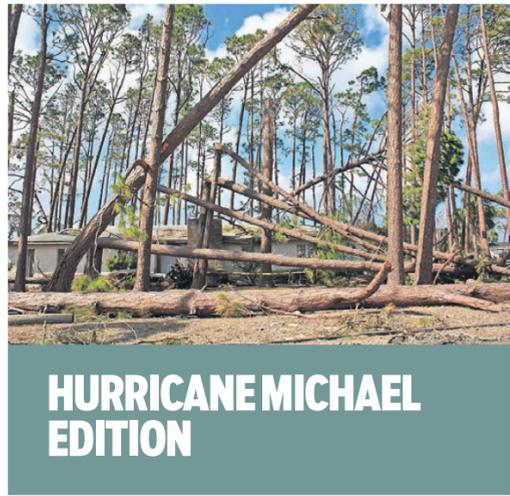


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Michael strikes with a vengeance

By Tim Croft

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Of the many transformations wreaked by Hurricane Michael's arrival Oct. 10, one is certainly the greeting, "How you doing?"

Those who experienced Michael's wrath may never consider that question the same again; even 10, 20, 30, 40 years from now.

And, in turn, those who stayed will also have stories, highly individual and yet remarkably alike, about the day, the date, the month and

year Michael rowed ashore.

There were the two women who jumped in a boat in a flooding Oak Grove and made it to 16th and Marvin where they found refuge.

Or the family that swam in their nightclothes from a burning home to safety in a neighbor's house.

George Duren was about to eat a banana sandwich in the top floor of the Piggly Wiggly when he looked out a window overlooking the Port St. Joe Marina to see boats and water in rush down Marina Drive.

There was the family on Garrison Ave. that watched

as first one oak, then another oak, then a tall, proud pecan tree were transformed into a pile of pick-up sticks for giants, the uprooting pecan tree taking with it the foundation of the backyard shed.

At the risk of becoming part of the story, my wife and I fled our home near Monument just as the waters were headed our way; unable to start our car our son-in-law rescued us.

Next time we saw home, it had several inches of mud on the floor and our car had been

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Simmons Bayou near Presnell's Marina [COURTESY PHOTO/DEBBIE HOOPER/JOEBAY.COM]



[COURTESY PHOTOS/JOHN LASZCZ]

Gulf meets bay in state park



By Tim Croft
The St. Joe Star

For years, local officials have worried about the Gulf of Mexico entering St. Joseph Bay near the Stump Hole, where the Cape San Blas Road is below the level of the Gulf.

During Hurricane Michael, the rock revetment at the Stump Hole mostly held, though there was considerable damage to the roadway.

However, at Eagle Harbor in St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, roughly a quarter-mile of beach was washed away by Hurricane Michael, creating a break, in two places temporarily and one permanently, that allowed the Gulf to flow to the Bay.

The tip of the peninsula, home to the state park's campground and several nature trails, is now an island.

HURRICANE MICHAEL

Election plan in place as early voting begins

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Hurricane Michael and its aftermath have compelled Supervisor of Elections John Hanlon to improvise.

With a little help from an executive order from Gov. Rick Scott along the way.

Hanlon announced this week that all voting in the upcoming election will be held at two "super centers," which also happen to be the traditional sites for early

voting.

Those sites are Hanlon's office at 401 Long Ave. in Port St. Joe and the Charles Whitehead Memorial Wewahitchka Public Library at 314 N. 2nd St.

"This is just the best way to do it," Hanlon said. "Nearly two-thirds of our voting comes during early voting or absentee ballots so people are familiar with those sites."

"It won't be easy, but it is not my job to make life easy

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'We will get through this'

County on recovery road; more than 6,000 homes damaged

By Tim Croft

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A transition took place Tuesday that signaled another step, however small, in the recovery of Gulf County from Hurricane Michael.

As the county moved response to recovery, the "Oregon Green Team," a group from that Pacific Northwest state which assumed the role of incident command during the days immediately following Michael's arrival two weeks



More than 1,100 homes in the county, including this one on St. Joseph Peninsula, were destroyed by Hurricane Michael. [COURTESY PHOTO/JOHN LASZCZ]

ago, signed off and headed home.

Their roles were assumed by another team from outside

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Hurricane Michael's wind impacts new marriage

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Tonya and Don Boyd had a special connection to Mexico Beach, one made more heartbreaking by the powerful blow the hurricane delivered to the small fishing community last week.

"You always just felt like home there," said Tonya, via phone from her Tuskegee, Alabama home. "It always felt like a second home."

The couple vacationed at least twice a year in Mexico Beach, about a four-hour drive from their residence outside of Auburn, during the three years they have been together, staying at the El Governor Motel on each trip.

When Don and Tonya became engaged five months ago, a destination wedding to Mexico Beach was the obvious choice.

"We wanted to have a beach wedding," said Tonya, 42. "I hate to say it but until a couple years ago I had never seen a beach sunset."

During one of their stays at the El Governor they walked next door and checked out the wedding chapel at the Driftwood Inn, the perfect setting as far as they were concerned.

The couple was put in touch with Mexico Beach resident "Marryin'" Jack Mullen to preside over the



The former chapel behind the Driftwood Inn, where the Boyds wed. [COURTESY PHOTO/MEXICOBEACH.COM]

wedding and the date was set.

And so, at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 6, Mullen joined the Boyds in wedlock and after the ceremony, it was down to the beach for photos.

"We could not have asked for more beautiful weather or a more beautiful sunset," Tonya said.

Michael, in a few days changed all that, rendering Mexico Beach a debris pile at the center of the storm.

The Driftwood, like so many structures in Mexico Beach, was destroyed.

That has made the Boyds the last couple to be married at the Driftwood Inn, at least for the foreseeable future.

"It will never be the same," Tonya said, of the Driftwood. "It will

be a long time, if it comes back. I don't know how long they've been marrying there, or how many couples, but we were the last.

"That gives (the wedding setting) more meaning."

But two significant pieces of this wedding portrait have yet to fit into place.

One, Mullen was to formally file the marriage license on Monday before the storm.

Tonya has been unable to contact Mullen as communication across the area has been impacted by Michael's winds, which downed cell towers and power lines with abandon.

The same factors inhibit her ability to reach the Bay County Courthouse records office, so while they were married, Tonya and Don have yet to have it officially sanctioned.

Secondly, Tonya has yet to receive her wedding photos, shot by a professional out of Tallahassee.

Those photos will hew a tad to the bittersweet: They will highlight a happy couple in love as well as some of the last images of the Driftwood inn as it has stood for decades.

"We took one shot that include the entire back of the inn," Tonya said. "We just hope they all come out. They are certainly keepsakes now even more."



Volunteers from restaurants along 30-A in Walton County have provided hot meals daily in front a U.S. 98 restaurant in Port St. Joe. [TIM CROFT | THE STAR]

30A chefs cook for Gulf County relief

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"We had a lot of people volunteer. They wanted to do this. I have friends here, connections here. This is something we wanted to do."

Jim Shirley

The old adage holds that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

After an event such as Hurricane Michael, that adage can be expanded by age and gender.

One of the realities for folks as they emerged from their homes, and from the many trees rendered pick-up stick piles for giants, was that coming by food was going to be no easy matter.

In the days that followed a host of folks, local and not, volunteering all, have stepped into the fray to provide some repast for the victims of Michael.

Among those, every day since Monday, was a group of chefs and restaurant owners along 30-A in Walton County.

Contacted by local restaurateur Mark Haddock, the chefs offered a variety of slightly more upscale, and hardy, dining options in front

of Haddock's Krazyfish Grill on U.S. 98.

Jim Shirley, who previously operated School of Fish at Wind-Mark Beach here in Gulf County, received Haddock's initial call and spread the word along to chefs up and down 30A, Shirley said.

"We had a lot of people volunteer," Shirley said. "They wanted to do this."

"I have friends here, connections here. This is something we wanted to do."

Each day of the past week, and into the weekend, a different chef has arrived to provide a different entrée, in extremely healthy portions.

Free of charge. With the proper utensils and containers.

Shirley noted he had become somewhat an expert after a similar relief effort in Biloxi

following last year's Hurricane Nate.

Nate arrived on Oct. 4; Michael Oct. 10.

So, in addition to providing the food the first day of the "30A" effort, a delicious paella, Shirley carried two large food trailers to place in the Krazyfish parking lot.

"That way the all the other chefs had to do was bring the food, everything, all the equipment, they needed was already here," Shirley said.

And following the paella, there was a day of the week's menu included barbecue pork, another burritos with meat, eggs and rice and still another burgers, a pasta and shrimp dish or rice and sausage.

Shirley said the chefs would continue to return as long as they were needed to provide essential meals.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Purpose and Effect: The Gulf County School Board proposes to amend and adopt policies, as provided for in the Administrative Procedures Act, for the purpose of bringing said policies into compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules.

Summary: The following is a brief description of each proposed change.

- 3.40 Safe and Secure Schools
- 3.41 Domestic Security
- 4.75 Virtual Instruction
- 5.10 Requirements for Original Entry
- 5.32 Zero Tolerance for School Related Crimes
- 6.29 Report of Misconduct

Economic Impact: These proposals may result in direct costs associated with implementation.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT:

Time: 10:00 AM EST
Date: October 31, 2018
Place: Gulf County School Board Room
150 Middle School Road
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

The entire text of the proposed rules can be inspected during regular office hours at the Gulf County School Board Office, 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Special legal authority under which the adoption is authorized and the law being implemented and interpreted is made specific.

The addition and changes are proposed by Bill Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and approved for consideration by Jim Norton, Superintendent.

Amendments: See above

HURRICANE MICHAEL

‘Everybody is just coming together’

By Tim Croft

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There is a passage in the Bible about those who help themselves.

A vast majority of Gulf County residents seem to have the concept embedded in their DNA.

In the days following Hurricane Michael, hardly a conversation, north and south, began that didn't include pride, defiance, and resiliency, and a sense of village that must be seen to be fully understood.

“I am humbled just to see it,” said long-time resident Kesley Colbert.

Colbert's home received minor damage, some downed limbs, but there were neighbors, with far worse situations, helping clean his yard the next morning.

Yes, there were imbeciles who chose to further people's misery by looting homes and businesses in the first days after Michael's arrival.

But they were by far the exception to the rule.

There were those who grabbed chainsaws and went immediately to work clearing trees and limbs from roads, driveways and homes.

Others organized excursions to Alabama or other points east to stock up on gas for generators, food, water and other supplies, willing to divvy their bounty with anyone in need.

“Team Scout About,” as they called themselves, was one, and only one, such group.

Their efforts are worth mentioning individual shout-outs.

Scooter Acree, Ronnie Stevens, Jonathan Brown, Ashley Haddock, Henry Kirby, Michael Foster, Mike



Peppers was among many restaurants and businesses that worked to provide meals to needy residents. [PHOTOS COURTESY OF DEBBIE HOOPER AT JOEBAY.COM]

Chapman, Cameron Brown, Wade Guilford, Chris James, Christian Fisher, Brandon Harrison, Irene Acree;

Clint Moore, Kevin Quaranta, Jenny Acree, Cassidy Acree, Katie Acree, Keith Jenkins, Florence Jenkins, Bryan Jenkins, Heather Jenkins, J.J. Gainer, Wilkin Lane, T.J. Layfield, Richard Dean, Brandon Bellew and enlistees from Louisiana calling themselves “The Cajun Navy.”

Each morning in the days after the storm, despite individual hardships, “team” members donned gloves and chainsaws, winches and whatever else was needed and went to work, cutting and clearing dozens of trees.

They also took to boats to assist in house-to-house searches on St. Joseph Peninsula.

Other “team” members were on the road to stock larders.

And they continued into this week, helping to put tarps on roofs and provide protection for damaged homes.

All for folks, in many cases, they did not know before Michael brought them together.

“Everybody is just coming together, helping each other,” said St. Joe Beach resident Terese Kent. “People are helping to feed each other, clear their yards. That is something to write about.”

Impromptu stations, from Cape San Blas Road to the CVS in Port St. Joe, were established on roadsides and parking lots with water and other non-perishables for anybody who needed them.

Despite taking extensive water into the store, George Duren opened his Piggly Wiggly the day after Michael's arrival.

Employees donned miner's hats and if you brought a shopping list and cash to them, into the dark they went to fill a cart.

Perishables were given away free and other items went out at reduced prices.

Duren continued the curbside business until power was restored to the store.

At that point, Duren stripped the shelves of perishables; the deli, dairy, bakery and meat sections were emptied, the items, several hundred thousand dollars worth, trashed.

They were restocked as shipments arrived.



No matter the circumstances, no matter the losses, folks showed incredible resiliency in the days after Michael.

“God bless, you,” resident Dave Motil said to Duren upon encountering him in the store shortly after power had been restored.

Beginning the day after Michael, Port St. Joe Elementary School became a hub for essential supplies.

Sonny's provided chicken dinners. Pallets of meals-ready-to-eat, water and ice were available.

And almost daily, new outposts of relief popped, at the Washington Recreation Center, Centennial Bank, two auto parts stores, the Haughty Heron and the First Baptist Church, its roof gone.

Peppers served meals, another downtown business offered hot dogs and hamburgers off the grill one day and, early on, the fire houses in Port St. Joe and South Gulf County became havens for assistance.

That is just a sampling. And in addition to supplies, all the volunteers, most of whom suffering personal losses, offered smiles, concern, kind words.

It was uplifting at a time when uplifting was badly needed.

And all of it was before more than 1,000 workers from outside the county arrived by the weekend after Michael, taking up the task of taking down trees and limbs, repairing downed wires and restoring services.

Pharmacies opened, Ace Hardware did also, banks got to business, the health department established a gas station and it seemed, at least if you didn't observe the scenery, things were returning to normal.

“I can't believe how efficient they've been with clearing everything and restoring power,” said Indian Pass resident Peter Burgher six days after Michael. “And everybody seems to be happy about it.”

“I waited in line for an hour at the bank to make a deposit and everybody was just oh, well, no problem.”

The progress initiated by the folks of Gulf County continued, fueled by an attitude of rectitude uncommon in a community.

“This is our town, our family, our friends,” said Port St. Joe City Manager Jim Anderson. “This is more than a job.”

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If elected as Gulf County Commissioner, I will proactively meet with groups and communities to listen to your needs. I will welcome new perspectives. Before voting, I will question and research the merit and effect of the issues and items that are brought before our board. I will not vote with the crowd without sound reason. **As your Commissioner, you can count on me to:**

- Stay in touch and listen to your needs and concerns. Whether it's a tax complaint, a problem with a street light, or a vote on a particular issue—I will hear you.
- Address the county's addiction problem with compassion.
- Welcome fresh ideas and new perspectives that inspire citizens to be involved.
- Make decisions that promote growth while maintaining our county's identity.
- Support efforts to increase economic development that will bring good paying jobs to the north end and other parts of our county.
- Build solid relationships with fellow commissioners to get the job done.

JOHN NAGY
for
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OPINION

Young ideas, old wisdom and Frank Sinatra

By Margaret R. McDowell, ChFC(r), AIF(r)
Arbor Outlook

‘A nd if you should survive to a hundred and five... Look at all you’ll derive out of bein’ alive.’

“Young at Heart” as performed by Frank Sinatra

Technological changes that have occurred in our lifetimes are truly remarkable, aren’t they?

Consider advances in communication. Remember the manual typewriter? Then the electric one? I thought the automatic return was an incredible invention.

We then discarded the typewriter and educated ourselves on the computer. Then we learned to utilize the iPhone and eschewed land lines in favor of mobile ones. Now we read on our iPads as print fades from our lives like ancient, dried ink on parchment.

Since most innovative ideas in technology are offered by those under 30, we tend to associate positive technological change with young people. Most of us Baby Boomers understand ageism intuitively. Who isn’t familiar with the looks of scorn and derision we receive when we ask our children and younger co-workers about tech issues?

So you would think that nearly all successful start-ups and entrepreneurial enterprises are launched by youngsters, right? Not even close. An article in the New Republic states among other things that...“Most successful entrepreneurs are middle-aged, not young.” Why? Because there’s more to developing a successful business than hatching an innovative idea. There’s financing, marketing, business plans, and personnel management. Our life experience and our business acumen, earned over decades, can take a great idea and then make it work in the marketplace.

Young people are good at getting into business. Boomers are skilled at getting out and more likely to enjoy a positive final outcome with commercial endeavors. Someone who creates a business at age 50 is almost twice as likely to employ a successful exit strategy as someone who starts a business at age 30. “The mean founder age of startups with a successful exit, through IPO or acquisition, is 46.7,” the article states.

The message? It’s never too late, and we’re never too old, to put our experience to work. Henry Ford was 50 years old in 1913 when he developed the assembly line to mass-produce his cars. Ray Kroc was 52 when he opened his first McDonald’s in Des Plaines, Illinois and older than that when he finally figured out how to profit from franchising.

To someone who is 30, the future is always infinite. But many Americans who amass small fortunes do so through selling a business. It takes years of experience and skill to build an enterprise that others see value in; then it takes marketing and negotiating ability to consummate the transfer of ownership and reap the profits.

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HUNKER DOWN

We didn’t see it on TV



Kesley Colbert

I could tell Cathy wasn’t pleased by the way she said, “Is this the only one they had?” Well, no, it wasn’t. But it was the least expensive. It required minimum assembly. And I figured a mailbox is a mailbox.

George Bush the first was in the White House at the time. And I figured any correspondence he needed to get to me would be just as safe in a “reasonably priced” letter holder. The small wooden slats that gave this cheap mailbox a country look began to fall off the week after I got it set up. Hurricane Opal gave it a slight list to the northeast. Dick Lamberson backed over it in 1999. A city truck accidently nudged it almost back to vertical in 2011.

Of course, that run down mailbox was the last thing on our minds Wednesday morning, October 10, as we watched Hurricane Michael roar up the Gulf.....RIGHT AT US! Cathy and I sat glued to the Weather Channel. Jim Cantore in Panama City was frightening enough. But when they actually placed a correspondent in Port St. Joe we realized this wasn’t going to end well.

We were anxious, but not scared. We worried about our children....worrying about us. And we marveled, and took great comfort, in the unbelievable number of family, friends and acquaintances

that had reached out to us over the last twenty-four hours.

Jane Hill got in touch; as did Pam, Lana and Bobby King. All childhood friends....from two eons and a light year ago! The entire 1968 Sewanee baseball team checked in....wanting to know what they could do to help. Friends, who had moved away from St. Joe, “reunited” to say they were thinking about us. We could hear the fear, and concern, and love, in every single voice, through every text, in every email.

Kinfolks, near and far, let us know that we were in their hearts. I was afraid Cathy’s siblings were going to move down here! Josh and Jesse called with the exact same message, “Daddy, don’t sit there another second, get to my house as fast as you can!”

It was a little hard to explain. First of all, this now category 4 (bordering on a 5) hurricane had been barely a 1 just a short day and a half ago. We were caught off guard for sure. And we probably would have left if we’d known the real extent of this thing from the outset. But maybe not! We are both older now. No children depending on us.....and this is our home.

Cathy and I huddled on the couch and thanked God for all the wonderful people he had placed in our path over the years. And we prayed for our friends and neighbors that lived closer to the Gulf than we did.

The electricity went out at 10:18. We lost track of the storm. But I’m telling you the wind was already whistling.... and this thing hadn’t even gotten here yet! We didn’t need Cantore to tell us the eye was going to be uncomfortably close.

The wind was incessant. Maybe not as loud as the proverbial freight train people talk about at times like this, but it was a long, steady howl. And it did not quit, slow down or pause for a second! A portion of the backyard fence was the first to go. And some shingles and then the tin on our old shed began to whip up.

That outbuilding wasn’t worth nothing, but it came with the house when we bought it in 1975. I leaped up, fumbled into a raincoat and raced out back. It was raining sideways and the wind picked me off the ground! I grabbed a couple of concrete blocks to anchor me down until I could throw them up on the tin roof. If I could get the bottom secured I might be able to save it.....

It’s hard to describe the help-less feeling of such a storm. It was as if time suspended itself.....while nature had its say. You realize right quick that mere mortals aren’t quite as immortal as we think ourselves. And there are powers out there way above our comprehension....or control.

We eased out of the house cautiously around 3 p.m. The wind was down to a dull roar. God had never been nearer as we thanked Him repeatedly. In the middle of our prayer meeting, Cathy pointed to our inexpensive, run down, worn out, old mailbox. It had come through the 140 mph winds unscathed. Kind of a miracle in our own front yard.....

My wife turned to me, “We are going to keep that mailbox forever!”

Safe and Sound,
Kes

CRANKS MY TRACTOR

The right words



BN Heard

Generally, I have no trouble finding the “right words” to say, coming up with six or seven hundred words on a weekly basis. As I watched the horrific video footage of the damage caused in and around Port St. Joe after Hurricane Michael, I was broken-hearted

and speechless. Places I had seen, stayed, enjoyed and will forever remember fondly, were badly damaged or simply gone.

Therefore, I have nothing I can say, other than I am deeply sorry for the losses you and your community have suffered and know you will be back and thriving soon. I love the people of Port St. Joe, because they make me feel as though I am one of theirs. The truth is Port St. Joe is filled with many folks who weren’t born and raised there, choosing to stay as a result of a vacation trip long ago and falling in love with the area and the people.

It’s easy to do – they make you feel at home. The pace is a bit slower, your problems seem to be less of a burden and “community” is not just a word.

My hurricane damage? A pile of tree limbs and sticks... NOTHING compared to looking at a pile of lumber and debris that used to be your home or business.

Port St. Joe has survived Yellow Fever, economic problems and other weather catastrophes and with each other, you will continue to thrive.

Sincerely,
BN Heard
Crank My Tractor

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLL

Special to The Star

Pursuant to Section 193.122, Florida Statutes, Mitch Burke CFA, Property Appraiser for Gulf County hereby gives notice that the 2018 tax rolls

were certified to the Gulf County Tax Collector on October 17, 2018 for the collection of taxes.

Mitch Burke, CFA
Gulf County Property Appraiser

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LOCAL

Jessie Ball duPont Fund pledges \$250,000 to relief efforts

Special to The Star

The trustees of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund have pledged \$250,000 to the Salvation Army for immediate support of the organization's relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Michael.

Through its emergency disaster response teams, the Salvation Army is providing mobile feeding sites and shower trailers, helping Florida's Gulf Coast residents secure access

to food, water, personal hygiene and emotional care.

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund has a long-term interest in the Gulf Coast, particularly the town of Port St. Joe and surrounding Gulf County, which was one of the places Mrs. duPont called home. During her life, Mrs. duPont funded numerous organizations in Port St. Joe, and today the Fund honors her legacy with continued philanthropic support.

Representatives from the Fund are in active contact with grantees and community leaders in Port St. Joe to assess damage and identify opportunities for support.

"We're just beginning to understand the level of destruction in Port St. Joe and we know that coordinating resources will be a challenge," said Katie Ensign, senior program officer for the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. "We will

continue to evaluate the needs and determine how the Fund will contribute to the area's long-term recovery."

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund works to expand access and create opportunity by investing in people, organizations and communities that were important to Jessie Ball duPont. The Fund has assets of \$309 million and has awarded more than \$376 million in grants since 1977.

Operation Blue Roof opens additional centers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will open additional Blue Roof Right of Entry (ROE) collection centers in Calhoun, Gulf and Jackson Counties. The Blue Roof program provides a temporary covering of blue plastic sheeting to help reduce further damage to property affected by Hurricane Michael until permanent repairs can be made. This program is available at no cost to eligible primary homeowners and landlords in Calhoun, Gulf and Jackson Counties.

New ROE centers have been established at the following locations:

- First Baptist Church - Port St Joe, 102 3rd Street, Port St Joe, FL 32456
- Dollar General, 17932 FL-71, Blountstown, FL 32424
- Tractor Supply, 2899 FL-71, Marianna, FL 32446

The new centers will be open Sunday Oct. 21 from noon to 6 p.m. and resume regular hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday Oct. 22, until further notice. ROE centers are also located in Bay County at:

- Panama City Square, 523 W 23rd Street, Panama City, FL 32405
- Walmart, 15495 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach, FL 32413
- Walmart, 2101 S FL-77, Lynn Haven, FL 32444

These locations are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., CDT, seven days a week, until further notice. ROE locations may change regularly. Additional locations may be added as necessary. Current information is available at www.usace.army.mil/bluroof and at 888-ROOF-BLU (888-766-3258). Information is provided in both English and Spanish through this single number.

Eligibility requirements

- Only primary residences with standard shingled roofs are eligible to receive a temporary blue roof.

- Metal roofs and mobile homes may be repaired as practical on a case-by-case basis.

- Roofs with greater than 50 percent structural damage are not eligible for this program.

- Every owner or landlord that has a signed Right of Entry form will be visited.

- If a home is being rented, the tenant must provide written permission from the owner prior to signing Right of Entry.

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RELIEF EFFORTS

Star Staff Report

Volunteers needed for Red Cross

Volunteers are needed in North Florida to help support Hurricane Michael relief efforts. The Red Cross needs help maintaining and setting up sheltering facilities, registering clients, maintaining client information, serving meals and general housekeeping. If you live in North Florida and are willing to volunteer, please apply now. Download the Red Cross Volunteer App or visit www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.

Small Business Administration

The SBA has established an office at the Gulf/Franklin Center on Garrison Ave. in Port St. Joe.

If you are a homeowner or renter, you should first register with FEMA.

Business and homeowners are eligible for low- or no-interest loans in varying amounts.

The hours of the SBA center are 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET on Saturday.

Shelters/Red Cross

The Red Cross has established shelters at the Oak Grove Church on Madison Ave. and the Washington Recreation Center on Peters Street in Port St. Joe.

In Wewahitchka, the shelter is at the old high school gymnasium.

Crisis clean up

From now through Nov. 2, residents can call 800-451-1954 for help with home cleanup. As they are able, reputable and vetted relief agencies may assist you and your neighbors cut fallen trees, remove drywall, insulation, flooring, furniture, appliances, tarp roofs, etc. All services are free, but service is not guaranteed due to the overwhelming need. This hotline CANNOT assist with social services such as food, clothing, shelter, insurance, or questions about FEMA registration.

FEMA

The FEMA information center is located at the Centennial Building.

Well water sampling packs

Press Release

If you have a private well on your land and would like to test the water to see if it is safe for drinking, you can pick up a sample pack at the following locations:

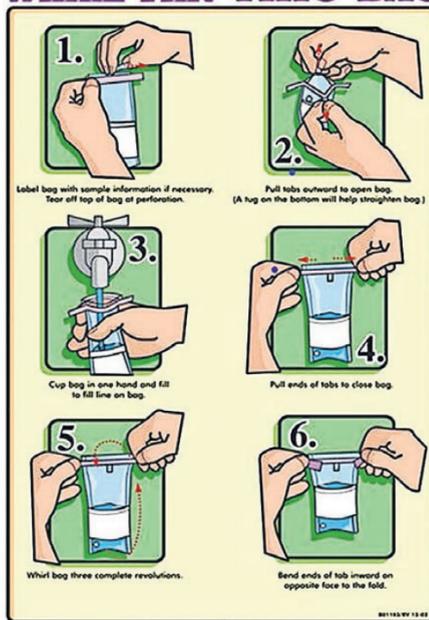
- Gulf County Health Department, 2475 Garrison Avenue, Port St. Joe, FL 32456
- City of Wewahitchka City Hall, 318 7th Street, Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Note: Samples should be taken in the morning hours and delivered to the pick-up site no later than 12 p.m. in either location.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING A PRIVATE WELL WATER SAMPLE

- Label the Thio-Bag, using a water-resistant Sharpie or ball point pen, with your name, where the sample was taken (i.e.: kitchen sink) and the date and time.
- If there is a screen or "trap" on the faucet unscrew and remove it as it can catch, and grow, bacteria.
- Let the water run until the tank is empty, the pump kicks on and tank refills.
- Prior to taking the sample, rinse your hands and the tap where the water comes out with alcohol. It will kill any residual

WHIRL-PAK THIO-BAG



The Florida Department of Health in Gulf County is giving out sample bags for residents to use to test water in private wells in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

- bacteria and help prevent a "false-positive" test result.
- After you open the sample bag at the perforation, be careful not to touch the top of the bag with your fingers, the faucet, etc. Pull open the bag using the plastic side-tabs.
- Hold the bag under the faucet, and fill to the 4oz. fill line.
- Use the wire tabs to whirl the bags closed and twist in front

- to seal.
- Immediately put the water sample into a cooler with ice packs and take to the Gulf County Health Department or the City of Wewahitchka City Hall, addresses listed above.

If you have questions regarding these instructions, please call the Environmental Health Office at 850-705-6116.

After the storm: How to protect your health

Special to The Star

As Floridians clean and repair property damaged in Hurricane Michael, the Florida Department of Health urges the public to take action to avoid indoor air quality problems.

Moisture that enters buildings from leaks or flooding accelerates mold growth. Mold can cause disease, trigger allergic reactions and continue to damage materials long after the storm. Failure to control moisture and mold can present short- and long-term health risks.

Tips to clean up mold and protect your health

- **Protect Yourself:** Put on personal protective equipment (cleaning type gloves, N95 respirator/mask and safety goggles) to protect your skin, mouth, nose, lungs and eyes.
- **Toss / Take It Out:** Anything that was wet with flood water and can't be cleaned and dried completely within 24 to 48 hours should be taken outside. Take photos of discarded items for filing insurance claims.
- **Air Out:** Open all doors and windows when you are

removing wet or moldy materials or cleaning moldy surfaces.

- **Drying It Out:** When electricity is safe to use, you can close doors/windows and use fans and dehumidifiers to help remove moisture indoors. Remember that dehumidifiers can only dehumidify under closed indoor conditions. Dry your home and everything in it as quickly as possible -- within 24 to 48 hours if you can.
- **Don't Mix Cleaners:** If you use cleaning products, do not mix cleaning products together because doing so can create toxic vapors.
- **Scrub Surfaces:** Clean with water and detergent. Remove all mold you can see. Dry right away.
- **Don't Cover It, Remove It:** Painting or caulking over mold will not prevent mold from growing. Fix the water problem completely, dry it out and clean up all the mold before you paint or caulk.
- **Consider Your Medical Status:** Individuals with suppressed or impaired immune systems, mold allergies, asthma or other chronic lung disease should not clean or remove moldy materials. See your doctor if you are unsure

of your medical status or are not feeling well.

- **Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:** Never use gasoline- or propane-powered tools or generators indoors as these devices produce very hazardous carbon monoxide which can kill you within minutes. If you are using a generator, please place it at least 20 feet from all buildings. Install a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm in your home. For more information about indoor air quality and mold growth, contact your county health department, or visit www.floridahealth.gov/indoorair.

About the Florida Department of Health

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Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @HealthyFla. For more information about the Florida Department of Health, please visit www.FloridaHealth.gov.

VOLUNTEER DONATION DISTRIBUTION

Wewahitchka Gym (852 S. Hwy 71)

Donations and Distribution Monday - Friday 8 a.m. until 12 noon CT

Centennial Bank Building (202 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe)

Monday - Friday Donations accepted 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET

Distribution

2-5 p.m. ET Washington Rec Center (401 Peters Rd, Port St. Joe)

Donations and Distribution

Monday: 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET Tuesday: Closed for Repairs Wednesday - Friday: 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET

MICHAEL

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picked up by storm surge and parked on the front porch.

All who saw a Category 1 storm grow to just shy of a Category 5 within 48 hours, who didn't ponder evacuation until too late, have their individual stories, of the frightening winds, the roiling rising waters, the trees snapped as toothpicks, the tiles and debris rendered projectiles.

Of driveways, roads blocked by downed trees, of streets and stormwater basins turned into raging rivers, of power lines strewn across roads and front lawns.

"It was a worst-case scenario," Marshall Nelson, county Emergency Management Director succinctly said.

Those of us who stayed will also always possess the stories of the aftermath, of survival, of folks emerging and gazing around, comprehending the long, arduous road ahead, and yet still holding to the mantra of "one day at a time" and helping thy neighbor.

Some of those stories are within these pages,



Angel Barbee (not pictured) was driving over the Simmons Bayou bridge when it gave way. BELOW: The Port St. Joe Marina [COURTESY PHOTOS/DEBBIE HOOPER AT JOEBAY.COM]

others will be part of future editions; Michael, as County Administrator Michael Hammond said, and its recovery will be with us for awhile.

The losses, in life, businesses and jobs, a housing market, a county tax base, will be quantified as the weeks ahead unfold before us.

Right now, everyday life is sufficiently sobering.

So, for today, this week, let us consider the adage of pictures worth a 1,000 words, pore over the thousands of words on these pages (and at www.starfl.com) and be thankful to be alive to recover. Until next week.

COUNTY

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the county, but the change in the guard, to a standing ovation Tuesday in a county meeting room, spotlighted, as county attorney Jeremy Novak said, that "every day is a little better."

Les Hallman of the Green Team noted that one of the key reasons for the progress in the county would be reflected by holding a mirror up to the citizenry.

"You are so far ahead because of the people helping each other," Hallman said. "It was truly a team effort."

As of Tuesday, as the

Board of County Commissioners took stock two weeks after Michael, there remained just 50 people in shelters, either Oak Grove Church or the Honeyville Community Center.

The county's damage assessment found 1,146 homes completely destroyed, 1,826 homes sustained major damage and 3,524 sustained what is considered minor damage.

That is 6,496 homes impacted by Michael, either by storm surge, winds or both.

As for electricity, Duke Energy expected to energize the lines going to St. Joe Beach Wednesday with work on Beacon Hill following.

In those areas, as with sections of Port St. Joe, extensive infrastructure

had to be replaced.

Duke Energy is reporting that it has 100 percent of its grid online and is working with businesses and residents to bring power to all: the Port St. Joe downtown business district had power as of Monday.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, on the north end of the county, reported that 64 percent of its customers had power as of Tuesday morning.

The city of Port St. Joe has been producing water since the day following the storm and also has sewer online; restoring service to White City and St. Joseph Peninsula is held up due to other factors. On the peninsula, the city is encountering the same issues as Lighthouse Utilities.

Both are awaiting the Florida Department of Transportation's plan for repairing and replacing Cape San Blas Road.

Jay Rish, owner of Lighthouse Utilities, said a mile-plus line was breached and the utility and its engineers are preparing the repairs to move as fast as possible once the FDOT makes its decision.



More than 6,000 structures in the county sustained at least minor damage during the storm. [COURTESY PHOTO/JOHN LASZCZ]

Customers south of the Stump Hole, in Indian Pass and Cape San Blas, have water; those north of the Stump Hole do not.

Rish said contrary to rumors he did not expect the timeline for getting water to homes north of the Stump Hole rock revetment to take two months, but more a matter of weeks or days.

"We have the governor's ear," Rish said, noting a meeting with Gov. Rick Scott last week.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity held a meeting last week with some 100 impacted business owners

sketching out the recovery issues.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf is open and physicians around the county are seeing patients again and pharmacies are open, said Sarah Hinds, administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County.

"We're going to have a tough couple of years," said County Administrator Michael Hammond. "We will get through it."

"We are far beyond what I would have imagined and it is because of the work of the people. I couldn't be more proud of the people of this county."

VOTING

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for me, it is to make voting as easy as possible. We've never seen anything like this."

Hanlon said his options were limited given the county's voting infrastructure following Hurricane Michael.

"We will not be able to use our polling places," Hanlon said. "I have polling places that are damaged, that are being used as shelters and others being used as distribution points,

"I have not even been in contact with, I would say, 85 percent of my poll workers."

Early voting will be something of a misnomer because as voting begins Saturday, in Gulf County it will continue right through Election Day, Nov. 6.

Voting will take place on both Sundays as well as the Monday prior to Election Day, not typically allowed during election season.

As of Saturday, both "super centers" will open 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. ET (6 a.m. until 6 p.m. CT) daily through Nov. 6.

"We will be there each day up to and including voting day," Hanlon said. "And it does not matter where you are registered, what precinct you are in, you can vote at either site."

As for absentee, mailed ballots, the governor's executive order also loosened some of the restrictions.

Voters who are local can stop by or have any family member come and request an absentee ballot.

Voters can also vote absentee in the office.

For displaced voters out of the county, the requirement that a ballot be mailed to the address of record on a voter registration is waived.

They need only contact Hanlon's office to have a ballot sent to their current location.

"They can call or email and will send them out a ballot," Hanlon said. "Voters who vote by mail will see little change this election."

"The changes will be seen by voters who go to the polls."

Absentee ballots may not be sent by email, they must travel by postal mail.

All absentee ballots must arrive to Hanlon by 7 p.m. ET on Election Day.

An absentee ballot can be requested by calling 850-229-6117 or by going online to www.vote.gulf.com and navigating to the "Request Absentee" function.

"We will not be able to use our polling places. I have polling places that are damaged, that are being used as shelters and others being used as distribution points. I have not even been in contact with, I would say, 85 percent of my poll workers."

John Hanlon, supervisor of elections



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IMAGES FROM MICHAEL



Eighth Street looking down at the ballparks and Stac House. [PHOTOS BY TIM CROFT | THE STAR]

Michael Aftermath

By Tim Croft
The St. Joe Star

Finally online, here is just a sampling of the chaos in Gulf County left behind by Hurricane Michael.



The 10th Street Ball Park complex as scene from Eighth Street. The Stac House is back right.



Marvin Avenue.



The entire 10th Street Ball Park complex, under at least six feet of water.



Coner of Marvin and Eighth Street.



Eighth and Marvin.



A boat and vehicle crunched by a pine tree.

Send us your photos that spotlight the best that Gulf Coast has to offer. This page is for photos submitted to The Star by readers. Please submit your photos to tcroft@starfl.com.

OBITUARIES & NEWS

WAYLON GRAHAM



Waylon Graham of Port St. Joe passed away suddenly on October 7 at the age of 82.

Waylon moved from Clarksville, Florida to Port St. Joe in 1957 and established his home and raised a family. He worked at Sylvachem Corporation, now Arizona Chemical, until his retirement in 1997. Throughout his life, Waylon was involved in various civic activities such as volunteering for nearly 30 years as the time clock operator for the Shark basketball team, being a member of the Quarterback Club for 25 years (many of those as president), serving as a member of the Lions Club, coaching and umpiring little league baseball and umpiring men's softball for many years.

Waylon also served as a volunteer firefighter for 30 years, some of those years as fire chief. He proudly served on the Gulf County School Board for nearly 20 years and was honored to be inducted into the Shark Hall of Fame in 2016. Waylon has served on the board of directors for the Gulf Coast Co-op since 2005, and served as president for one year.

He considered one of his proudest accomplishments being a member of the Co-op where he fostered many lifelong, cherished friendships.

He was an unbelievably generous father, grandfather, and great

grandfather and believed he was most blessed for having the time in retirement to fulfill his true passions in life which were his family, fishing and supporting the University of Florida football program.

Waylon was a humble man who came from very humble beginnings. During his working career he developed a reputation for loyalty and dedication to his employer. He considered his relationships friends and acquaintances to be more precious than gold and will be sorely missed and remembered fondly by all.

Waylon was preceded in death by his parents, Duncan Graham and Exal Graham Holley.

He is survived by his son, Waylon (Tony) Graham of Panama City; his daughter, Dianne Graham Mock and husband Jimmy of Port St. Joe; grandsons, Michael Mock and family & Chris Mock and family; granddaughter, Jessica Mock Brock and husband Jordan; a very special great granddaughter, Gemma Graham Brock all of Port St. Joe; his sister, Joanne Holt and husband, Raymond and his longtime companion, Betty Jo Smith of Panama City.

ALBERT LAWRENCE LEE, JR.

Albert Lawrence Lee, Jr., 82, of Savannah, Georgia, was called home Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018.

He was born in Apalachicola on Jan. 9, 1936. Albert was the son of the late Mabel Walton Harris and Albert Lee, Sr. of Apalachicola.

He was inducted in the U.S. Army on Oct. 6, 1953. Decorations and honors received include the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was proud to serve his country and worked diligently in the Artillery and Guided Missile Center at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

On Aug. 20, 2015, he was united in holy matrimony to Mary Smith Lee in Savannah, Georgia.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, the late Albert Lee, Sr. and Mabel Walton Harris; grandparents Willie H. Walton and Cathlean Walton of Apalachicola; granddaughter Carmia Lee, of Apalachicola; and special uncle and aunt, Moses and Inez McGuire,

of Defuniak Springs.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories a devoted and loving wife, Mary Smith Lee; a loving daughter, Lisa Lee Harvey, of Apalachicola; sons Ronald Lee Brown, of Port St. Joe, and Calvin Lee of Key West; sister Mamie C. Harris of Jacksonville; grandchildren, Stephon Brandon Cargill, Jr and Krystle Baucham; great-grandchildren, Jamarie Lee, Shazmaine Windham, Veronte Aira Lee, and Arryonna Cargill; and a special great-granddaughter, Ms. Paris Baucham; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, and in-laws.

Committal service with military honors were held 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, at Magnolia Cemetery in Apalachicola. He was laid to eternal rest next to his granddaughter, Carmia Lee.

Kelley Funeral Home of Apalachicola is assisting the family in all local arrangements.

MARY ALICE ATKINSON RICE

Mary Alice Atkinson Rice, 82, of Wewahitchka, Florida passed away on October 16, 2018. Mary was born on August 9, 1936 in Pensacola, Florida to the late Arnold Atkinson and Ilya White.

Mary loved to fish, garden and cook for her family but most of all she loved playing with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mary is survived by: five sons: Ronald Rice, Bruce Rice (Brenda), David Rice (Pam), Kevin Rice, and Arnold Rice; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; two brothers Chapman Atkinson, and Michael Atkinson; and

numerous nieces and nephews and a very special friend Jimmy Arnold.

She is preceded in death by her parents Arnold Atkinson and Ilya White; two sisters: Mabel Miller and Virginia Ruiz; two brothers Edward Atkinson, Charles Atkinson, two sons Fredrick Rice, JR. and Mark Rice and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Graveside were held at Roberts Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Friday October 19, 2018 in Wewahitchka, Florida with Brother Derrick Gerber officiating.

Services are under the direction of Comforter Funeral Home.

JAYLYN ALEXANDER TANNEHILL

Jaylyn Alexander Tannehill, of White City, Florida, born on June 2, 1994 in Panama City, Florida, to Angela Tannehill and Johnny Williams III, passed away at age 24 on October 1, 2018 in Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Florida. Jaylyn was preceded in death by his grandfather, Shelton Jeffcoat; and uncles, Brett Jeffcoat and Craig Buchanan.

He is survived by his son, Macon Tannehill; daughter, Penelope Tannehill; sisters, Ava Tannehill, Tracian Williams, Eva Marie Williams, and Promise A'maya Williams; grandmothers, Barbara Jeffcoat and Claritha Williams; aunts, Laura Jeffcoat - Touchet (Lennie Touchet), Rebecca Jeffcoat, Marty Kirkland and Sarina Williams;

uncle Alex Williams and cousins, Layla Touchet, Kristi and Hal Kirkland, Gaven and Payton Buchanan, Madison and Brayton Jeffcoat, Jagger Perry, Ditanzela, Katrisha, Marquez, Roy, and Alex Williams Jr. Jaylyn had a beautiful, unique, soul that shined bright and he was an inspiration to all that knew him! He was always there to brighten the lives

of others and was nothing he liked more than being at the Beach, spending time with family, friends and being with his children! All friends and family are welcome to attend the memorial service, officiated by Brother Nick Davis, on Sunday, October 7 from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at El Governor Motel (Beach Side), U.S. 98, Mexico Beach, Florida, 32456.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Bobby L. Fields, Sr.
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Daddy, God called you home 25 years ago. The void in our hearts remain. We remember your smile, soft voice and you just being yourself, a great father.

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Derrick, Rita and Bobby L. Jr.

S.O.A.R.-ers at PSJES



S.O.A.R. students for the week of Oct. 4 at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

COACHES CORNER

Prep football resumes Friday

By Greg Jordan
Head Football Coach/
Athletic Director
Port St. Joe Jr./
Sr. High School

First off, I want to wish all the residents of Port St. Joe and Gulf County a speedy recovery after the storm. I know a lot of people lost everything and I MEAN everything. This was a tragic event on the grandest scale. But we are a resilient group of people and we rebuild and be better than before.

It is just going to take some time and a lot of patience, we had players coaches that lost homes and or had a lot of damage. There is no script

for how to move forward from this other than to put one front in front of the other day after day.

And one day in the near future things will be much improved from where they are now.

Football is not a priority when you have lost what we as a community we can and will play a major role in the recovery and healing process of our community.

Rewind the clock two weeks we lost our Homecoming game week the week of the storm. We lost our week 9 game at Blountstown the week after the storm. This is week 10 of the regular season this week. We have decided this week

to try and host our our week 10 game versus Arnold out of Panama City Beach. We will have a 4 p.m. ET kickoff for travel and field safety of everyone involved this first game back.

This would normally be our Senior Night game to recognize all our senior players, but because of the circumstances we have decided to postpone that until the playoffs begin. We should host at least one playoff game if everything holds.

There is not a lot we can do during these times to make things better from a football standpoint. One of the things we can do is waive admission to



Port St. Joe hosts Arnold 4 p.m. ET Friday. Admission is waived for students and adults. [FILE PHOTO]

the game this Friday afternoon. There will be no admission charge for students or adults at this home game.

Please come out and support the Tiger Sharks as we start the road to recovery. Go SHARKS.

NOTICE

TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Gulf County Tax Year 2018

DR-529
R. 12/09
Rule 12D-16.002
Florida Administrative Code

Members of the Board

Honorable	Sandy Quinn, Jr.	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	4
Honorable	Ward McDaniel	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	2
Honorable	Billy Quinn, Jr.	School Board, District No.	4
Citizen Member	Andy Shoaf	Business owner within the school district	
Citizen Member	Andy Smith	Homestead property owner	

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

Summary of Year's Actions

Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in County Taxable Value Due to Board Actions	Shift in Taxes Due to Board Actions
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both		
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested		Withdrawn or settled	
Residential						\$	\$
Commercial			1	6	6	\$ 206,112	\$ 740.23
Industrial and miscellaneous				114	114	\$	\$
Agricultural or classified use						\$	\$
High-water recharge						\$	\$
Historic commercial or nonprofit						\$	\$
Business machinery and equipment						\$	\$
Vacant lots and acreage		2		7	3	\$	\$
TOTALS		2	1	127	123	\$ 206,112	\$ 740.23

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ. *Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.			
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11:00AM ET Court house steps/lobby-1000 Cecil G Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 for the following described property:

Commencing at the concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block "A", Treasure Bay Unit 1, as the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, thence South 89 degrees 17'15" East, 68.42 feet to a point on the Easterly R/W line of County Road

No. 30, said R/W being 66.00 feet in width; thence along said Easterly R/W line as follows:

North 15 degrees 27'30" East 2581.40 feet to the Point of Curvature of a curve to the left, said curve having a central angle of 5 degrees 58'35" and a radius of 3852.83 feet; thence Northeast along the arc of said curve for 401.88 feet, said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 12 degrees 28'12.5" East 401.70 feet to the Point of Tangency of said curve; thence North 9 degrees 28'55" East 2619.64 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING thence continue North 9 degrees 28'55" East 101.18 feet; thence, leaving said R/W line, South 89 degrees 17'15" East 217.81 feet; thence South 9 degrees 28'55" West 101.18 feet; thence North 89 degrees 17'15" West 217.81 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; being located Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida. AKA Lot 8 of Treasure Bay unrecorded, Phase VII

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Date: September 21, 2018.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By B A Baxter Deputy Clerk of the Court

Prepared by: Tromberg Law Group, P.A.

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