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NASA sets launch date

Artemis II currently set to take off April 1

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Florida Today
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After issues with the SLS rocket have been resolved, NASA teams have concluded they are "go" for the launch of the Artemis II mission and will send the crew of four astronauts around the moon in the coming weeks.

The SLS rocket will roll out of the Ve-

hicle Assembly Building and to the launch pad on March 19. The launch is currently set for April 1, with NASA officials repeatedly stating they are focused on launching in April.

The mission, which will send astronauts around the moon for the first time in over 50 years, has encountered many delays. Most recently, the rocket was returned to the assembly building Feb. 26 after a seal in the quick disconnect was

obstructing helium from flowing from the ground system to the rocket.

NASA said that after removing the quick disconnect and reassembling the system, the team tested the upper stage repairs by running helium at a lower flow rate to make sure the problem was fixed. Engineers are investigating how the seal became loose so they can prevent it from happening again.

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FFA members from the Ionia County Career Center participated in the Michigan FFA Convention March 4-6 at the Wharton Center at Michigan State University. PROVIDED BY TED W. PATON

These young people will keep farms operating

Byron McCauley
Holland Sentinel
USA TODAY NETWORK

On a small farm outside of Portland, the future of the family farm has never been in doubt.

Seventeen-year-old Addison Dahms, a senior at Saranac High School, already owns six head of beef cattle of her own. They are part of a larger herd of about 50 cattle raised by her family at Annison Livestock, a farm started by Addison's grandfather 55 years ago.

Farming, for the Dahms family, has always been a shared effort.

"We all work on the farm together," said her mother, Tracy Dahms. "My dad is still working at 70 just as hard as he did at 30. My brothers are involved. It's just how I grew up, and now Addison is growing up the same way."

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Addison Dahms, of Portland, is headed to veterinary school at MSU. PROVIDED BY IONIA COUNTY CAREER CENTER

Virginia man charged with selling gun used in ODU shooting

Jeanine Santucci and Christopher Cann
USA TODAY

The Justice Department charged a Virginia man with illegally selling the firearm used in a shooting at Old Dominion University that killed one person and wounded two others.

Kenya M. Chapman, 32, of Smithfield, Virginia, appeared in federal court March 13 and was charged by criminal complaint with dealing in firearms without a license and three counts of making false statements during purchases of firearms, federal prosecutors said.

"Chapman allegedly stole a firearm and illegally sold it to a convicted terrorist, who murdered a decorated

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