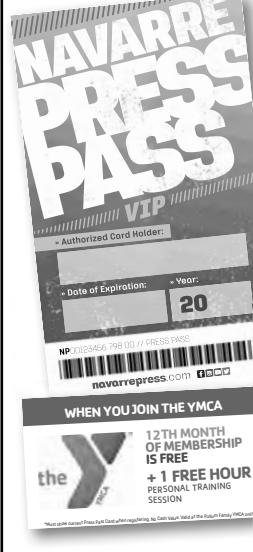
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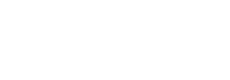
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The Raider defense pitched a second-half shutout against the Patriots Friday.

**Below:** Jaden Rivera escapes a tackle during Navarre's game against Pace Friday night.

# SPORTS

## Rivera romps

By Brian Lester  
brian@navarrepress.com

Jaden Jones jumped near the 10-yard line and took the football out of the air as if the pass from Pace quarterback Brandon Miller was intended for him.

That interception by the Navarre defensive back midway through the third quarter helped preserve a double-digit cushion.

Jones added another pick in the final minutes of the fourth to ice a 17-7 win for Navarre in its long-awaited season opener Friday night on the road.

A transfer from North Carolina, Jones has played defense in the past. But he was a quarterback last year and that experience has shaped his ability to excel on the defensive side of the ball.

"I know what a quarterback looks for because I played the position," Jones said. "Whatever he reads, I read, and I'm there."

It looked as if Jones was going to run his first interception back for a touchdown. He dodged a few tackles and gained 30 yards before getting brought down.

"I expected him to throw it to the bottom and he tried to get the man behind me," Jones said. I had to jump a little bit. I tried to score but I kind of messed that up."

Despite missing out on a chance to score in his Raider debut, the senior was thrilled he and his teammates played a game as the lead-up to the



Photos by Brian Lester

Jaden Rivera looks for room to run against Pace Friday night.

2020 season has been anything but typical.

COVID-19 and the pandemic it has created canceled spring football and then limited what the Raiders could do during summer workouts. Hurricane Sally's arrival to Northwest Florida on Sept. 16 wiped Navarre's originally scheduled season opener against Milton off the slate, adding another delay to a season that had already been delayed a month because of the pandemic.

It wasn't a perfect game and both head coach Jay Walls and his players admit there is room to improve.

But to be back on the field in front of a crowd of nearly 3,000 at the Patriots' home field on a humid September night allowed the Raiders to grab onto a shred of

normalcy.

"It's almost a year since we played last. It felt great," Walls said. "A win on the road against a county rival in a tight game, we needed a win like this. It couldn't have come at a better time."

Navarre cranked out 277 yards while limiting the Patriots to 159 yards, largely behind a second-half defensive effort that kept Pace off the scoreboard. The Raiders also forced three turnovers. They gave up their only touchdown of the night off a big play with two minutes left

in the first half. University of Illinois commit Tyler Strain hauled in a 56-yard touchdown pass that cut the Raider lead to 10-7.

"The defense only gave up seven and did a great job defending the run," Walls said. "Offensively, I thought we had some good drives and ran the ball effectively. Throwing-wise, we were inconsistent, but that's going to come. I'm proud of our kids. They kept playing hard and gave great effort for four quarters."

Jaden Rivera carried the ball 24 times for 145 yards behind an offensive line that had little trouble dominating the line of scrimmage.

The senior was able to pick up from where he left off a year ago when he surged down the stretch with more than 400 yards in the final three games.

"Last year gave me a lot of

confidence. I dominated their defense. I felt like I was in control all night," Rivera said.

With Navarre up 3-0 in the first after Preston Penton's 29-yard, Rivera punched in his first touchdown on a 7-yard run with 6:03 left in the half.

The Raiders led 10-7 at halftime before Rivera opened the second half with a 10-yard scoring run that extended the lead to 17-7.

For Rivera, he was just try-

ing to live up to expectations.

"My coaches expect it out of me, my teammates expect it out of me and I expect it out of myself," Rivera said. "I expected better. I wanted to score more. I have a lot to work on."

Zach Marquis started at quarterback because Jason Deal was in quarantine—he's expected to return this week—and threw for 45 yards while rushing for 46.

"It's the first time Zach has played quarterback on varsity," Walls said. "You could tell he was tight but he played well at times."

Navarre swarmed to the ball on defense and got a huge lift from Devin Wright, who tallied a team-best 10 tackles. Jebari Mitchell and Grady Kelly finished with six tackles apiece. Mitchell also recovered a fumble in the opening quarter that set up Penton's field goal.

With one win in the books, the Raiders are on to the Beach Bowl Friday night against rival Gulf Breeze at 7:30 p.m.

"We're excited and ready to go," Rivera said. "We have to work harder (this week) and make plays harder. It has to be full speed all day."



Jaden Jones takes off after the first of his two interceptions against Pace.

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March 12, 2020. That date will probably be one that is never forgotten. At least by me.

It was the last time I covered a Navarre sporting event prior to schools and sports seasons shutting down because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was a strange feeling that night knowing the season was probably over. There was talk as the softball game I was covering took place that the season would be shut down the next day.

And sure enough, it was.

It then became a waiting game of when things would get back to normal. Or a new normal.

That day arrived nearly 200 days later. The waiting game was over and I returned to covering an event involving the Raiders. The volleyball team opened its 2020 season against Gulf Breeze on Sept. 19.

Navarre didn't win but that didn't matter. What mattered is that sports returned. Finally. And in proper 2020 fashion, it did so during a week where Hurricane Sally battered the Gulf Coast.

To say it felt different would be a bit of an understatement.

As the match played out, there were plenty of moments where it seemed like a regular match. Points were scored. The athletes played hard. And the fans cheered.

But there were other times during the match where things felt and looked different.

Fans wore masks. Well, most of them at least. The media, the coaches, scorekeepers and the officials had masks on as well.

There seemed to be a little added excitement among the players as well because they were finally playing the sport they love again. It was the finish line to a summer-long journey that came with its share of challenges and a lot of uncertainty.

Daily temperature checks and questions about COVID became part of the daily routine for athletes during summer workouts. Hand sanitizer was readily available and social distancing was something everyone had to get used to.

Things are different now because teams have settled into a routine that still includes caution but not quite at the level things were at over the spring and summer.

Still, it's different covering sports in the pandemic era even though it's great to be back in a regular routine when it comes to going out to games, matches and meets.

The biggest difference is just that uncertainty factor. You don't know if the season will be played from start to finish. It could very well end at any point, or if it doesn't end entirely, the risk of it starting and stopping because of COVID issues is possible.

Knowing that, I think you'll see athletes play with a little more passion, a little more excitement and a little more effort. Not that they weren't playing with those things before, but when you know there's a chance it can be taken away, it adds a little more meaning to the whole "tomorrow isn't guaranteed" thing.

I guess as I get out to more sporting events, the less different everything will feel. It will become part of the routine. I won't think twice about seeing people wear masks in the stands or on the sidelines.

Until then, it's just a great thing to have sports again, to see a nearly 200-day wait come to an end.

Here's hoping 2020 doesn't do anything to restart the waiting game.

## Campbell, Morris lead way for Raider cross-country teams in opener

By Brian Lester  
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Hands on her knees, fighting to catch her breath, Lily Campbell was exhausted after last Thursday afternoon's meet against Gulf Breeze and Milton.

For the first time in her life, the sophomore ran a meet in the Florida heat and humidity, which presents its own set of challenges, especially for a runner from North Dakota.

Despite the difference in running conditions, Campbell persevered on the 3.1 mile course set up around Dolphin Stadium, placing second overall among the girls in a time of 22 minutes and 42 seconds, barely behind winner Kristina Hankinson from Gulf Breeze, who posted a time of 22:28.

"It was tough, but I felt like I did a little better than I expected for the first time running here," Campbell said.

Campbell qualified for state in North Dakota last season and spent the summer working to prepare herself for a season shortened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

She said the training has helped a great deal.

"I'm definitely a better runner in many ways, and everyone on this team is so encouraging and positive," Campbell said.

Having a meet under her belt gives the young runner something to build on.

"It was a good first meet, but I want to push myself harder. I can always be better," Campbell said.

Campbell was the lone Raider girl in a top 10 dominated by Gulf Breeze.

Athena Hicks (25:42) and Kada Beihl (25:43) finished 13th and 14th, respectively, while Saylor Marlow clocked in at 27:04 to place 17th.

Chloe Baker-Harty (29:38), Morgan Hill (29:48) and Kadi Casey (29:51) rounded out the

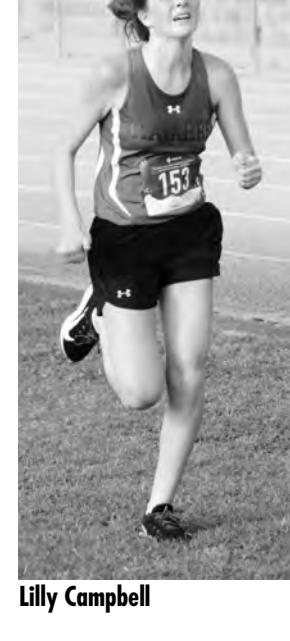


Photos by Brian Lester

**Navarre's girls cross-country team heads out on the course for its first meet of the season.**



Luke Morris



Lilly Campbell

top seven for the Navarre girls.

Gulf Breeze won the girls meet with 19 points. Navarre finished second with 48 and Milton was third with 75.

Luke Morris and Branden Heinke both earned top-10 finishes for the boys, with Morris taking third in a time of 19:25.

Heinke clocked in at 20:12.

Gulf Breeze's Finn Youberg

won the race in a time of 17:26. The Dolphins scored 20 points as a team to win the meet. Navarre was second with 52 points and Milton took third with 66 points.

Soaked in sweat after the meet and needing a moment to catch his breath, Morris

### Meet Results Gulf Breeze and Navarre

#### Girls

##### Top Seven Raiders

2. Lily Campbell, 22:42; 13. Athena Hicks, 25:42.69; 14. Kada Beihl, 25:43; 17. Saylor Marlow, 27:04; 33. Chloe Baker-Harty, 29:38; 34. Morgan Hill, 29:48; 35. Kadi Casey, 29:51

##### Top Seven Dolphins

1. Kristina Hankinson, 22:28; 3. Mira Helms, 22:54; 4. Macy Cronin, 23:33; 6. Elisa Williamson, 23:51; 7. Kira Benton, 24:16; 8. Ann Hiptas, 24:17; 9. Savannah Jacobi, 24:25

#### Boys

##### Top Seven Raiders

3. Luke Morris, 19:25; 10. Branden Heinke, 20:12; 15. Cesar Murphy, 21:06; 16. Ivan Bateman, 21:10; 17. Gavin Anthony, 21:16; 22. Jackson Garrison, 21:27.26; 23. Logan Escobedo, 21:27.98

##### Top Seven Dolphins

1. Finn Youberg, 17:26; 2. Jacob Linner, 18:42; 4. Steven Decesare, 19:29.82; 5. Brayden Townsend, 19:35.42; Sean Hoffman, 19:41.50; 7. Kai Payne, 19:46; 8. Ashton Wyse, 19:51

talked about the strides he has made since last season.

"I got a new PR and this is the highest finish I've ever had in a race," Morris said. "I felt like I did pretty well and had that kick at the end of the race to get third."

Morris is a junior and isn't new to the running scene. He said he did well handling a course that ran both through the stadium and outside of it.

"It felt good to be back in a groove and to get a real run in at a meet," Morris said. "I've definitely gotten faster since last year."

Cesar Murphy placed 15th, crossing the line in 21:06 while Ivan Bateman took 16th in a time of 21:10. Gavin Anthony was 17th for the

Raiders, clocking in at 21:16. Jackson Garrison (21:27.26, 22nd) and Logan Escobedo (21:27.98, 23rd) were neck-and-neck as they rounded out Navarre's top seven.

James Fox, who coaches the Raider cross-country team with Katie Fein, said it was good to see the team finally have a chance to compete in a year that has been anything but normal because of the pandemic.

The efforts Thursday also serve as a building block for future meets.

"It's the first meet of the season. We had some good performances and now we just have to focus on getting better every week. This gives us a starting point for making those improvements."

## Raider swimmers celebrate senior night

By Brian Lester  
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Kaitlyn Wollenzien, Sarah Johnson, Alyssa Allen, Luke Losquadro, Rhett Stallings, Alyssa Grant, Delaney Walker and Meghan Bringsman-Francis are the seniors on Navarre's roster this season.

ey won the 200 IM (2:22.57) and 100 butterfly (1:06.46), Sydney London took first in the 50 (26.57) and 100 free (1:00.00) and Trinity Devanney placed first in the 500 free (5:31.30) and 100 backstroke (1:07.81).

For the Dolphin boys, Finn Youberg nailed down wins in the 50 (23.33) and 100 free (51.83) while Jameson Walker prevailed in the 500 free and 100 backstroke with times of 5:30.65 and 1:07.69, respectively.

Gulf Breeze coach Katharine Edwards called the meet a win for both teams considering they were in the pool just a week after Hurricane Sally hit Northwest Florida. Not to mention dealing with a shortened season because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was a victory for both teams to actually be able to have this friendly competition amongst all the chaos we've been through this year," Edwards said.



### NHS Athlete of the Week



**Jaden Rivera**  
Sport: Football  
Parents: Tamika Woods and Jose Rivera  
Class: 2021

**Plans after graduation:** To continue to play football for a school

**Favorite Sports Memory:** My first touchdown against Leon. I felt like I couldn't be tackled

**Favorite Song:** "Scott and Romona"

**Favorite Movie:** "Hitch"

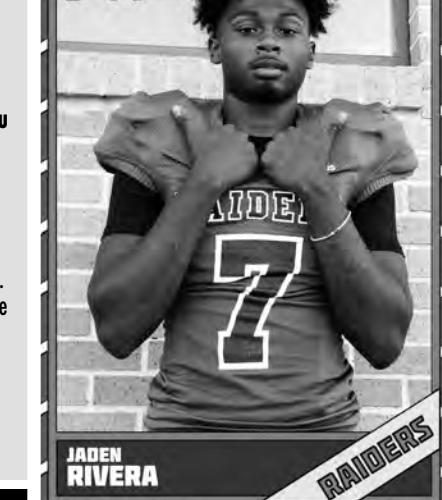
**Do you have a pregame routine or superstition?** I have to write my loved ones' names on wrist/ankle tape

**What is the toughest thing about being an athlete?** Going to practice and meetings every day and having to get your school work done, too.

**What do you love most about being an athlete?** I love the grind and I love scoring touchdowns.

**Name three people, dead or alive, that you would love to sit down and have dinner with?** Muhammad Ali, LeBron James and Kobe Bryant

**If you could be anyone for a day who would it be and why?** I would be Kyrie Irving. I feel like we think alike, so I would kind of be the same but famous



# Raiders survive thriller against Patriots

**By Brian Lester**  
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Sarah Shoffner ran toward the edge of the sideline of the gymnasium with no regard to the fact that the volleyball is in the territory of 'not likely to be saved.'

But that didn't stop her from trying, and ultimately, she kept the ball in play. The Raiders went on to win the volley and the point because of Shoffner's hustle.

Those types of plays were typical of Shoffner throughout the night last Thursday in a tightly contested road match against Pace that the Raiders found a way to survive in five sets, winning 25-18, 25-14, 24-26, 23-25 and 17-15.

It's a win that evens Navarre's record at 2-2, and for Shoffner, who was all over the court as a defensive specialist, the victory helps remind her of why she returned to the sport.

This is her first season of high school volleyball since her freshman year. The senior chose to play again because she wanted to be with her friends.

"It's a big year for me and I really don't play for myself. I play for my team. I want to do the most I can for the team to help us win matches," Shoffner said.

Navarre head coach Ryan Davenport is glad to have Shoffner around because of her nonstop will and desire to step up on defense.

There was one point in the match where Shoffner stretched out for a ball and seemed to injure herself. She shook it off and kept playing. "It's very important when you have a libero out there who is fearless," Davenport said. "She's been playing really well."

The Raiders didn't make life easy.

After going up 2-0 in the match, Navarre went up 4-0 early in the third set before Pace tightened things up the rest of the way and ground out a two-point win.

Lilly Trujillo served well out of the gate in the fourth set, staking Navarre to a 4-1 lead. They maintained an advantage most of the way. A kill by Aubrey Walls put Navarre on top 16-12 and a tipped ball over the net by Hailey Snider gave the Raiders a 17-15 lead.

Up 23-19, the Patriots erased the deficit and tied the score at 23. Davenport burned a timeout but it didn't help as Pace tied the match at two games apiece.

That set up a decisive fifth game that was close throughout, the score tied six



Photos by Brian Lester

**The Raiders celebrate a point during their five-game match with Pace last Thursday.**

different times. Trujillo's kill finished off the match and ignited a celebration among the players on the court.

"The girls are resilient," Davenport said.

Shoffner was both relieved and excited about the outcome.

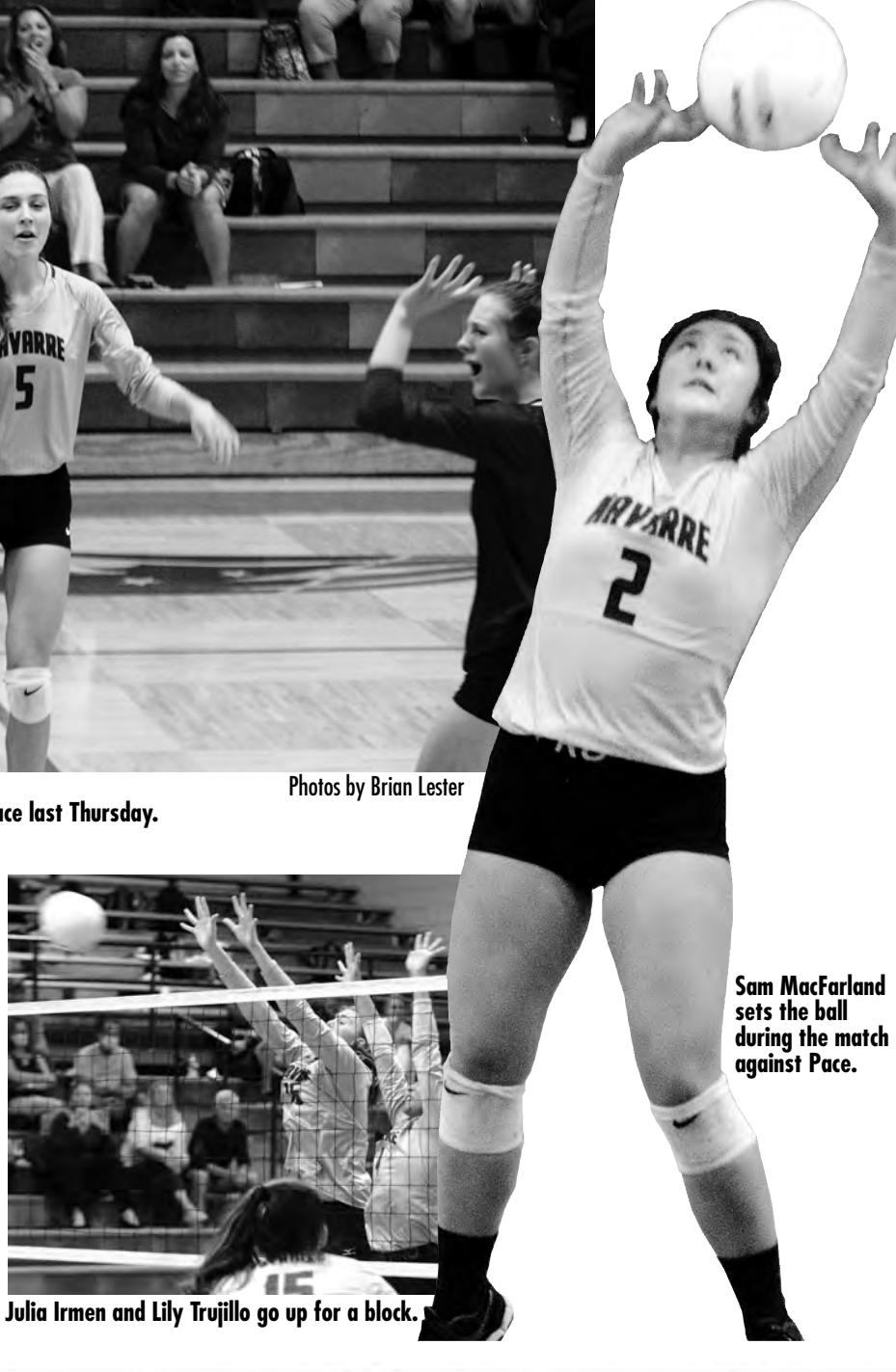
"Every win feels like we just won the national championship," Shoffner said. "It's the best feeling. We know how important every game is."

Navarre split its first two

matches of the week, beating Milton in three games before losing to Crestview in three.

But this Raider team has high expectations, including getting to the postseason and winning tight matches like the one against Pace are key in achieving those goals.

"I like where we are at right now, but we have to keep getting better because we want to play for the district championship and go to the playoffs. I feel like this team can do it," Davenport said.



**Sam MacFarland sets the ball during the match against Pace.**

**Julia Irmel and Lily Trujillo go up for a block.**



## Sports Calendar

**Varsity Football**  
Oct. 2 at Gulf Breeze, 7:30 p.m.

**JV Football**  
Oct. 1 vs. Gulf Breeze, 5 p.m.

**Freshman Football**  
Oct. 1 vs. Gulf Breeze, 7 p.m.

**Varsity Volleyball**  
Oct. 1 vs. Tate, 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 3 vs. Pace, 9:30 a.m.  
Oct. 3 vs. South Walton, 12:30 p.m.  
Oct. 5 vs. Niceville, 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 6 at Fort Walton Beach, 6:30 p.m.

**JV Volleyball**  
Oct. 1 vs. Tate, 5:30 p.m.  
Oct. 5 vs. Niceville, 5:30 p.m.  
Oct. 6 at Fort Walton Beach, 5:30 p.m.

**Freshman Volleyball**  
Oct. 1 vs. Tate, 4:30 p.m.  
Oct. 6 at Fort Walton Beach, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Golf**  
Oct. 6 vs. Pace at Hidden Creek, 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 1 at Miracle Strip Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
Oct. 5 at Byron/Nathan Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

**Cross-Country**  
Oct. 1 at Gulf Breeze, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 3 at Patriot Invitational, 8:45 a.m.

**Swimming**  
Oct. 3 at Panama City Beach Invitational, TBA  
Oct. 7 at Santa Rosa County Championship, TBA

See all the varsity volleyball team cards in color at [navarrephotos.com](http://navarrephotos.com)

# The Machinery of Democracy



## Democratically-based government

The United States of America's government is a democracy, right? Yet nowhere is the word "democracy" mentioned in the Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution. As a matter of fact, some of the Founding Fathers feared democratic rule. In *The Federalist Papers*, James Madison wrote, "...Instability, injustice, and confusion ...Have in truth been the mortal disease under which popular governments everywhere perished..."

Even though a democratically-based government was looked at as superior to the monarchies of Europe, the colonists believed a government ruled by the people would result in chaos, disorder and disruption.

Source: Encyclopedia Britannica

## Democratic republic

James Madison defined a "pure democracy" as "a society consisting of a small number of citizens, who assemble and administer the government in person." He defined a republic as "a government in which the scheme of representation takes place." According to Madison, "The two great points of difference between a democracy and a republic, are first, the delegation of the government, in the latter, to a small number of citizens elected by the rest; secondly, the greater the number of citizens, and greater sphere of country, over which the latter may be extended." In other words, for Madison, "democracy meant direct democracy, and republic meant representative government."

Sources: "The Federalist Papers No. 10;" Encyclopedia Britannica

## Indirect democracy

The American founders put in place an indirect or representative democracy. In this type of system, citizens vote for representatives, who, in turn, make decisions on behalf of those citizens. As noted in the Independence Hall Association in Philadelphia, people tend to use the terms "republic" and "democracy" interchangeably. "A widespread criticism of representative democracy is that the representatives become the elites that seldom consult ordinary citizens, so even though they are elected, a truly representative government doesn't really exist."

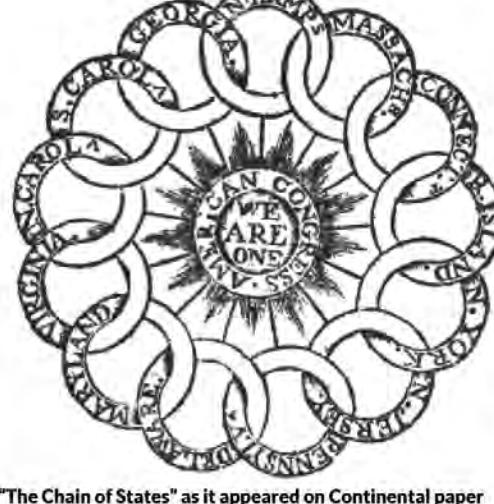
The United States of America has a constitutional democracy with a limited government, majority rule, limited by constitutional structure and provisions.

The Founding Fathers wanted to ensure that there was no absolute power by the government, which is why three branches were put in place: executive, legislative and judicial. These three branches serve as a system of checks and balances for each other.

Source: Independence Hall Association in Philadelphia

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

- AMENDMENT I, THE U.S. CONSTITUTION



"The Chain of States" as it appeared on Continental paper money, 1776.

Photo by Jaclyn Nash, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

## The Fourth Estate

United States citizens participate in the political system through state and national parties, nominating conventions and campaigning for our candidate of choice. Learning about the candidates and issues is one of our most important roles as citizens.

One way citizens gain knowledge of how they are being governed is through the press. During the time the Constitution was being written, the press was information printed by a printing press. The meaning of "press" has expanded throughout the years, though. The Supreme Court has interpreted "press" as covering "not only talking, writing and printing, but also broadcasting, using the Internet and other forms of expression," note Geoffrey R. Stone and Eugene Volokh, professors of law. Throughout history, journalism has been regarded as an important factor in government, so vital to the functioning of a democracy that it has been portrayed as an integral component of democracy itself. Thomas Jefferson said, "The only security of all is in a free press."

**"Franklin" common press, about 1720.**

Benjamin Franklin identified this printing press as the one that he had used while learning his trade in England in the 1720s. Photo by Hugh Talman, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

In 1841, Edmund Burke wrote, "there were Three Estates in Parliament; but, in the Reporters' Gallery yonder, there sat a Fourth Estate more important far than they all." Four years earlier, Thomas Carlyle had used the phrase in his French Revolution: "A Fourth Estate, of Able Editors, springs up, increases and multiplies; irrepressible, incalculable." Carlyle saw the press as instrumental to the birth and growth of democracy, spreading facts and opinions and sparking revolution against tyranny.

## Freedom of the press

In 1971, Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black noted, "The press was to serve the governed, not the governors," in 1971 in the court case of *New York Times Co. vs. United States*. The freedom of the press is essential to a democracy in which the government is answerable to the people.

Democracy requires informed citizens. The role of the press is to inform the citizens as well as to provide feedback to the government from those same citizens. As the fourth member of the checks and balances system, a key role of the press is to make the actions of the government known to the public. Citizens then have the option of using their power to change the government and rules through voting, petitions, protests and letter writing.



## Journalist watchdogs

"Journalism has an unusual capacity to serve as watchdog over those whose power and position most affect citizens. It may also offer voice to the voiceless," defines the American Press Institute (API). Being an independent monitor of power means "watching over the powerful few in society on behalf of the many to guard against tyranny," authors Bill Kovach and Tom Rosenstiel write in their book *The Elements of Journalism*. API notes the following ideals about journalism:

- Journalism's first obligation is to the truth.
- Its essence is a discipline of verification.
- Its practitioners must maintain an independence from those they cover.
- It must serve as an independent monitor of power.
- It must provide a forum for public criticism and compromise.

In today's digital world, the average person often works like a journalist, by writing a blog, commenting on social media, sending a tweet or posting a photo. By sharing information, everyday people have entered the world of reporters.

Kovach and Rosenstiel note two things that separate the process from an end product that is journalism. The first is motive and intent. "The purpose of journalism is to give people the information they need to make better decisions about their lives and society. The second difference is that journalism involves the conscious, systematic application of a discipline of verification to produce a 'functional truth,' as opposed to something that is merely interesting or informative."

Source: American Press Institute

## Open government

Emory J. "Red" Cross saw a problem with the communication loop between the governed and the government in Florida. Cross was a "classic Florida character, a state legislator who strolled the marble halls of Tallahassee clad in a white suit, a Stetson and a string tie," writes author and Florida native Craig Pittman.

During the 1950s and '60s, Cross spent 16 years in the Florida Legislature. For 10 of those years, he worked hard trying to pass a groundbreaking Government in the Sunshine Law.

Paula Rausch, reporter for the *Gainesville Sun*, writes, "Shortly after Cross was elected to the House, he attended a meeting of the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) and was given a copy of a model open-meetings law put out by the SPJ." Although Cross was laughed at by the other lawmakers, the bill was finally put into law in 1967.

"It was the first in the nation with teeth, including civil and criminal penalties. And because of it, Floridians were likely able to know more about their government than the people of any other state," Rausch writes.

Sources: Tampa Bay Times; Gainesville Sun



Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost." What do you think Jefferson meant? Do you agree with him? Do you think press freedoms should be absolute, or do you think they should have limits? How can you tell which news source is reliable?

As a consumer of information, what can you do to fact check the information you read and see? Can press freedoms come into conflict with other societal needs and priorities?

## Government in the sunshine

Today, the Sunshine Law regarding open government can be found in Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes. These statutes establish a basic right of access to most meetings of boards, commissions and other governing bodies of state and local governmental agencies or authorities.

Throughout the history of Florida's open government, its courts have consistently supported the public's right of access to governmental meetings and records. As such, they also have been defining and redefining what a public record is and who is covered under the open meetings law. One area of public concern was whether the legislature was covered under the open meetings requirements. To address that concern, constitutional amendments were passed in 1990 and 1992 to expand and reaffirm open government to all branches of government.

The Florida Sunshine Law, established in 1995, is a series of laws designed to guarantee that the public has access to the public records of government bodies in Florida. Public records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data

processing software or other material, regardless of physical form or characteristics or means of transmission made or received pursuant to law to ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency.

Sources: The Office of the Attorney General; National Freedom of Information Coalition



## Going beyond the text

### Journalism matters

"Without a serious study of journalism, there can be no understanding of citizenship, democracy or community," writes Roy Peter Clark, author and senior scholar at the Poynter Institute, a school for journalists in St. Petersburg, Fla. How do you interpret this statement? Do you agree with it? Look for examples of this statement in your local newspaper. Find examples of articles that keep people informed and create a chart and/or infographic listing the importance of those articles to the community. Go to a county government meeting and take notes. Compare your notes to an article in the newspaper about that same meeting. Was the meeting covered accurately? Share what you have learned with your class.

## Why does this matter?

Does the press have a right or an obligation to publish information? Why is this relevant? Government surveillance has made it increasingly more dangerous for journalists and whistleblowers to share information. Yet without this information and a watchdog on the government, can a democracy thrive? Listen to the TED Talk "How free is our freedom of the Press" by Trevor Timm, Freedom of the Press Foundation co-founder, at [tedtalk.com](http://tedtalk.com).

# EDUCATION

## Freshmen share stories of college during COVID-19



Angie Alvarado



Sophia Ciccarello



Sallie Ravine

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### Angie Alvarado

Angie Alvarado is a first-year student from Fort Walton Beach High School who has had her first college semester affected by the pandemic. When Angie enrolled at St. John's University in New York City, she did not imagine that she would be stuck inside her dorm talking to her professors and classmates through Zoom meetings and online discussion boards rather than exploring the beautiful New York campus.

However, that is what Angie has had to deal with as a freshman advertising communications major. Despite her excitement to move across the country and get college started, she

considered staying home. "We really looked into how St. John's was handling the whole COVID-19 situation before I made my decision to go," she said. "There are a lot of rules for the students that are on campus, like wearing a mask at all times and social distancing."

Although much of her first semester has been a virtual experience, Angie still is able to enjoy the new campus because three of her classes are hybrid classes. Hybrid classes are courses that alternate between one week of being online and one week of being in person, which is something that Angie had never experienced prior to college.

"It has been a bit of an adjustment coming all the way from Florida where

I have always had school in person, with the same teachers and same classmates every day," Angie said. "We are working through different online platforms that some professors do not even really know how to use yet either, so the beginning of the semester has definitely been weird for all of us."

### Sophia Ciccarello

Sophia Ciccarello was a part of the 2020 graduating class from Fort Walton Beach High School along with Alvarado, but she chose to attend the University of Central Florida. Sophia is a health sciences major at UCF with a full online schedule, and she considered the health of her parents when deciding whether to go to Orlando or stay at home.

"I think me leaving for school was the safest option for my family because older individuals are more at risk when it comes to the virus, and if I am not there right now then I am not risking possibly giving it to them somehow," she said. "I was already in the mindset that I was prepared to go to college and start living on my own, but the virus definitely makes it tricky when it is time to come home and visit during breaks and long weekends."

"In-person classes typically have lectures everyday where we just have to pay attention and listen, but my online classes have ended up being more about reading and participation activities that I feel like would not have even been a part of the in-person version of the course."

Some students believe online classes are easier and put less pressure on students, but Sophia offered a different perspective.

"I personally think that online classes are tough because some professors assign more work to make sure that students are paying attention and make up for the lack of in-person communication," she said. "In-person classes typically have lectures everyday where we just have to pay attention and listen, but my online classes have ended up being more about reading and participation activities that I feel like would not have even been a part of the in-person version of the course."

### Sallie Ravine

Sallie Ravine is a college freshman who is experiencing her first semester much differently than Angie and Sophia. Sallie is a Choctawhatchee High School graduate who is currently enrolled at the University of West Florida and majoring in international relations. She began the fall semester in

her on-campus dorm room in Pensacola but decided to return home after the first few weeks.

"I realized I would rather just come home for now mostly because of the lack of human interaction on campus," she said. "Because of the new rules for social distancing, the only thing I could really do was stay in my dorm and take my online classes."

Sallie agreed that online classes might be more difficult for students to manage than in-person classes.

"Having the freedom to do all of my assignments on my own time is definitely more odd than I thought it would be," she said. "I think everyone looks forward to the idea of going off to college and meeting new people, but the social aspect just is not the same this year unfortunately."

## Damage to Hidden Creek puts Raider golf teams in tough spot

**By Brian Lester**  
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Ducks gathered near a large puddle on the driving range. The wind blew gently through the empty course at Hidden Creek on a mild September afternoon, a stark contrast to the powerful winds that rolled through the area two weeks ago and left the course among the places dealing with damage in the wake of Hurricane Sally.

That damage, which includes downed trees and flooded sections of the course, has also left Navarre's golf teams in a difficult spot.

The Raiders had only practiced a week prior to the storm and were unable to play matches they had scheduled for the first two weeks of the season.

An already shortened season created by the COVID-19 pandemic just got a little shorter. In fact, only a week remains in a season that is barely a month.

"We have had four days of golf this year, and now our season is almost more than halfway over," Raider boys golf coach Clark Brown said Sept. 22. "I feel bad for our players, especially the upperclassmen who may only get to play a few matches this year."



More than 100 trees fell at The Club at Hidden Creek because of Hurricane Sally.



Heavy rain from Hurricane Sally flooded sections of the course at The Club at Hidden Creek.



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### Kyla Brewer

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**Class:** Class of 2021  
**Parents:** Brandy and Kevin Brewer

**Favorites**  
**School subject:** Science (anatomy)  
**Extracurricular activity:** Marching band  
**Hobbies:** Painting and playing flute  
**Car:** Double-decker buses  
**Store:** Kohl's or ANY shoe store  
**Musical artist:** Shawn Mendes  
**Movie:** "Avengers: Infinity War"  
**TV show:** "Castle"

**Fast Facts**  
**Cafeteria food must-have:** Chicken nuggets  
**Last book read that wasn't required:** "Pride and Prejudice"

**Pet peeve:** People walking slow anywhere (especially school)  
**Person most admired:** Family—my parents, non-family—Princess Diana  
**Person I'd like to meet:** Bindi Irwin  
**Items always in my locker:** Band clothes and a water jug with pre-quarantine H2O in it  
**First job:** Baby-sitting  
**Top accomplishment:** Band captain position

**Future**  
**After-graduation plans:** Attend university, hopefully UF, and major in health sciences, later move near Orlando  
**Career goal:** Become either an orthopedic surgeon or pediatrician



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# Back on the Links



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Like the other activities listed in this special section, golfing seems made for social distancing, a sport that can be enjoyed alone. Still the social aspect of golf led to the shutdown of courses, tournaments and, of course, professional golf as the virus quickly accelerated in the U.S.

In several states that never issued stay-at-home orders, golfing went on. But most have weathered the effects of the new coronavirus at home, where golfers were restricted to putting and practicing swings. Now, as the country is emerging from restrictions, golfers are eager

to get back on the links.

Rules for getting back on courses vary from state to state, some stricter than others, but all with the goal of prohibiting spread of the disease. For instance, as NPR recently reported, golf pros in Washington state had to police tees for unauthorized gatherings on the course. In other states, such as Massachusetts, the final state to lift its ban, golfers had to remain in their cars before teeing off and quickly return after completing their round. Still other states simply hope golfers would comply with varying levels of guidance.

Still, after months of being mostly prohibited, golf-

ers seem exuberant to get back to playing even under restrictions. Like any business, however, golf courses suffer the economic impact caused by the virus and the ensuing lockdowns, and some will not reopen.

Expect and prepare for general restrictions when it comes to areas of congregation, such as clubhouses, restaurants, bars and pro shops. These restrictions, of course, will be guided by state and local rules, as well as those rules the course feels necessary to protect both patrons and staff.

Carts, specifically, have become off limits for obvious reasons. But even before the virus, many golfers

were taking an approach to the course in a traditional way — walking it — giving rise to a legion of golfers finding new ways to lighten the load of their bags.

Here are some recent product suggestions from Golf Magazine to consider adding to your bag to make life on the course more enjoyable even while restrictions remain in place.

**Portable speakers:** Many are now designed for much longer life off a charge or on a battery, and most are waterproof. They're small enough to fit in your pocket, but clip it to your bag. You'll enjoy your favorite music while you play without creating loud noise.

**Golf socks:** An extra pair

of socks is a good idea any time, as many golfers are always just a blister away from a ruined round. But these days, when you can't easily limp back to the pro shop for a pair, they're essential.

**Portable tumbler:** New tumblers can keep beverages cold for hours on end. So while the bar and beverage cart might be out of reach at the moment, you can still enjoy your favorite drink along your walk.

**Folding chair:** A good lightweight folding chair can easily be attached to your push cart without adding much weight. On

a long walk, you'll thank yourself for the addition.

**Range finder:** Without a golf cart GPS system to rely on, you'd be wise to invest in a personal range finder. The better models define distances refined down to the decimal and some offer features such as slope compensation and vibration when a flag is detected.

**Divot repair bottle:** A handy free addition, easily made by filling a sports drink bottle with a mix of sand, topsoil and grass seed. The bottle ensures you can fill divots for the round, if not longer.

**Safety:** It almost goes without saying, but carry a cloth mask and a small bottle of hand sanitizer.



## Diabetes not limited to only 2 main types

**Dear Dr. Roach:** Last year, at 57, I was diagnosed with Type 1 LADA diabetes. Initially I was put on insulin to get my blood sugar within the normal range. Then I was just on metformin until the "honeymoon period" was over. My endocrinologist is great. I now

am back on insulin (six units at night). I walk anywhere between 3 and 8 miles about three times a day. My blood pressure is excellent. I initially lost about 18 pounds after diagnosis, so my weight is good.

When looking at Google, it says my life expectancy has been cut by 20 years! Yikes, I JUST retired and if I go by their gauge, I'll be passing around age 68! Is this based on someone who has had diabetes for many years, since Type 1 is usually diagnosed much earlier? The doctor said even though my initial sugars were over 500 when diagnosed, I was very healthy and that's why nothing was "destroyed." My vision was off for about a month but

no permanent damage was done. Any reassurance would be appreciated! -- M.W.

**Answer:** Most people are familiar with Type 1 diabetes, with a typical onset in childhood and at a normal weight. It is caused by an autoimmune destruction of the insulin-making cells in the pancreas. People also know about Type 2 diabetes, usually adult-onset and usually diagnosed in someone who's overweight; it's caused by resistance to insulin. But there are other subtypes of diabetes, including latent autoimmune diabetes in adults (LADA).

In the U.S. and Canada, it accounts for a small fraction of diabetes cases, but is more common in Scandinavian countries.

It has some characteristics of both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, but the autoimmune nature and the usual progression to insulin need makes most experts feel it is closer to Type 1 than to Type 2. A recent paper has outlined a potential new classification of diabetes types.

The change in life expectancy from diabetes relates to how long you have had diabetes and how well-controlled it has been. With outstanding diabetes control (normal or near-normal blood sugar levels), the effect on overall mortality is modest, at best. In one model, the reduction in life expectancy is less than a year. However, it certainly is possible to have life expectancy drop

by 20 years with very poorly controlled, long-standing diabetes. For people with diabetes, to a very large extent, their potential to live longer (and healthier) can be improved by better blood sugar control.

For new-onset autoimmune diabetes (both Type 1 and LADA), early and aggressive blood sugar control with insulin may reduce the amount of autoimmune damage and improve long-term prognosis.

Studies are in progress to evaluate this.

**Dear Dr. Roach:** I am a female, 16 years old. My white blood cell count is 16.6. I am suffering from so much weakness and pain in my legs, arms and shoulder

area. I also have a cough and cold. Is it dangerous? What should I do for it? -- K.C.

**Answer:** I don't have enough information to help much. A white blood cell count that high suggests an infection. At your age, those symptoms are most likely a viral infection, but acute mononucleosis and even pneumonia are possible, so you need to see your doctor.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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# Your CBD Store features sleep aid

Contrary to common belief, use of CBD does not get someone "high." Health without the high is actually the slogan at Your CBD Store in Navarre.

Will Nelson opened his store in the Palm Harbour Plaza in June 2019 and has seen the popularity of CBD rise quickly in the year that it has been open.

In hemp, there are 115 known cannabinoids, or compounds that include the active constituents of cannabis. They do different things in the body, and they do different things when they team up together.

"People have heard of CBD – that's the popular one. And people have heard of THC – that's the one that gets you high," Will said.

There are other cannabinoids like CBG, CBN and many more.

"We have new products now that specifically do different things in the body. We have CBN tincture that will put you to sleep and keep you asleep throughout the night," Will added. "People who have insomnia that even CBD or melatonin will help but they'll still wake up a few hours. This keeps people to sleep all night long."

Your CBD Store has another oil called CBG oil that does the opposite. It's like a really strong cup of coffee or a Red Bull, but it doesn't raise your blood pressure. It's a clean focused energy.

CBD has multiple uses, and its benefits are proven. Customers have experienced soothing relief from pain or anxiety by using their products purchased at Your CBD Store.

"We're here to educate people about CBD and offer them free samples. We want them to see just how effective the products are," Will said. "It's rewarding to hear people tell us the products have helped them feel better, that they feel like a new person."

The CBD products sold in the store do not require a prescription to purchase, and independent lab reports are available on all products simply by scanning the QR code with your phone. The lab reports are also available in store to research the information for yourself.

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approved, where not every CBD place is. They also have 135 different SunMed brand CBD items, carrying the largest inventory of all their competitors.

Will's son Ben Nelson, who is the manager at Your CBD Store, said that the biggest misconception of CBD is that there's a bottle per problem, when really they have a bottle per person.

"We have bottles for every lifestyle," Ben said.

CBD comes in many shapes and sizes at Your CBD Store. Products range from oils and body creams to flavored water-based oils you can put into your coffee, water or juice. There are bath bombs infused with CBD available and gummies as well. Vape products are also available.

Even pets can benefit from using CBD. The newest product offered at Your CBD Store is a pet paw and nose balm used to treat rashes, irritated skin and inflammation.

At a CBD convention last year, Your CBD Store won major awards for best oil tincture, best topical relief cream and best skincare. A tincture is a concentrated liquid solution of CBD, commonly dispensed through a dropper.

What's kind of cool is the direction the company is going in advancing plant science, where customers can come in with an ailment or something that bothers them, find CBD to work and as they go on their quest of natural medicine and keep coming back, they learn more about what we have that does more things for them, which is really cool," Will said.



Advances in technology and chemistry will allow people to custom build their own CBD products, specifically blended for their ailments.

"You will choose if you want uplifting or you want relaxing," Will said. "You will choose different compounds and different terpenes for doing different things in your body."

Your CBD Store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday.

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## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### COVID cancellations

Between March 15 and May 1, the Department of Veterans Affairs canceled 7.3 million medical appointments.

The VA's rationale at the time was to protect staff and veterans from the COVID-19 virus and to conserve their supplies.

For the veteran, however, it could mean that a minor medical problem becomes a major one if not attended to.

The VA's Office of Inspector General waded in and examined all those vanished appointments. It looked at whether the facilities were digging out those old records and making new in-person appointments, canceling for good if the veteran went somewhere else, converting appointments to video telehealth ... something, anything to get those veterans the care they'd originally sought.

The results:

\* Almost one-third of cancellations showed no follow-up or tracking for primary, mental health or specialty care. There was no way, per the OIG report, for the facilities to track canceled appointments.

The VA quickly rigged up a tracking system for those appointments and told facilities to review all cancellations. Some appointments were either followed up or conducted by phone or video -- but not necessarily rescheduled.

\* There were "mass" cancellations, groups of 10 or more, totaling 350,000 appointments, indicating that the veterans likely had not been called.

\* For a time, all cancellations were labeled as being at the request of the patient, whether or not they actually were. This is a potentially huge problem: If it looks like a patient canceled an appointment, the wait time for a new appointment might be different.

\* Certain medical care such as labwork, X-rays and ultrasound were not counted because they aren't considered "an occasion of service" by the VA. The OIG, however, counted those canceled appointments.

By June 15, 11.2 million appointments had been canceled.

If you had an appointment that was canceled, call them back. You're probably on a to-do list somewhere. Get someone on the phone and get the attention you need.

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## Female aviator joins Special Tactics leadership team

By Staff Sgt. Rachel Williams  
1st Special Operations Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Special Operations Command's 2020 Strategic Guidance called for a change in developing and providing unique capabilities valuable to the broader joint force while remaining an integral part of the joint special operations forces team.

Those priorities brought an aviation background into the Special Tactics ranks.

Earlier this summer, U.S. Air Force Col. Allison Black made history as she joined the Special Tactics leadership team and became the vice commander of the 24th Special Operations Wing.

"With any leadership team, you want to have people that cover each other's blind spots and are able to bring the best out of the organization," said U.S. Air Force Col. Matt Allen, commander of the 24th SOW. "Not only does Col. Black have a rich history as an aircrew member within AFSOC, but she also has key insights working on staffs within U.S. Special Operations Command and she is a female colonel, which provides really good insight as we look at our diversity and inclusion aspects of the force to make sure that we're making good organizational decisions on bringing in the first wave of female operators onto the line."

Black's commissioned background entails being a navigator on the AC-130H Spectre gunship. She was known as "The Angel of Death" as she was the first female Spectre navigator in combat operations during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

"When I was in Afghanistan, she was certainly popular because she was the only female voice you would hear when you're out in the field as a [joint terminal attack controller]," said U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Guilmartin, former command chief of the 24th SOW.

Black credits working on the gunships supporting the ground forces, to her gaining a better understanding of the Special Tactics community and their mission.

"When you talk about di-



**U.S. Air Force Col. Allison Black is the vice commander of the 24th Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, Florida. The 24th SOW is U.S. Special Operations Command's tactical air-to-ground integration force and the Air Force's special operations ground force, leading operations in precision strike, global access, personnel recovery and battlefield surgery.**

versity of thought, I think it's great having an individual come in with a long standing, very successful career in AFSOC, who has been around Special Tactics and worked with us as joint partners forward in Afghanistan directly in the fight," said Guilmartin. "It's powerful to have her experience as an outsider looking at us both operationally and in garrison to help us look at hard problems to build the force of the future."

When asked how she felt toward this milestone position, Black said she was "honored, humbled and little-kid excited."

"It's a great honor to serve the Special Tactics community as their vice wing commander," said Black. "I'm now a direct part of the machine that I've directly supported my entire aviation career from the air. I couldn't ask for a better teammate than Col. Matt Allen. He's a dedicated leader and consummate professional who deeply cares about our people. As Col. Allen's vice, it's my role to follow his lead and drive the organization toward a successful future."

The Long Island, New York, native enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1992, originally expecting a job in radiology.

Little did Black know what the next 28 years would entail.

During the first week of basic military training, all of the flights were briefed on what is now called Special Warfare career fields. Survival, evasion, resistance and escape caught Black's attention – a predominantly male career field.

SERE specialists train Airmen on how to survive in the most hostile and remote environments.

"For me, overall, it was the challenge," Black said. "As hard as it was going to be, I just wasn't going to quit."

Breaking through barriers, Black graduated and became a SERE specialist where she excelled for the next six years.

In 1998, Black sought out yet another challenge and commissioned through Officer Training School and became a navigator on the AC-130H Spectre gunship with the 16th Special Operations Squadron, which landed her at Hurlburt Field in early 2000 where she would remain for the next decade.

As a navigator, now known as a combat systems officer, Black acted as the eyes for the ground forces below her. In communication with Special Tactics operators, Black also assisted bringing airpower down on the enemy.

As Black advanced through the ranks, she took a brief break from the AFSOC com-

she later commanded from 2015-2017.

Black then moved to USSOCOM headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, before returning to Hurlburt Field as the vice commander for the 24th SOW.

Black's unique background, involving SERE and navigating a gunship, has left her with an extraordinary knowledge set to bring to the Special Tactics community.

"Let's just make a difference. Let's exploit what I have learned throughout my career on operations, risk management, and regulations," Black said. "Let's uncover all of that and let's roll up our sleeves and use that to make our community stronger and more effective. Let's exploit technology and work to define what the future holds. We need to determine what niche capabilities our current Special Tactics force must bring to the future fight."

Black is hopeful that her presence makes a difference and inspires others to "work hard and continue to take the risk to try."

"I hope that my perspective makes our team stronger," Black said. "Even though I look different than most of our force... and even though I don't wear a beret, I'm confident that my background in AFSOC, and in the Air Force, will be seen as a positive."

## Air Force Chief makes Time Magazine's top list

Staff report

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TIME Magazine has named Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr one of the 100 most influential people in the world, according to a post on Hurlburt Field's Facebook page.

Here's a peek at his Air Force biography:

Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. is the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. As Chief, he serves as the senior uniformed Air Force officer responsible for the organization, training and equipping of 685,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the general and other service chiefs function as military advisers to the Secretary of Defense, National Security Council and the President. Brown has commanded a fighter squadron, the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, two fighter wings and U.S. Air Forces Central Command. Prior to serving as the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Brown was the commander of Pacific Air Forces, Air Component Commander for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

Brown is a command pilot with more than 2,900 flying hours, including 130 combat hours.



## Hurlburt holds POW/MIA Vigil Run



Submitted photos

On Friday, Hurlburt Field completed its 24-hour POW/MIA run. The vigil run was in honor of past and present prisoners of war and military members missing in action.

## National Naval Aviation Museum partially reopens

Staff report  
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Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Masks will be required at all times while inside the museum and sanitizing stations are available throughout the museum for the safety of visitors.

The Giant Screen Theater and refreshment counter will be open at reduced capacity. At this time the Cubi Bare Café will remain closed.

Operating hours will be

flight demonstrations are currently closed to the public.

The movie schedule is as follows:

10:30 a.m. Magic of Flight  
11:30 a.m. Aircraft Carrier  
12 p.m. Apollo 11: First Steps Edition  
1 p.m. Magic of Flight  
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## For God's sake

By Michael Bannon

### Be trustworthy

Gallup Inc. (gallup.com) recently published the results of their annual poll of peoples' perception of various professions' trustworthiness. The profession that has lived consistently on the bottom of the list is car salespeople with only 9% of respondents regarding them as trustworthy. Nurses topped the trustworthiness list yet again garnering 85%. So, I was curious to know how my profession, that of a pastor, ranked. "Clergy" was dead center in the list with a disheartening 40%. Interestingly, right below "clergy" was "journalist," coming in at 28%. I should have heeded the maxim that says, "Never ask a question for which you really don't want to know the answer."

Had this 40% ranking of perceived trustworthiness represented a rising trend from previous years, I would have been encouraged, but it does not. The highest ranking for clergy trustworthiness that I could find was 67% in a 1985 poll. Since then, clergy ranking has steadily declined with only a few anomalies. The first was a noticeable drop in trust in the late 1980s following the highly publicized scandals of televangelists Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker. On a more hopeful note, in Gallup's poll published in November 2001, people's trust in clergy had spiked. I remember seeing an increase in church attendance after the terrorist attacks on 9-11.

An individual's trust in clergy, or any profession, is not influenced by polls but by personal experience. If you have had a great car-buying experience, your trust in car salespeople, at least your salesperson, will be high. I was on staff at a church when it was rocked by the highly publicized arrest of our beloved and trusted senior pastor. Understandably, our congregation's trust in its leadership plummeted as it was initially assumed that we were somehow complicit. Their trust in leadership was slowly restored in the months that followed as it became clear that we had been blindsided as well. It was further strengthened when the leadership diligently, biblically, and transparently addressed the pastor's sin as prescribed. Nevertheless, some in the congregation never came to trust that leadership again.

Proverbs 18:19 says, "A brother wronged is more unyielding than a fortified city." Once a trust is violated, regaining that trust will be difficult; you may not succeed. Clearly, the wisdom here is to strive to conduct yourself in a trustworthy manner always. Diligence in feeding on the Word of God and demonstrating God-dependence in prayer are essential, as is having accountability both personally and professionally.

Sinless perfection is an unreasonable expectation; it is not possible this side of heaven. Everyone will sin, pastors included. Scripture commands that a pastors' public sins be dealt with publicly and without preferential treatment. It also commands that we protect pastors from false accusations; public perception of their profession's trustworthiness is not a consideration.

My colleagues and I, both lay and vocational elders, are charged in Scripture to shepherd God's flock, "exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:3-4). Ours is a call to trustworthiness.

# FAITH

## 'Broken chicks' to have new home in Navarre



EXIT

Photos by Michael Bannon

The Grace Place Board of Directors is thrilled to have found a future home for their ministry.

By Michael Bannon  
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"I have been waiting to be able to write this for quite a while now," April Fisher wrote in the Grace's Place September newsletter, "and finally I can joyfully say, WE HAVE A HOUSE!"

Fisher's excitement in finding a home for this self-described ministry to "broken chicks," is fueled by her deep gratitude to God for graciously redeeming her from her own past as a "broken chick."

"Healed broken chicks helping broken chicks heal," she explains. "This house will serve as a haven where broken women can receive the help and support they need to be 'whole' again."

Fisher is unhesitating when recounting her past drug abuse, her former work in the sex industry and even her incarcerations. She does not boast in her past but boasts instead in God's grace toward her in Christ in the face of such a past. That is the "grace" behind the ministry's name. Fisher sees her own redemptions story as an example of what Christ can do for others like her.

Finding a house in Navarre has been essential for launching the ministry, so it has been an ongoing matter of prayer for Fisher, the Grace's Place board of directors



April Fisher, with the support of her board and the community, has finally found a home for "broken chicks," which describes her past, as well.

and the growing list of ministry partners for over two years. Fisher is candid about how difficult it is to get others "to volunteer for something that doesn't even exist physically yet." But the winds of change began to stir last November, at the ministry's first annual "Grace's Place Sunday Family Dinner" event on Navarre Beach. Fisher recounts, "I was sharing my testimony, and a gentleman who attended...began to feel a tug on his heart. Fast forward to this year just before COVID hit. I had heard that he was selling

his house and although I knew we didn't have the funds because this house is awesome, I thought I'd just ask."

She and her board walked through the house and, "saw the potential for Grace's Place all over it." It is a tidy, rambling 4-bedroom home in Navarre that sits on a large lot just off Hwy. 87. The very real questions of price and where the money would come from tempered their excitement.

"Well, the answer came in the form of him (the owner) telling us that he would work with us to

see that Grace's Place become a reality," she said. "After much prayer and more discussion, we came up with a plan that would work for everyone."

In his own excitement over this future noble purpose for his home, the owner didn't mention that he still owes \$100K on the home.

"We talked about solutions and how we could work together to see the fruition of Grace's Place," Fisher said. Finally, we agreed that Grace's Place would try and raise the \$100K and put that toward the purchase of the house."

This house will be the first of two homes in the ministry's long-term plan.

"It will maintain the 2-year program for the ladies, which includes the yearlong Christ-centered, life-skills program and the yearlong transitional program for obtaining a job," said Fisher. Raising the \$100K for a down payment would enable the house to be paid off with a 10-year mortgage."

The ministry will host its second annual "Grace's Place Sunday Family Dinner" event November 1, from 2-5 p.m. at Covenant Community Church Navarre ([www.navarre-church.com](http://www.navarre-church.com)). The theme will be "Overcomers," and the event will include two guest speakers who will share their own testimonies of overcoming. Fisher will present the ministry's

vision and give an update on the house and the plans for fundraising. At 4 p.m., people will have the opportunity to tour the house, which is a short five-minute drive from the church. Covenant Community Church is located at 9212 Quail Roost Drive, just off Panhandle Trail in Navarre.

For more information about Grace's Place and how you can be involved, visit [www.gracesplaceministries.com](http://www.gracesplaceministries.com).

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

**1.** Is the book of Tamar in the Old or New Testament or neither?

**2.** Why had Jonah been thrown overboard from a ship, later to be swallowed by the big fish? He asked to, For stealing, Being a stowaway, Brandishing his sword

**3.** From Genesis 29, which of Jacob's wives was first to bear children? Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, Zilpah

**4.** In 2 Kings 16, who burned his son alive as a sacrifice? Joab, Ahaz, Isaac, Josiah

**5.** From Acts 22, what famous rabbi was Paul's teacher? Hillel, Turkel, Zakkai, Gamaliel

**6.** Who stole idols from her father? Elisabeth, Martha, Rachel, Deborah

**ANSWERS:** 1) Neither; 2) He asked to; 3) Leah; 4) Ahaz; 5) Gamaliel; 6) Rachel

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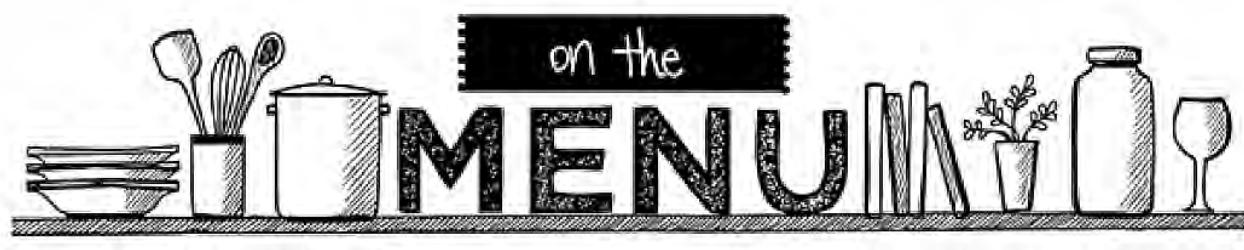
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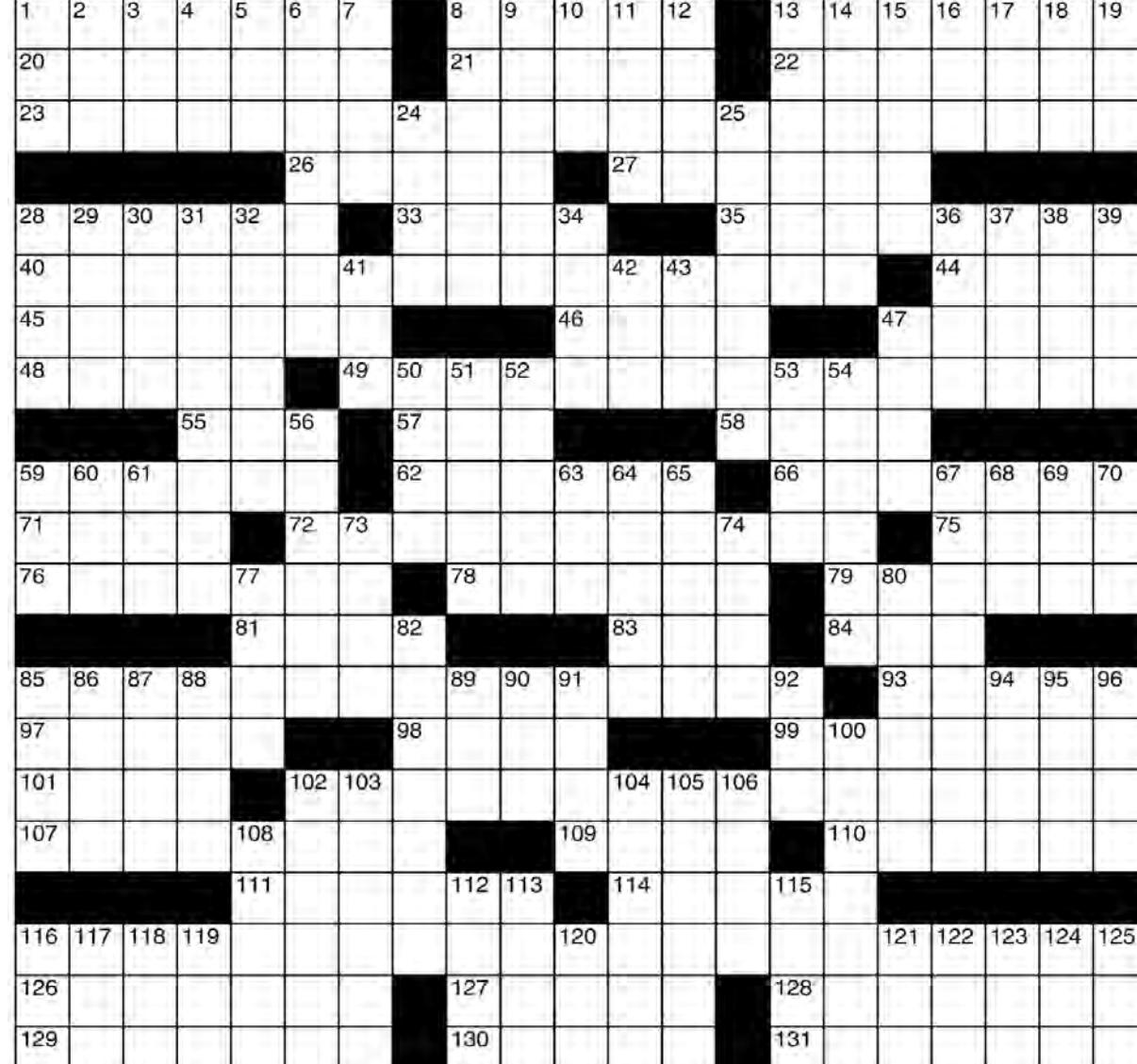
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1 Along the shore	58 Not any	114 1990s ABC sitcom	15 Meet with the old class	50 About	91 Innocent sort																			
8 Terra- —	59 Attraction	116 Riddle's answer	16 Barely lit	51 List details	92 Mug, e.g.																			
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22 The teensiest bit	72 Riddle, part 4	76 Secret group in "The Da Vinci Code"	24 Other, to Juan	56 Directs attention (to)	100 Most astute																			
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by Linda Thistle

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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TODAY'S WORD

## ARRESTS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY RESIDENTS

Arrest and incident reports are taken from the information released from law enforcement agencies. Charges or citations reported in the Navarre Press do not imply guilt. Guilt is determined by the courts. Information on this page is public information. Names on arrest records will not be withheld by request for any reason. Juveniles are named only if the arrest involved a felony offense.

Sept. 21 to Mon. Sept. 28

September 21	September 22	September 22	September 23	September 24	September 25	September 25	September 27
<b>Mario Nicandro Segura Loredo</b> , 37, 6500 block of Bluefish Blvd., Navarre, Charge: Moving traffic violation	<b>John David Haueisen</b> , 67, 6900 block of Turnberry Circle, Navarre, Charge: Battery	<b>Tyler Austin Teems</b> , 28, Zion Road, Navarre, Charge: DUI	<b>Robert Wayne Ruhl</b> , 59, 1800 block of Esplanade St., Navarre, Charge: Public order crimes	<b>Joshua Tyler Johnson</b> , 27, 5800 block of Congress Court, Gulf Breeze, Charge: Larceny	<b>Amber Michelle Gsell</b> , 33, 2500 block of Weeping Willow St., Navarre, Charge: Conditional release violation	<b>Scott Alan White</b> , 30, Eagle Nest, Navarre, Charge: Moving traffic violation	<b>Christine Parker Etheridge</b> , 47, 400 block of Andrew Jackson Trail, Gulf Breeze, Charge: Battery
<b>Cody Katherine Siers</b> , 23, 3600 Highway 87, Navarre, Charges: Drug equipment-possession (2), cocaine possession	<b>Stephanie Maree Lane</b> , 30, 6800 block of Fernandina Road, Navarre, Charge: Battery	<b>Nikolaus Oliver Wallace</b> , 39, 2200 block of Frontera St., Navarre, Charges: Failure to appear (2)	<b>Kevin Augustus Bennett</b> , 31, 2400 block of Avenida de Sol, Navarre, Charge: Bail-secured bond	<b>Kathleen Rae Ward Utrecht</b> , 46, 7500 block of Rexford St., Navarre, Charge: Battery	<b>Kevin Harold Kelly</b> , 52, 8600 block of Turkey Bluff Road, Navarre, Charges: Moving traffic violation, failure to appear	<b>Taylor Alexandra Etier</b> , 26, 400 block of Surrey Drive, Gulf Breeze, Charge: Probation violation	<b>Mitchell James Jennings</b> , 29, 100 block of Camelia St., Gulf Breeze, Charges: Carrying concealed weapon, marijuana-possession
<b>London Shae Foxworth</b> , 31, 1000 block of Circle Lane, Gulf Breeze, Charge: Battery	<b>Jessica Clarise Lindsay</b> , 24, 7600 block of Chablis Circle, Navarre, Charge: Lewd lascivious behavior	<b>Jason John Boucher</b> , 32, 8200 block of CalleMio, Navarre, Charges: Indecent exposure, trespassing, disturbing peace	<b>Eric Ryan Basiger</b> , 20, 8900 block of Orlando Ave., Navarre, Charge: Out-of-county warrant	<b>Stephanie Ann Barnes</b> , 38, 5300 block of Fargo Court, Gulf Breeze, Charges: Burglary, larceny	<b>Manuel Mamuscia</b> , 62, 4400 block of Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, Charge: Battery	<b>Dalton Eugene Baucom</b> , 20, 1900 block of Diplomat St., Gulf Breeze, Charge: Battery	<b>Kara Lynn Petersen</b> , 46, 5400 block of Cimmeron Court, Gulf Breeze, Charge: Battery
<b>Cameron Jude Gilley</b> , 27, 2500 block of Lincoln Road, Navarre, Charge: DUI	<b>Zachary O'briant Rosier</b> , 24, 2700 block of Bay Watch Court, Navarre, Charge: Drugs-possession	<b>Valdirene Bacchus</b> , 44, 7200 block of Zoey Circle, Navarre, Charge: Cruelty toward child	<b>Logan Miles Brady</b> , 23, 1900 block of Edgewood Drive, Navarre, Charge: Conditional release violation	<b>Johnny Derek Card</b> , 50, 900 block of Aquamarine Drive, Gulf Breeze, Charge: DUI	<b>Susan Lynn Monson</b> , 57, 3100 block of Clemson Road, Gulf Breeze, Charges: Trespassing, resist officer	<b>Troy Hunter Byler</b> , 20, 8100 block of Molina St., Navarre, Charge: Battery	<b>Cynthia Henley Stiemcosky</b> , 56, 3000 block of E Ranchette Square, Gulf Breeze, Charges: DUI, refusal to submit DUI test after license suspended
<b>Natasha Ann Ratliff</b> , 30, 3200 block of Bob Tolbert Road, Navarre, Charge: Making false report	<b>Mitchell Dean Amundson Berge</b> , 26, 2800 block of Villa Woods Circle, Gulf Breeze, Charges: DUI, drug-equipment-possession						

## INCIDENT REPORTS

## Breakup allegedly leads to brick throwing

Thomas Pepe, 54, of the 1100 block of Sterling Point Place in Gulf Breeze was arrested Sept. 18 after allegedly throwing bricks during a breakup.

According to the arrest report, a deputy was called to a domestic violence disturbance on Sterling Point Place. The victim advised the deputy he and his boyfriend, Pepe, had been together for five years but were breaking up. He said he was in the process of moving out of Pepe's house, and while the victim was at the home retrieving belongings, Pepe

became agitated over the split.

They argued, and while in the front yard, the victim told deputies Pepe picked up a brick and threw it at him. The brick struck his hand, leaving a abrasion, as the victim tried to protect his body from the brick. Pepe then allegedly threw another brick which struck the victim's car, leaving a dent.

Pepe allegedly shouted "I hate you" during the attack. Pepe told deputies the victim kept "going at him" but said he never struck Pepe. The deputy observed two bricks missing from the landscaping. He found

one laying near the front door and the other in the driveway, according to the report.

Pepe was arrested and charged with felony aggravated assault and felony aggravated battery. He was released Sept. 19 on \$22,500 bond.

## Navarre man allegedly chokes ex

Derek Anthony Gomes, 45, of the 2000 block of Crafford Lane in Navarre allegedly choked an ex-girlfriend Sept. 14 after barging into her home.

According to an arrest report, a neighbor called Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office after a woman

showed up hysterically crying at her front door. The victim told the neighbor her boyfriend was hitting her and she escaped. The neighbor advised the victim to hide in the utility closet while she called for help.

In an interview with a deputy, the victim said her ex-boyfriend, Gomes, showed up outside her apartment around midnight and began pounding on the door, waking her up. He continued to pound on the door until she opened it.

Then he allegedly began yelling at her and calling her names. He allegedly

grabbed her neck and began choking her. Her front door and a flowerpot were broken in the ensuing struggle. The pot had previously contained the ashes of the victim's mother.

The victim said she could not breath and lost consciousness. Gomes then let her go and began walking toward the kitchen, according to her statements. She ran from the apartment at that point to seek help from a neighbor.

The deputy observed a laceration under the victim's ear and a red mark on her right arm.

While she was speaking with a deputy, Gomes at-

tempted to call the victim on her cellphone. A deputy answered the call and asked to meet with him about the incident. Gomes stated he did not have a ride and hung up, according to the report.

Later he called the victim's cellphone again. Again, a deputy answered and asked to meet with Gomes pointing out he may face a criminal charge, but Gomes declined, stating he would turn himself in and hang up.

Gomes was arrested Sept. 20 on charges of felony battery, felony criminal mischief damage to property and felony burglary with assault. He was released Sept. 21 on \$31,000 bond.

## BUSINESS LICENSES

- 9/8/2020 - Geneva Burnett, Ja'naaa's Sweet Tooth LLC, Manufacturing, 313 Blessinger Drive Ft Walton Beach, FL 32547

- 9/8/2020 - Benjamin Fishbein, Dds, SD Orthodontics, Pa, Service, 4875 Us 90 Pace, FL 32571

- 9/8/2020 - Susan Newman, Secret Ingredients Bakery, Retail Sales, 8033 Delta Drive Milton, FL 32583

- 9/9/2020 - Anastasia K Emms, Professional, 5646 Woodbine Road Pace, FL 32571

- 9/9/2020 - Brendan Gash, Chase Beckstrom, Emerald Coast Seamless Gutters LLC, Contractor, 5317 Stafford Cir Pace, FL 32571

- 9/9/2020 - Luis Enrique Martinez, Mr. Handyman All-Pro Construction LLC, Service, 5579 Brentwater Place Gulf

- 9/9/2020 - John Neamatalla, Neamatalla Properties LLC, Service, 3883 Elevator Court Pace, FL 32571

- 9/9/2020 - Ryan A Martin, RH1N0 Arms, Retail Sales, 5736 Bronco Place Milton, FL 32570

- 9/10/2020 - Robert McDonald, All Things Painting LLC, Service, 3843 Flowerwood Drive Milton, FL 32583

- 9/10/2020 - William Earl Salter, Complete Home Solutions of NWF Inc., 1998 Justice Circle Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

- 9/10/2020 - Luis Ruco, Firework Unlimited, Retail Sales, 11705 Boyette Road Suite 226 Riverview, FL 33569

- 9/10/2020 - Hrnnewell Services LLC, Service, 913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 35 Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

- 9/10/2020 - Ashley Spears, Jack's Coffee Truck, Retail Sales, 4645 Woodbine Road Pace, FL 32571

- 9/10/2020 - Maria Wise Wedding Consulting Service, 7650 Hidden Oak Road Pace, FL 32571

- 9/11/2020 - Kolton Caraway, Cross The Creek Solutions LLC, Service, 1801 Mineral Springs Road Jay, FL 32565

- 9/11/2020 - Gene Morgan, Gene Morgan's Handyman, Service, 7539 Blackjack Circle Navarre, FL 32566

- 9/11/2020 - Darin G Presley, Going Green Solar Services, Service, 1158 Finch Drive Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

- 9/11/2020 - Nathan Cruz, Green View Solutions Dba Tri-State Tree Service, Service, 6146 Mobile Highway Pensacola, FL 33837

- 9/11/2020 - Joseph Towles, Heritage Home Inspections, LLC, Professional, 6438 Benelli Drive Milton, FL 32570

- 9/11/2020 - Dennis Randall, Randall Masonry Restoration LLC, Service, 4633 Rambling Way Pace, FL 32571

- 9/11/2020 - Partner's Family Medicine Practice & Recovery Center, Yolanda Dubose, Professional, 4453 Highway 90 Pace, FL 32571

- 9/14/2020 - Vincent Edward Warren Jr., J W Site Works & Construction LLC, Sub Contractor, 7581 Frankfort St. Navarre, FL 32566

- 9/14/2020 - Amber Stanley, Learning Tree Behavior Services, Professional, 1744 Joybrook Road Navarre, FL 32566

- 9/14/2020 - Marti Elise Henson, Mizzmarti LLC, Professional, 5157 Dogwood Drive Milton, FL 32570

- 9/14/2020 - Jana Williamson, Royal Sportsplex LLC, Service, 3881 Scott's Plaza Drive Jay, FL 32565

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**LEGALS**

Public Notice  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:  
15 McClure Rd, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561 on 10/12/2020 at 12:00 PM Casey House - Household goods The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Legal# 3688

Fictitious Name Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Fishing with Foolish Charters and Tours, at 3229 Laurel Dr, in the County of Santa Rosa, in the city of Gulf Breeze, Florida, 32563 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Navarre, Florida, this 25th day of September 2020. Brody Trainer, owner, or Corporation full name.

Legal Notice #3690

Fictitious Name Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Smitty's Surf Fishing, at 2040 Bayou Dr, in the County of Santa Rosa, in the city of Navarre, Florida, 32566 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Navarre, Florida, this 28th day of September 2020. Michael Stanley Smith, owner, or Corporation full name.

Legal Notice #3691

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF

BETTY C. WESSON  
A/K/A

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**AUTO**

BETTY CORINNA WESSON A/K/A ELIZABETH CATHERINE WESSON Deceased. File No. 2020-CP-318 Division NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Betty C. Wesson a/k/a Betty Corinna Wesson a/k/a Elizabeth Catherine Wesson, deceased, whose date of death was June 1, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Santa Rosa County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 6865 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.

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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 1, 2020. Attorney for Personal Representative:

/s/ John S. Bordelon John S. Bordelon, Master of Laws Florida Bar Number:

569770 1970 CHEV CS1 CCS14 01122 960

The registered and/or legal owner(s) are: Jake Boyce 103 Riverwood Dr Hendersonville, TN 37075

Total fees owed as of July 2nd, 2020 are \$430.00. Fees include Towing: \$130.00, and Lien Filing Fees: \$300.00

2002 GMC ENVOY 1GKES16S6106083 The registered and/or legal owner(s) are: /s/ Barbara H. Picart Barbara H. Picart 3801 Sunvalley Drive Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Total fees owed as of August 21st, 2020 are \$430.00. Fees include Towing: \$130.00,

and Lien Filing Fees: \$300.00

2005 GMC Sierra 2GTEC13T951166148 The registered and/or legal owner(s) are: Michael Scott Dunlavay 6115 N Davis HWY APT 57A Pensacola, FL 32504

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**LEGALS**

NOTICE OF SALE The following vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the lien on the vehicle for towing and storage fees owed. The sale will be held 10:00 am (cst) on October 19th, 2020 at JR's Paint & Body, Inc., 5933 Graham Lane, Milton in Santa Rosa County in the State of Florida.

If the owner cares to recover said vehicle they may bring the amount of the charges in cash only before the date and time of sale to JR's Paint & Body and the vehicle will be surrendered to them. Sales in accordance with FL Statute 713.7 and 713.78.

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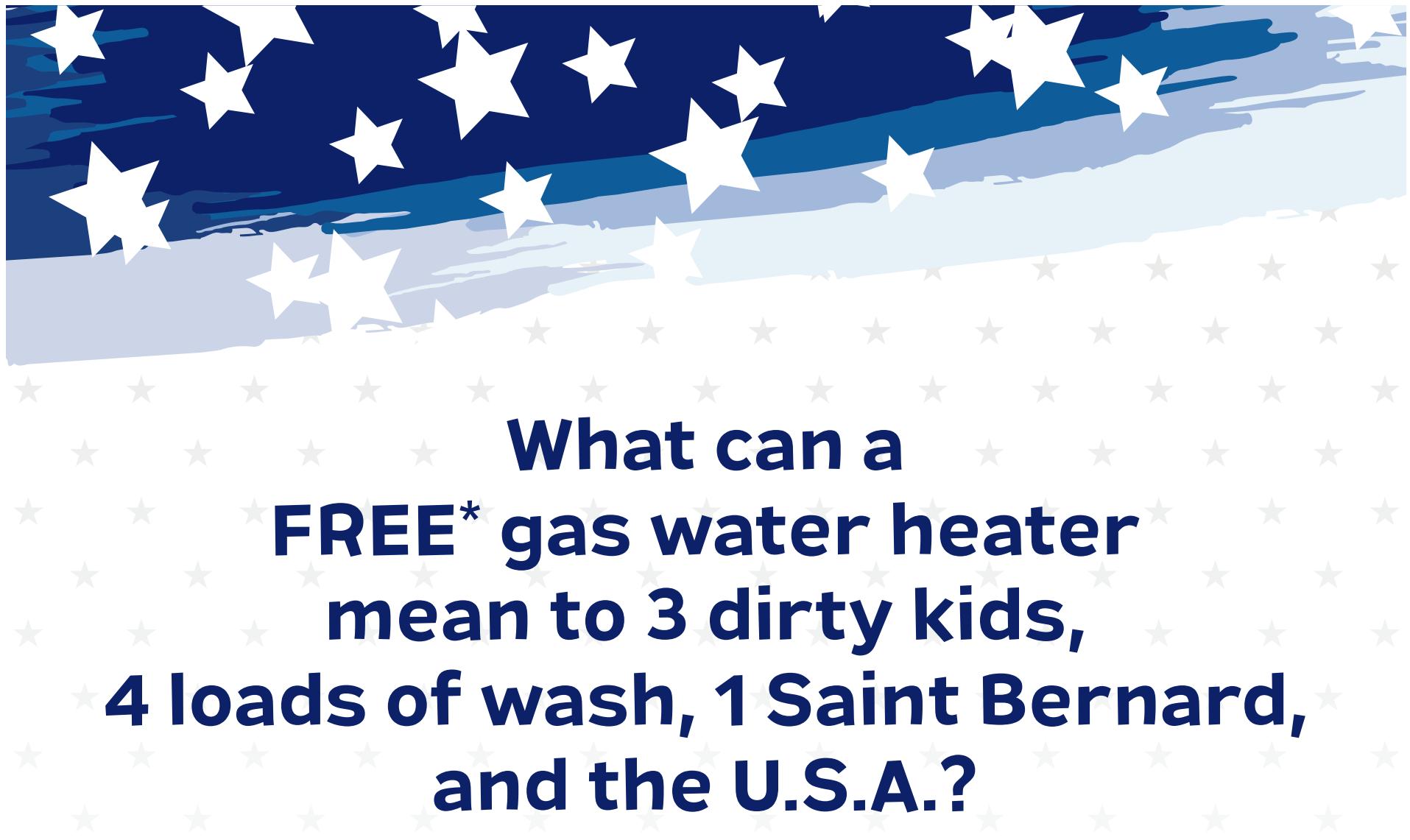
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