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- II Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
- III Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- IV Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- V Honor thy father and thy mother.
- VI Thou shalt not murder.
- VII Thou shalt not commit adul-
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Did you know that there are tens of thousands of Muslim families in the Tampa Bay area? And did you know that most of them have never heard the Gospel - the Good News - of Jesus Christ, even though they're surrounded by Christian families and churches? Polls consistently show that the vast majority of Muslims in America have never been inside the home of a Christian, even when the Muslims have lived in this country for decades.

There is one organization in Tampa Bay that sees the fields are "ripe for harvest," but the current crop of workers is few (Mt. 9:37-38). The Tampa Muslim Outreach (TMO) equips the Body of Christ - the church and its people - to confidently share the Gospel with Muslims in Tampa Bay.

Matt and Mave Walter founded TMO in 2013. Matt is a graduate of Yale University and a former Marine Intelligence Officer. He has lived in the Middle East, where he became fluent in Arabic, for 15 years. During eight of those years, he served as a missionary in Jordan before returning to the US in 2007.

The couple has seven children. While Matt was serving on staff at a church in Ocala, Florida, God laid on the Walters a mission to help Christians reach Muslims in the Tampa Bay area for Christ. From that vision, TMO was born.

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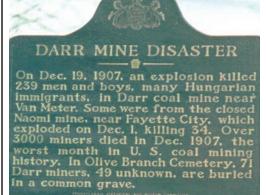


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The Origins of Father's Day & the Fairmont Mining Disaster



The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps because, as one florist explained, "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have." On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents.

She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

However, many men continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products--often paid

for by the father himself."

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in New York City's Central Park--a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, "that both parents should be loved and respected together."

Paradoxically, however, the Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a "second Christmas" for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

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Hi! My name is Harley, and I write monthly articles for this newspaper. This month's topic is the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. We recently traveled there in March, and I want to tell you all about it.

The Ark Encounter was built by Answers in Genesis, which also created the Creation Museum. The Ark has numerous facts, shows, and exhibits depicting the Pre-Flood world and life on the ark. The life-size Ark was built according to the dimensions God gave Noah in Genesis. It has three decks. They offer question books with answers about the ark and a "see what you can find" book. There are many things to learn in this family-friendly experience.

One of the things I learned was that each family member had about 850 animals to care for each and every day. Talk about chores!

Another interesting fact was how they sustained food. They had barrels and an indoor garden! God told them to build windows, so they had sunlight inside.

Lastly were the many rooms for the families. There were living rooms, bedrooms, and rooms galore! When you're Noah, with a wife and three sons and daughters-in-law, you need a big boat. Noah and his family had to stay on the ark for a total of almost a year, including rain for forty days and nights. It took him about 120 years to build the ark, all the while with people laughing at him and scoffing. But Noah had faith. That makes our problems seem insignificant, doesn't it?

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Harley Isabel Smith is a 4th grader who has been featured on TV as a philanthropist, has a heart for evangelism, and writes monthly for the Gazette's Kid's Corner. Visit https://harley-isabelsmith.com where she is constantly adding written and video content to entertain and educate children. Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

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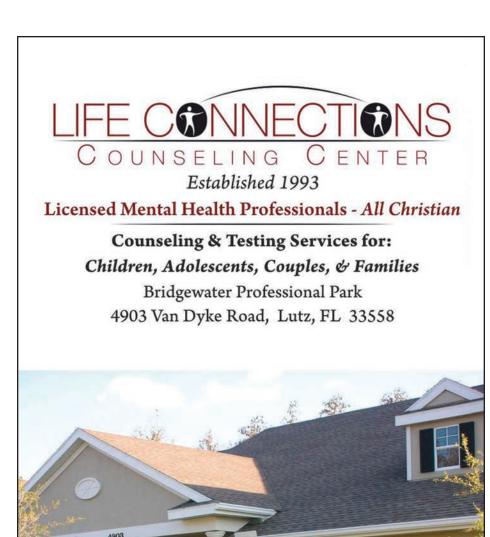
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I went out to dinner with my dad when he was 68, who is one of the most amazing people I know. Every time I talked to him he talked about how he "was going to start working out, get serious about his exercise plan" and "really do it this time" (probably mentions it since he knows that is what I do for my career). He has been saying he is going to get fit for many years and it really hit me when I realized he was soon to be 70.

It worried me that he was getting older and he was not doing anything about his fitness. His blood sugar was sky high with type 2 diabetes and not eating well. And I was seeing him get "softer" and more out of shape. I always saw my dad as Superman and I still do but I was starting to get worried.

He was in the Vietnam War, always did physical labor tasks outside and owned his own business. And I always saw him with muscles, in good shape and active, which probably helped me with my choice to be a trainer. But for a moment I looked at my dad without those Superman goggles and realized that he was getting older, more out of shape, and that if he didn't do something instead of talk about it, he was going to pay for it big time!

I put on my personal trainer hat and expressed my concern for him. I told him if he didn't get serious about this, he was only going to get mushier and become like a big marshmallow! (I knew I could raz him a little bit because my dad has always been a jokester). He said, "Noooo, not a marshmallow!"

I said, "Yes and if you don't want me to start to calling you Mr. Marshmallow Man then you had better do something! And if your body turns into mush because you have no more muscles from not exercising, you are going to start losing your independence." He exclaimed, "No, not that!" I said, "Yes, do you want to be in a nursing home in 10 years with people changing your diapers?" He was aghast, "NO! I never want to lose my independence!" When he heard that, he looked more serious.

I said, "Well then you better get serious because the life that you are living right now with not being fit, your body is not going to be able to support itself as it gets older and you will not have your independence, you will have to have other people taking care of you. Is that what you want?"

I knew it was NOT what he wanted because he is a very independent man and his mother was 95 and still lived on her own when she passed away. He got a more serious look on his face, "No, that is not what I want. Okay, I am serious. Wait till you see me next time!" I said, "Dad, you said that last time I saw you, you need a plan, not just talk." He said, "No, I am really going to do something this time."

So we put a plan together for him. I challenged him to work out at least 2 times a week and he has been doing it! He lost 20 lbs., has been working out consistently AND his blood sugar has become so healthy they are reducing his medication! I love him so much and am grateful for him and I don't want to start seeing his body fall apart because he didn't take care of it. And for Father's Day, he was able to go zip lining and he is now 74!

I encourage you to inspire your family to do the same and if you are able to, share this article with your own father. We love our dads and want them to live a long, healthy life! For the ladies, if you want help stopping your body from turning into a squishy marshmallow, go here to set a time to meet with us.

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Preventing and Treating COVID-19 in Children and Teens

By Karen McBride

We are well aware that adults can contract COVID-19, but, unfortunately, children and teens are also susceptible. However, there are certain precautions we can take to reduce the chance of becoming ill with COVID-19 or the flu.

Wash your hands often, avoid touching your face, limit exposure to people outside the home, and wear masks.

Hand washing should last for 20 seconds. Try to make it fun with your child by singing his or her favorite song while hand washing.

Encourage your child or teen to practice social distancing. Limit the people they are exposed to whenever possible. If you can leave them at home with a family member while you go to the store, then do so. If they must go out in public, they should wear a cloth mask and use hand sanitizer often.

Clean and disinfect your home, especially toys, doorknobs, tables, light switches, television remote controls, and, of course, bathrooms.

As in flu prevention, eating a healthy, well-balanced meal, getting enough sleep as well as plenty of outdoor exercise in the fresh air and sunshine, can help to build your immune system to fight off the illnesses.

If you suspect your child has been exposed to COVID-19, the symptoms can include fever, cough, nasal congestion or runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, poor appetite, new loss of taste or smell, or belly pain.

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Where Oh Where is God?



Psalm 139:7-10 "Where can I go to escape Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go to the heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there. If I live at the eastern horizon or settle at the western limits, even there Your hand will lead me; Your right hand will hold on to me."

Where can we find God in the midst of life?

The answer: Right in the middle of it!

With each passing day, the temptation to ask the question of God's presence and His intervention is sometimes impossible to avoid. Do we look for an answer from the Scriptures, or should we look for another?

Where is God?

It's easy to wonder why the Corona virus keeps lingering. We guess at why it was even allowed to permeate the lives of so many and at this time. Then we turn around and realize life still goes on. There are deaths and births. There are weddings and divorces. There are good things that happen alongside the traumas of life. It's like the days of Noah. People were eating, drinking, and making merry.

But for those not so ecstatic about what life has thrown their way, there is encouragement for the weary soul. We, as humans, want someone to be present, hold our hand and remind us that everything will work out in the end. We want to be understood, our feelings validated and our psyche stroked, telling us we are okay.

So where is God? He is there. The same place we find Him when there's an ocean in front and an army behind. We find Him parting seas of impossibility. He's there in the same place when ferocious lions lick their lips and side eye us as their next meal. He's shutting their mouths.

We find Him parting seas of impossibility

God is there when the fires of life burn hotter than ever imagined. He can be found walking in the midst of the fire, loosing our chains and making sure we don't smell like smoke. The God

we serve is there when He tells us to cross to the other side and a storm arises out of nowhere. He's the one walking on water, speaking peace to the winds and waves, and requesting that we step out on faith to experience the wonder of amazing things.

He's in the heavens, as we stand in awe of His hand bringing blessings we couldn't imagine. He's in the face of a child, smiling from ear to ear, just as she bursts out in an uncontrollable laughter. Her giggle box has turned over as she spreads joy through the entire room. He's there when friends meet, even while social distancing, to drop off much requested supplies and a few baked goods in the form of pound cake. He's there when your business makes a much needed sale and when the cable bill gets reduced. He's there in all the high points of life when celebration is the order of the day. Those tea time moments over freshly-baked bread shared with the closest of friends; we find God heaping blessings.

He's there in all the high points of life when celebration is the order of the day.

God is also there when the void looms large as you lose a loved one. He's there in the early morning light as you wipe the tears away hiding a broken heart. He's there when your job isn't coming back and when there is so much discomfort in attempting a new normal. When you don't know what to do and every direction seems taxing and unproductive, you'll find Him.

God is there for every low point guiding our feet to higher heights. Those rainy days when you are curled up in the bed blowing up balloons to your pity party; we find Him saying after you have suffered a little while...

God is there for every low point guiding out feet to higher heights

The question of where can we find God is answered in every word, every page, from Genesis to Revelation; He shows up. He's found in every friend, on every job, and in the face of pretty boys with dreams in their eyes. A companion ready to celebrate, a confidante eager to advise, a concerned friend with a heart full of compassion. That's God. A cham-



pion, battle-ready with authority and power; God is always just a prayer away.

I feel the soulful sounds of Gladys Knight. "If anyone should ever write your life's story... He'll be there between each line of pain and glory... 'Cause He's the best thing that ever happened to you..."

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Little Women of Lutz Installs Officers



The Little Women of Lutz Juniorettes proudly sponsored by the Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club held their 2022-2023 Installation of Officers Tuesday evening, May 10th. The Little Women of Lutz is a community service club for girls ages 12 to 18 in the Lutz and Land O'Lakes area. The meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8pm at the Lutz Community Center located at 98 1st Ave. NW. For more information, contact gfwclittlewomenoflutz@gmail.com.





What Does Self-Care Really Mean?

Self-care is so much more than a relaxing day at the spa or spending a couple of hours in nature or taking a Saturday afternoon to curl up with your favorite book. These are all great ideas and do help our well-being, but self-care is actually a 24/7 attitude and lifestyle. God expects us to show respect for the gift of life that He has given to us, and practicing self-care is not a selfish activity.

In thinking about proper self-care, here are the 5 pillars to staying healthy:

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- 2) Mental well-being
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 - 3) Healthy eating
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 - 4) Physical activity
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 - Practice good hygiene
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The History of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'.

In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th.

Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises.

On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916.

While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's procla-



mation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

http://www.usflag.org/history/flagday.html.

How to Observe Flag Day

The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week," During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. The flag should also be displayed on all Government buildings. Some organizations hold parades and events in celebration of our national flag and everything it represents. It's also a time to remember and honor military men and women who defend our flag and our country.

Patrick Henry used the phrase in his last

United We Stand Divided We Fall

public speech, given in March 1799, in which he denounced The Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions. Clasping his hands and swaying unsteadily, Henry declaimed, "Let us trust God, and our better judgment to set us right hereafter. United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into factions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs." At the end of his oration, Henry fell into the arms of bystanders and was carried almost lifeless into a nearby tavern. Two months afterward, he had died.

The phrase also appears in the New Testament, albeit in slightly different language. Mark 3:25, "A house divided against itself cannot stand"

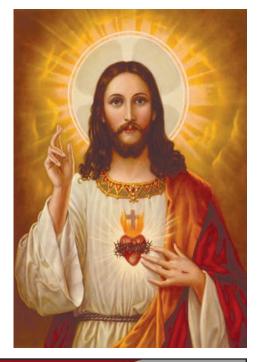
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stand, divided we fall

Mark 3:23-29

Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables:

'How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."





Tax Collector Mike Fasano's Offices Will Collect Donations for Habitat for Humanity During National Homeownership Month



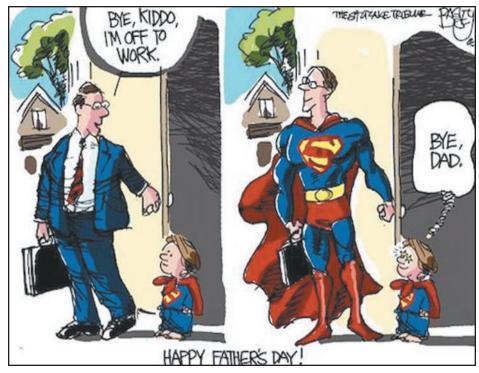
Tax Collector Mike Fasano's five offices will feature Habitat for Humanity as the charitable organization for the month of June (National Homeownership Month). All proceeds from the promotional effort will benefit Habitat's homebuilding and homeownership programs to help those without a home own one of their own. Currently 70 approved families are awaiting their opportunity to build a home through Habitat for Humanity.

"Homeownership has the power to transform lives," comments Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "It is an honor for our office to support Habitat as they build affordable, safe and stable homes for hard-working families in our community."

Donations can be made at any of the five tax collector locations in Pasco County. For more information about Habitat for Humanity and how you can receive services or help with Habitat's mission, please contact Devin West of the West Pasco Affiliate (727)-536-4755, Ext. 222 or Melissa Parks of the Central & East Pasco Affiliate at (352) 567-1444. For more information about the promotional and charitable giving programs at the tax collector's office please contact Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com.

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

— James 1:12



June 2022



Local Resident Receives State Recognition



West Central volunteers make a big difference in the lives of long-term care residents, and one such volunteer recently received much-deserved recognition from the State's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP).

The Florida Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program relies upon state-certified professional volunteers, known as ombudsmen, who advocate for the health, safety, welfare, and rights of individuals residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and adult family care homes. Ombudsmen work with residents, family members, administrators, and others to resolve complaints brought by, or on behalf of, long-term care residents in Florida.

Bill Hulsey, of Bradenton, is the recipient of the West Central Council Ombudsman of the Year Award for his advocacy of long-term care residents in surrounding counties. Hulsey is an outstanding example of what it means to be an ombudsman. He became a state-certified volunteer in December 2019 and has since become an essential part of success stories in the Bradenton area.

In one example, Hulsey was working on several concerns regarding meals and food service at an assisted living facility and suggested the formation of a resident council. A resident council provides a forum for residents to discuss and plan improvements in their quality of life. Hulsey's suggestion was met with skepticism from management. Hulsey earnestly interviewed residents encouraging participation and describing the benefits of a resident council. He found that residents were eager for a council. After 7 months of work, Hulsey prevailed. The residents have their own council and enthusiastically voted on officers with plans for big improvements. Hulsey is a firm believer in residents having choices and a bigger voice, so he continues to organize and assist resident councils throughout Manatee County.

After a 35-year career in long-term care, Hulsey retired to Florida, but knew his work was "not over." He stated he has a "responsibility to make [things] better" and "open up communication" between residents and management to improve resident quality of life.

District Ombudsman Manager commented: "Bill Hulsey is an outstanding advocate for residents. His years of experience with long-term care has been of boundless benefit to his Ombudsman peers and the residents he serves. Some of his greatest successes have been supporting resident councils so residents have more of a voice in their own lives." Fellow ombudsmen describe Hulsey as committed, knowledgeable and experienced. The Florida Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program congratulates him on this much-deserved recognition for his honorable contributions.

For more information and volunteer opportunities call 1-888-831-0404. Visit us online at http://ombudsman.myflorida.com.





Royal Pets Market & Resort Helping You to Have a Healthy Pet All Year Long

By Karen McBride



A Royal Pet is a healthy pet! Come visit your favorite Royal Pets Market & Resort location for assistance with all your pet's needs. Royal Pets has everything under one roof for your pet. Every resort has a veterinary center, grooming salon, five-star pet hotel, day camp and, of course, a market with all the foods, supplements, toys, and more. Everything for your pet's needs.

Flea, tick, and mosquito season is here. These insects are not just a nuisance, they carry disease. Make sure your pet is well-protected against these pests. Royal Pets Market & Resort carries a variety of top-quality products, including Bravecto, Trifexis, Activl and many more for flea and tick protection. They are available in chewable tablets and topical form. Come in and talk to one of the team members to learn which one is best for your pet. Look for the ad in this month's edition of the Dunndeal Gazette for a coupon.

Mosquitos can carry Heartworm. Pet owners can now protect their pets with ProHeart. ProHeart is a one-time shot, available in a 6-month or 1-year dosage. This means no more monthly medication to worry about.

A Healthy Pet Needs Good Nutrition

Come in and visit one of the nutrition experts to help you with all your pet's nutritional needs. Royal Pets offers a variety of brand name, high-quality, healthy meals, and snack options for your pet. The market has all types of food from traditional kibble, freeze dried foods, and frozen raw foods*. All the best possible nutrition that will keep your pet healthy.

*Raw foods are made with organic fruits and vegetables, fortified with added vitamins and minerals, and frozen for ultimate freshness. The meals are more digestible so your pet will not eat as much - getting the nutrients without the additives and fillers.

A Healthy Pet Needs Excellent Veterinarian Care

In addition to good nutrition, regular trips to the veterinarian are important to maintain your pet's health. The resort offers a complete plan, including dental cleanings and vaccinations. Your pet will receive exceptional care by the doctors and staff.

The resort understands that vaccinations and medicine for your pet can be a strain on your budget. To make those visits even more affordable, the resort offers monthly wellness plans starting at \$39.95 for cats and \$49.95 for dogs. As a plan member, you will have peace of mind knowing that your pet has access to the professional veterinarians at an affordable price.

Some of the key features of the Royal Wellness Plans are:

- Two comprehensive vet exams annually
- \$10 unlimited vet visits
- Annual blood work and wellness tests
- · All annual core vaccines

All wellness plans include many other benefits that keep your pet happy and healthy. Come in to talk with one of the team members to learn more.

A Healthy Pet Needs Regular Grooming

Regular grooming will not only keep your pet looking and feeling good, it will also improve their quality of life. Pets with sensitive skin or skin allergies will benefit from medicated baths, and regular ear cleaning can help to prevent ear infections.

Additional Royal Spa Services include:

- Bath and hair styling
- Blueberry facial scrub
- Crème rinse conditioner
- Nails trimmed
- Moisture Therapy Wrap

The resort has four convenient locations: Carrollwood, St. Petersburg, Palm Harbor, and the new Midtown Tampa community location. For more information about additional services offered at the resort, including doggie day care, go to www.royalpetsmarket.com.

I heard about this burglar that broke into a house. One night just as he was stealing the stereo, he heard a voice saying, "Jesus is watching you." He froze in his tracks, shone his flashlight in the corner, and saw a parrot. He said, "Did you say that to me?" The parrot said, "Yes. I'm just trying to warn you." The burglars said, "Warn me? What are you talking about? Who are you?" The parrot said, "My name is Moses." The burgar said, "What kind of crazy people would name a parrot Moses?" The parrot said, "The same kind of people that would name a 150 pound rottweiler Jesus."

Say it like you mean it. Joel Osteen





A Ministry Based on Friendship

Phone: 813-949-4411

By Michelle Cloutier, Continued from Page 1

Did you know that there are tens of thousands of Muslim families in the Tampa Bay area? And did you know that most of them have never heard the Gospel – the Good News – of Jesus Christ, even though they're surrounded by Christian families and churches? Polls consistently show that the vast majority of Muslims in America have never been inside the home of a Christian, even when the Muslims have lived in this country for decades. There is one organization in Tampa Bay that sees the fields are "ripe for harvest," but the current crop of workers is few (Mt. 9:37-38). The Tampa Muslim Outreach (TMO) equips the Body of Christ – the church and its people – to confidently share the Gospel with Muslims in Tampa Bay.

Matt and Mave Walter founded TMO in 2013. Matt is a graduate of Yale University and a former Marine Intelligence Officer. He has lived in the Middle East, where he became fluent in Arabic, for 15 years. During eight of those years, he served as a missionary in Jordan before returning to the US in 2007. The couple has seven children. While Matt was serving on staff at a church in Ocala, Florida, God laid on the Walters a mission to help Christians reach Muslims in the Tampa Bay area for Christ. From that vision, TMO was born.

Not Your Usual "Missions Program"

At a recent "Vision Dinner" held at Idlewild Baptist Church in Lutz, Matt explained how TMO equips all Christians to become "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:18-20) through training, resources, coaching, and prayer. The training strategy is focused on the local church. Matt and his team bring a well-developed training program to a church, Bible study, or other small group. During the early days of the Covid-19 lockdown, Matt also created an online version of the study that small groups can use on their own. Already, TMO has trained more than 3,000 people in Tampa Bay how to share the Gospel with their Muslim neighbors. After training, TMO surrounds new ambassadors with the resources and monthly coaching they need to build real and lasting friendships.

Unlike many mission programs that rely on street evangelism and cold-call gospel sharing, TMO focuses "relational evangelism," building long-lasting friendships and relationships with Muslim neighbors. TMOs full-time missionary, Cami Keefner, spends much of her time teaching teen girls how to drive, taking stay-at-home moms to the store or other errands, and drinking copious amounts of tea and coffee with the women and families that she befriended in the almost-five years that she has been with TMO.

Equipping Ambassadors for Christ

As TMO equips ambassadors, Matt says that there are three qualities that they must possess. The first is patience. Those looking for "quick wins" might find TMO's strategy uncomfortable, because it may take years for a Muslim to come to a decision about following Jesus.

The second quality is diplomacy. Those folks looking to argue theology or politics would do well to find another field. A raised voice about a touchy subject can quickly erase trust and ease in a relationship. Finally, ambassadors must be hospitable. Most Muslim cultures abound with hospitality – one Bedouin culture will wait three days before asking a visitor their business! Opening our homes and hearts goes a very long way to building trust. Matt says that people see a huge shift in a relationship once they've opened their homes to a Muslim family for dinner or tea.

But being hospitable isn't limited to home visits. It's about time. Says Matt: "Many Americans are schedule driven. Other cultures are much more focused on relationships. So be flexible. Be willing to change your plans. Go out of your way for the other person." Ambassadors have taught English as a second language, conducted Bible studies in neighbors' homes, cooked dinners, eaten lunches at Panera, drunk coffee at Starbucks, helped with kids' homework, helped families find a new apartment and furnishings, and helped them move. "It's the church, acting like the Body of Christ," says Matt.

Trusting a Big God with a Big Vision

In response to the growth in the number of Muslims moving into the Tampa Bay area, TMO is growing. They are expanding training to teams and churches, and they are (finally) growing the infrastructure necessary to support more full-time missionaries, a volunteer coordinator, a funding coordinator, and a prayer coordinator. Matt used to wear all those hats until 2018, when he and a dedicated team, which became the TMO board, drew up a strategic plan. More recently, TMO created a five-year plan to respond to the growing Muslim populations in Tampa Bay. The plan still rests on the foundation that it is individuals and families from local churches who will reach Muslims in Tampa Bay.

"We have a 'home-court' advantage," says Josue Calzada, TMO's volunteer coordinator. "Instead of sending missionaries to nations overseas, the nations are coming here to Tampa." Temple Terrace will soon be the home of North America's largest mosque, which is being built to accommodate 10,000 people at a time. In remarks at the dinner, guest speaker Pastor Ken Whitten of Idlewild noted that, "We're going to tell those 10,000 people about Jesus Christ!"

That's a daunting task for Matt and TMO. But he knows that if God has assigned him the task, he can trust in the Lord. Meanwhile, he continues to "bathe everything in prayer" as he watches TMO grow.

Is God calling you and your family to reach out to your Muslim neighbor with the Good News? Contact TMO at 813 445-8757 or info@tampamuslimoutreach.com. Does your church want to know more about TMO, its mission, strategy, and training programs, check out www.TampaMuslimOutreach.com.

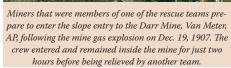
The Origins of Father's Day

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In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.

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At 10:20 a.m., December 6, 1907, explosions occurred at the No. 6 and No. 8 mines at Monongah, West Virginia. The explosions ripped through the mines at 10:28 a.m., causing the earth to shake as far as eight miles away, shattering buildings and pavement, hurling people and horses violently to the ground, and knocking streetcars off their rails. Three-hundred and sixty-two men and boys died. It remains the worst mine disaster in the history of the United States.



What is Joy?

Amy Peterson Office Manager, River of Life Church

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isa. 43:18-19

The Merriam-Webster definition of joy is the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires. But did you know that joy can be used as a weapon or a place to hide? In Nehemiah 8:10 it says, "And don't be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

In these terms, Joy has a very different meaning than what the Merriam-Webster definition states. In these terms, you can experience joy regardless of what is happening to you or around you. All hell can be breaking loose but you can still be experiencing joy because the joy of the Lord is not a feeling. Joy is not a reaction to what is happening in your life. Joy is a decision.

God gives us tools or weapons that don't always make sense at first. Let me explain. There is a story in 2 Chronicles 20 about a king named Jehoshaphat. He had an enemy who threatened to invade and kill everyone in his kingdom. King Jehoshaphat was a godly king. He prayed, asking God what he should do. God told him to trust Him. God told him to march out before the enemy but to put worshippers before the army. Again, something that doesn't make any sense unless you know how good our God is.

In 2 Chronicles 20:21-22, it says, "As they went out before the army, they were singing: 'Give thanks to the LORD, for His loving devotion endures forever.' The moment they began their shouts and praises, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had come against Judah, and they were defeated."

King Jehoshaphat's army didn't even have to fight. The Lord fought for them. When you know the promises of God and how good our God is, you can have joy even when everything may be falling apart. You can trust that God is going to take care of you if you are obedient to His Word. I would like to share this poem with you that my daughter, Kaeli Peterson, wrote.

IOY

It is not as graceful as we had hoped.

It is not easy. delicate. simple.

It is not warm coffee on a Sunday morning.

It is not clean sheets. Stained glass windows. Sunlight on tired skin. $N_{\rm c}$

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It is war.

It is bloody knuckles. Sweat on the brow. It is salt in the wound.

The blistered hands you hold your weapon with.

It is the weapon all together.

It is the shield you hold on high in the storm.

It is the strong pillars. A hurricane.

This is your battle cry.

This is a choice that lasts a lifetime, but one you must keep choosing.

That no matter how much they take, and take, and take,

You will still be overflowing.

This is breath in bruised lungs.

This is your banner. Defend it.

Joy is your strength. Use it.

And strength so freely given. Take it.

We would love to meet you personally. Please join us at 10:30am on Sunday mornings or 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings at River of Life Church located at 410 E. Chapman Rd., Lutz. For more information, please call 813-949-9931 or visit www.roltampa.org.

Enter to Win!

Golf Gift Certificate for Green Fees and Cart for 2 Players at Heritage Harbor Golf & Country Club (value \$100) Find the verses in this paper!

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Kaydee W. • Burnita W. • Tori T. • Linda H. • Angela W.

Email your entry to $\underline{web@ddpnews.com}$ or mail the entry to the address below:

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"Welcome Back" to the Lutz 4th of July Parade!

Our theme is "Welcome Back" since we have missed so many smiling faces as we would ride/walk/bike down the parade route! We are SO excited to invite everyone to come out to the 4th of July Parade, but we also welcome you to participate in the FREE Parade!! The runs are also back this year! Find more information on the websites below or check out our Facebook page Lutz Independence Day. The parade is held on Monday, July 4th. Please check out the links below for all of your information on not only the start time of the parade, but the time for the run, the Guv'na announcement, and the Cake Contest/Auction! Parade starts at 10am at Lutz Lake Fern Rd & Crooked Lane on the 4th of July!!!

Parade entry: https://bit.ly/2022LutzParadeEntryForm Run: https://www.active.com (Lutz Independence Day 5k and 1 mi Family Fun Run)

Cake Contest: https://bit.ly/Lutz4thCakeContest

Vendor Info: http://bit.ly/2022LutzParadeVendors

GFWC Arts & Crafts

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members worked hard to raise funds at its Arts & Crafts Show to benefit Baldomero Lopez State Veterans' Nursing Home residents. The clubwomen presented a check for \$1700 to Sharon Richmond of Operation Patriot, which group works to organize special events and entertainment for the residents' enjoyment. This donation will be used to benefit the veterans directly and will provide many little extra items and special treats which mean a great deal to them.



(L-R) Members Beth Nevel-Rader, Dee Knerr, Sharon Richmond (of Operation Patriot) and Dolores Tarafa

GFWC Supports Habitat For Humanity



(L-R) Members: Linda Mitchell, Debbie Cardona, Pam Blumenthal, Jan King, Barbara Booth & Nancy Branham

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members attended the recent dedication of the newest home built by Habitat for Humanity in Dade City. The Woman's Club has long supported Habitat and came bearing housewarming gifts for the proud new homeowners. The ladies presented the family with a beautiful wreath, a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit, a water filtration system with a set of Tervis tumblers and other useful home goods. For more information on this community service organization, please visit gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom." — James 3:13

GFWC Convention

GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club was represented by a large delegation of members at the recent GFWC Florida Convention in Orlando. The club delegates voted for the 2022-2024 slate of officers, attended the installation of new officers, were present at numerous workshops and participated in the awards ceremonies.

The club was named "2021 Club of the Year" in Category 4 as well as the recipient of numerous awards for its volunteerism, service projects and donations to the commu-

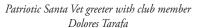


(L-R) Barbara Booth, Darlene Choe, Kay Taylor, President Elayne Bassinger, Peggy Andrews, Linda Mitchell & Jan King

nity. Congratulations and job well done to these hardworking Green Shirt Ladies! For more information on this community service organization or membership opportunities, please visit gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.

GFWC Welcomes Veterans







Club members Mary Jane Carrino (L & R) & Dolores Tarafa flanking 3 vet greeters

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members were present at the St. Pete-Clearwater Airport to enthusiastically welcome veterans home from their recent Honor Flight to Washington, DC to tour the War Memorials. The vets, for the most part, were from the Korean and Vietnam War era. The ladies were there to honor the veterans and present them with special flag stars to commemorate their service. For more information on this community service organization, please visit gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.

GFWC Raises Funds For Relay For Life



Group of club members with their Little Women of Lutz teen group at Relay for Life

GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club members participated in the Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraiser held at the MOSI campus. The clubwomen together with their teen-sponsored club, GFWC Little Women of Lutz, collaborated to form a very enthusiastic team. This year's team theme was "Pirates of the Cure-ibbean" with the ladies and young women dressed in colorful pirate costumes and hats. Despite torrential downpours, the team was able to raise over \$1200 to benefit research in finding a cure for cancer. For more information on this community service organization of hard-working volunteers, please visit gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.



Club member Pam Blumenthal in pirate costume at Relay



Club member pirates (L-R) Jan King, Barbara Booth & Faith Sincich (rear)

An Act of Kindness: The Good Samaritan



Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he travelled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion, came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring

on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.' Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among

He said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

- Luke 10:30-37, World English Bible

GFWC ESO Book Club



Group of club members at book club discussion

GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club members participated in their monthly ESO book club meeting and enjoyed brunch while they were in deep discussion. The ladies belong to ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron), an honorary educational society and federation supported under GFWC, and thoroughly enjoy choosing a best seller or a classic book each month to read and discuss among friends. For more information on this community service organization, please visit gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.

GFWC Visits Seniors

GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club members stopped in to visit the clients of the Lutz Senior Center to chat and served them delicious breakfast treats. All the seniors enjoyed this unexpected visit, camaraderie and generous hospitality from the clubwomen. For more information on this community service organization or membership information, visit gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.



(L-R) Club members: Beverly Schnabel, Darryln Caudill, Marsha Gibson, Pam Blumenthal, Senior Center Director, Melba Pineiro, Barbara Booth & Linda Mitchell





Tampa Bay Dance Club

June 2022 Schedule

6/03 DJ & Singer Jorge Perez

6/24 DJ & Singer Jorge Perez

6/10 DJ Mike Unwin

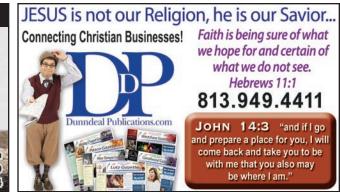
6/17 Singer John Ricky

Pizza Sales- Celebrate Father's Day

Dances every Friday night! Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:30-pm, goes from 7:30pm-10:30pm. Non-member admission \$12. Dress code is casual. 8401 W. Hillsborough Ave. at the Lutheran Church of our Savior. Weekly broadcast on Facebook: Tampa Bay Dance Club or Tampa Bay Dancing.

Email: bdanceclub@aol.com

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Do You Qualify For Social Security Spouse's Benefits?

By Javier Morales, Social Security Public Affairs in South Florida

Social Security benefits are a crucial part of millions of Americans' retirement income. If you don't have enough Social Security credits to qualify for benefits on your own record, you may be able to receive benefits on your spouse's record.

To qualify for spouse's benefits, you must be one of the following:

- 62 years of age or older.
- · Any age and have in your care a child younger than age 16, or who has a disability and is entitled to receive benefits on your spouse's record.

Your full spouse's benefit could be up to one-half the amount your spouse is entitled to receive at their full retirement age. If you choose to receive your spouse's benefits before you reach full retirement age, you will get a permanently

If you wait until you reach full retirement age to receive benefits, you'll receive your full spouse's benefit amount, which is up to one-half the amount your spouse can receive. You'll also get your full spouse's benefit if you are under full retirement age, but care for a child and one of the following applies:

- The child is younger than age 16.
- · The child has a disability and is entitled to receive benefits on your spouse's record.

If you're eligible to receive retirement benefits on your own record, we will pay that amount first. If your benefits as a spouse are higher than your own retirement benefits, you will get a combination of benefits that equal the higher spouse benefit.

For example, Sandy qualifies for a retirement benefit of \$1,000 and a spouse's benefit of \$1,250. At her full retirement age, she will receive her own \$1,000 retirement benefit. We will add \$250 from her spouse's benefit, for a total of \$1,250.

Want to apply for either your or your spouse's benefits? Are you at least 61 years and nine months old? If you answered yes to both, visit www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement to get started today.

Are you divorced from a marriage that lasted at least 10 years? You may be able to get benefits on your former spouse's record. You can find out more by visiting www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html for more information.

The Great Florida Outdoors: Wild Turkey

Dr. Robert Norman, Clinical Professor, Dermatology, Nova Southeastern University

While hiking and biking near Trout Creek, my friend Ed and I spotted a beautiful wild turkey—Meleagris gallopavo. Upon closer inspection I noted the wonderful creature had about ten furry little brownish-blonde balls following her wherever she went.

During many adventures we have seen the wild turkey foraging in leaflitter in open areas or at the edges of forests. They spend most of their time on the ground, where they search for acorns, seeds, fruits, insects, leaves, and small vertebrates, and can easily cover several hun-

Wild turkeys are powerful fliers, especially for short distances; speeds of up to 55 mph have been observed. To conserve energy, wild turkeys primarily walk.

Wild turkeys are social animals and typically flock together in groups numbering just a few birds to as many as 20 or more. They are extremely wary and will run away or fly to a tree to escape danger. For safety from ground predators, wild turkeys roost at night in trees within thicker forest stands.

Courtship occurs during spring. The male, also known as a gobbler or tom, will strut, fan out its tail, and gobble to attract hens. During these displays, the skin on the male wild turkey's head turns bright blue and white, and the caruncles become swollen and turn bright red.

Wild turkey hens in Florida typically begin nesting in late March or early April. The female builds a shallow nest on the ground where she lays an average of 9 to11

eggs. It takes approximately 12-13 days to lay the full clutch of eggs and another 25-26 days of continuous incubation for them to hatch.



Newly hatched wild turkeys, called poults, are highly mobile and can feed themselves soon after hatching. Poults are flightless until they are about 2 weeks old. Until they are able to fly into low branches or small trees at about 4 weeks of age, they roost on the ground under the hen's wings and tail.

Wild turkeys are large birds with long legs, wide, rounded tails, and a small head on a long, slim neck. An adult male wild turkey is more heavy-bodied and larger than the female.

The skin on its featherless head is pinkish-red

with red caruncles (wattles) on its throat and neck. It has a dark beard on its breast and dark brown or bronze iridescent feathers.

The female is slimmer and duller looking, with a blue-gray head and neck that lacks the prominent red caruncles of males. Females usually do not have a beard, but if one is present, it is thinner and smaller than the males.

The Florida wild turkey is best distinguished from the eastern subspecies, which it closely resembles, by the white barring on its wing feathers. On Florida wild turkeys, the white bars

on the primary wing feathers are narrower than the black bars and are irregular or broken, which tends to give the wing an overall darker appearance compared to eastern wild turkeys. Its colorations and behavior are ideal for the flat pine woods, oak and palmetto hammocks and swamp habitats of Florida.

The wild turkey is a woodlands bird and prefers open forests and forest edges and openings. They are considered a generalist species meaning they do not require specialized food or a particular vegetation community to survive. Consequently, they occur throughout Florida in any suitable habitat.

Two subspecies of wild turkeys live in Florida. The Osceola or Florida wild turkey (Meleagris osceola) is only found in peninsular Florida. In the panhandle and northern Florida, the Osceola turkey breeds with the Eastern wild turkey (Meleagris gallopavo silvestris). The large chubby birds with their iridescent plumage and long legs have a wingspan of 49-56.5 inches. Females are smaller than males and not as brightly colored.

How long has the turkey been in Florida? Turkey fossils older than 5 million years have been found throughout the southern US.

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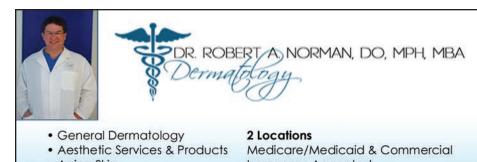
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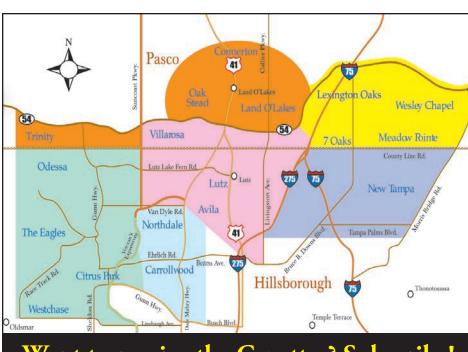
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Keep Safe in Severe Weather

Florida is known for its diverse weather conditions, often creating potential for hurricanes, thunderstorms, tornadoes, heavy rain and flash flooding. Atlantic hurricane season is from June 1st through November 30th. Pasco Sheriff's Office encourages citizens to prepare now, before a storm affects our area.

It's vital to plan before a storm to ensure you have necessities. Make sure your emergency kit is well stocked with supplies including water, food, prescriptions, first aid items, batteries and other important items. If you live in a flood-prone or low-lying area, consider having sandbags prepared at the start of storm season to avoid searching for them when a storm is near. Make sure you have copies of important documents, such as insurance information, stored in a waterproof area that you can easily grab in an evacuation. Throughout a storm, follow updates from battery-operated devices in the event of a power loss.

After a storm, many citizens want to start the clean-up process quickly, but be cautious when doing so. Flooded areas may have hidden dangers, such as downed power lines, debris or wildlife lurking inside. Give emergency personnel ample time to clear roadways of debris before driving, unless absolutely necessary. Be mindful of any curfews in place, and follow them to stay safe. When clearing your own property, be mindful of debris and power lines, and remember to give yourself ample time for breaks while working. Be sure to evaluate your damage carefully and know when to contact authorities for assistance.

PSO's Deployable Emergency Response Team (or DERT) provides aid in emergency situations where traditional resources are not effective. This unit includes speciality vehicles, such as high water rescue vehicles, humvees, a mobile kitchen and a mobile command bus to establish a command post in a disaster area following a storm, should traditional command posts become unusable or inaccessible. PSO can deploy this equipment to assist in rescuing citizens from flooded areas or to deliver supplies to those areas made inaccessible by flood waters. DERT achieves this in a self-sufficient manner, to support communities without becoming a burden on resources. The equipment was obtained through a federal program which allows law enforcement agencies to purchase equipment at a fraction of the cost and provides potentially life-saving equipment to our area. As Pasco County is often prone to flooding and has many rural areas, this equipment can make a difference after a significant tropical storm.

DERT trains monthly to practice efficient setup and ensure all equipment is ready when needed in an emergency. DERT is available to assist when needed, no matter the time of year. While DERT's primary purpose is to serve Pasco County, other agencies can request the support of DERT. In 2018, DERT deployed to Florida's panhandle, following the devastation of Hurricane Michael. They established and maintained an emergency operations center after facilities in the area were destroyed in the storm.

Planning for hurricane season in Florida is vital to ensure our citizens' safety. Preparing in advance of the storm by having resources within PSO allows us to serve our citizens no matter the conditions. PSO is proud to provide our community with specialized units and equipment such as DERT.

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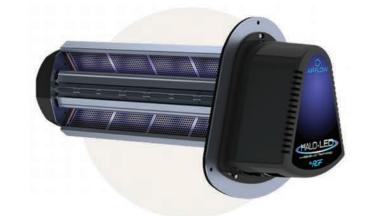


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