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All Hands and Hearts still engaged

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North Florida's typically mild winters must seem like the stuff of myth for all the out-of-state volunteers that are now here working with the local community as it continues to recover from 2018's Hurricane Michael.

A brisk and icy wind at daybreak persisted through lunchtime Monday as staff members with the All Hands and Hearts "Smart Response" Disaster Response Team headed out to work in some of the 21 houses they've taken on as interior repair projects.

This month marks the group's year anniversary of helping with Jackson County's recovery.

The staff and teams of its volunteers had begun working here last February joined by some of the organization's volunteers. They did a lot of the early dirty work, like "mucking" muddy sites that needed clearing, gutting damaged structures and performing mold sanitation. But a COVID-19 outbreak in the group in November forced a local quarantine period with cessation of work, and then led leadership to withdraw those additional helpers as a safety precaution.

The 17 staffers that remain are soldiering on in the face of that manpower shortage. One member of the team, Joseph McUmbler, faces an additional, individual challenge on these Jackson County workdays.

About a week ago, a truck door closed on his hand. His left-hand index finger has been immobilized since then so that it can heal properly.

He's staying on the job, though, doing what he can under the circumstance. His group is staying in the Evangel Church complex near where the North Florida Inland Long Term Recovery Group (LTR) is headquartered.

That group is one of many that have been, or are still, on the ground helping Jackson County recover.

LTR representative Anita Halling said the local community is grateful for the assistance of All Hands and Hearts and so many other incoming or local teams since the storm, including the United Methodist Committee on Relief, Samaritan's Purse, Mennonite Disaster Services,



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Maryland resident Joseph McUmbler gives a thumbs up as he prepares to head out for a work project with All Hands and Hearts on behalf of suffering Jackson County residents. He's still pitching in even though he recently injured his left hand in an accident unrelated to the work he's doing here.

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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Schedules set for 2nd doses of vaccine

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The Florida Department of Health in Jackson County (FDOH-Jackson) has announced the dates and times for individuals needing to receive their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Review the date and location of where the first dose was received to see when and where you should receive the second dose.

Individuals are asked to bring the Vaccination Administration Record card they were given when they received their first dose on the day of their scheduled second dose. Individuals needing their second dose do not need to contact the Health Department for a second dose appointment, but should instead plan to be at the location specified below between the hours specified below to receive their dose.

Additionally, individuals do not need to arrive early on scheduled days due to fears of not receiving their second dose. If you received your first dose at one of the locations specified below and arrive for your second dose on the corresponding date, vaccine will be available for you.

First dose received/ Second dose scheduled

- Jan. 6 at FDOH-Jackson/Wednesday, Feb. 3 at FDOH-Jackson, 9-11 a.m.
- Jan. 11 at FDOH-Jackson/Tuesday, Feb. 9 at FDOH-Jackson, 9-11 a.m.
- Jan. 13 at Ag Center/Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Ag Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Jan. 14 at FDOH-Jackson/Tuesday, Feb. 9 at FDOH-Jackson, 9-11 a.m.
- Jan. 20 at FDOH-Jackson/Thursday, Feb. 18 at FDOH-Jackson, 9-11 a.m.

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Board tables on solar farm

Florida Power and Light/Gulf Power announces open house for today

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The Jackson County Planning Commission on Monday tabled a decision on whether to recommend that Florida Power and Light (which includes Gulf Power) be allowed to build a 300,000-panel solar farm roughly a mile from the one of similar size it now has in development in Jackson County.

It would be the third solar farm

of this scope in the county. The company has another already in operation near Jacob, called Blue Indigo, and one under development called Blue Springs Solar Energy Center, about a mile from the one under discussion now, which would be called the Apalachee Solar Energy Center.

This one, though, has met with opposition from nearby property owners who say they believe their quality of life, property

values, the wildlife of Jackson County, and the area's budding reputation as an ecotourism mecca will be put at risk with the establishment of the farm.

Company officials have scheduled an open house from 10 a.m. to roughly 4:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Feb. 3, to give people a chance to ask further questions about the project. It will be held

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Florida Power and Light representative Amy Goodwin, seated, right foreground, listens as Charles Hollister, left, talks about his objections to the company's proposed solar farm in his neighborhood, on a site that lies very near his property, Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, in Marianna.

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