



New lawyer sought, sign up for fresh food, library boost

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Santa Rosa County is looking for a new county attorney, the second season of the TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council's Community Supported Agriculture program begins this month, and Santa Rosa taxpayers are seeing return on library investment.

Applications for new attorney

No applications have been submitted yet to replace longtime Santa Rosa County Attorney Tom Dannheisser, who is leaving to become a judge, according to Santa Rosa County Administrator Hunter Walker.

Earlier this month, Dannheisser was appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to a vacant position as an Escambia County judge. Dannheisser joined Santa Rosa County in 1986 as the first staff attorney for the County Commission.

Applications are due to Santa Rosa County by Aug. 30. The county attorney's annual salary is \$136,073.60.

The County Commission will receive applications and decide when to conduct interviews. Dannheisser anticipated departure date is Sept. 10.

Subscription produce program enters second season

If you want to participate in season two of the Community Supported Agriculture program, register by Monday. There are a limited number of shares still available.

The CSA — which is a project of the TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council — includes a weekly distributions of locally grown in-season products. The fall season will consist of items like broccoli, collards, green peanuts, herbs, tomatoes, cut flowers, Satsuma oranges and more.

Deliveries are made to four locations each Saturday morning: Floridatown Station in Pace, Flowerama in

Gulf Breeze, Pensacola Seed and Feed and Galleria Lighting and Shades in Pensacola.

Shares for the program are \$30 per week, with a minimum 13-week commitment required. Payment for the season must be made in full with registration. Season two runs from Aug. 28 to Nov. 20.

Weather conditions can lead to variations crop production. Produce items are subject to change on a week-to-week basis.

Details: Contact Andrea Sutrick by e-mail at PanhandleFresh@TEAMSantaRosa.com or to register at www.panhandlefresh.com/csa.htm.

Santa Rosa libraries a good return on investment, UWF study shows

Santa Rosa taxpayers receive an estimated \$17.02 in value for every \$1 spent on libraries, according to a recent study released by the Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development. That's better than the state average of \$8.32.

The study found that economic benefits extend to job creation, generation of "Gross Regional Product" and personal income. Specifically:

-- For every \$3,491 spent on public libraries from public funding sources in Florida, one job is created.

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-- For every dollar of public support spent on public libraries in Florida, the Gross Regional Product — the value of all goods and services produced in the state — increases by \$10.57.

-- For every dollar of public support spent on public libraries in Florida, wages increases by \$22.97.

Santa Rosa residents can measure their own personal economic return on investment when visiting a county library by using the online calculator found at haas.uwf.edu/library/county_data/santarosa.htm.

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