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GOP gov's race heats up

Gray Rohrer
USA TODAY NETWORK – FLORIDA

Less than 12 months until the election, U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds, who has the backing of President Donald Trump, is comfortably ahead in polls for the GOP nomination to succeed Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

But there are signs the sleepy race is sparking to life: Donalds' rivals are lining up to attack the Naples Republican and chip away at his lead in the polls. Former House Speaker Paul Renner released an extensive economic platform on Nov. 14 focused on affordability – a topic top of mind for voters in the recent off-year elections in New Jersey

and Virginia. Lt. Gov. Jay Collins is a former Green Beret in the U.S. Army who was elected to the Florida Senate in 2022. DeSantis selected him to fill the vacant lieutenant governor position in August, fueling speculation he'd later run to replace the

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THINGS TO DO THIS HOLIDAY



Begin Thanksgiving at a 5K in Southwest Florida

A few runs will be held Thanksgiving Day in Southwest Florida and here's what to know about them.

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'They're a gift'



Southwest Florida nonprofit Trailways welcomes adult campers with any type of disability living with family or a caregiver

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We thank you for the food that's in front of us ... We thank you for this week of camp that we have had. We're thankful for the wonderful reminder that we – all of us – are special."

– Don Pullen, associate pastor, The Village Church at Shell Point offering the blessing for Trailways Camp's Thanksgiving feast

Campers file onto the dock in tie-dyed, autographed T-shirts, whispering, jostling, teasing. Some bump over the boards on electric scooters, some wheel

down in chairs; others steady themselves on a helper's shoulder.

Participants, volunteers and staff of the Trailways Camp take a group photo on Oct. 23.
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Cape hopes new flagpole will be tallest in Florida

Seeks to raise \$500,000 for 250-foot-high staff

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The tallest free-standing American flagpole in Florida could soon rise in Cape Coral, but only if the city can raise \$500,000 in community donations to build it at Bernice Braden Park. City officials have launched a "Raise the Flag" campaign to fund the 250-foot structure, a height that would surpass Florida's current record holder in Clearwater, in time for the nation's 250th birthday in 2026. City Manager Michael Ilczynszyn brought forth the idea. "That will not only put us on the map but also generate some attraction," he said. The project relies entirely on donations and

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