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He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." - Mark 16:15

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The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:3-17

- I Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 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 adultery.
- VIII Thou shalt not steal.
- IX Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- X Thou shalt not covet.

What does A "Bunny" have to do with a Church?

Easter, a celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is the holiest day of the Christian calendar. So, what does this miracle have to do with a bunny delivering painted eggs? The answer lies in a hundred generations of rituals and customs.

According to the gospels of the New Testament, Jesus Christ and his apostles entered Jerusalem to observe Passover, the Jewish holy season that celebrates the Hebrews' release from slavery. After the Passover supper, Jesus was arrested, and on what is now called Good Friday, he was crucified. Two days later, he rose from the dead.

Those of Jewish origin were the first to celebrate the resurrection, likely as a new facet of the Passover festival. In fact, the Easter celebration was called "PASCHA." It's derived from the word "PESACH" (the Jewish translation for Passover).

Originally, Easter was celebrated two days after Passover, so it fell on any day of the week, but Easter Wednesday just didn't feel right. In 325 AD, Roman Emperor Constantine and the Council of Nicaea ruled that Easter must fall only on a Sunday, the day when Christ rose from the dead. Easter Sunday would be the first Sunday following the full moon after the spring equinox; it could occur anywhere between March 22nd and April 25th. Around the same time, Christians began one of the first recorded rituals of the modern Easter celebration—the lighting of the Paschal candle. Its flame is a reminder of Christ's resurrection—light out of darkness.

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The Most Powerful Day

Samantha Taylor, Health & Fitness Expert



Although Easter isn't until the end of the month, it reminds us of deeper things to think about in the midst of all the crazy things happening in this world. I think back to 28 years ago on Easter when my late husband and I made it to a church service because someone had invited us to go.

And honestly, we didn't want to go, but because it was Easter and someone invited us, we did. What we didn't know was that was the day God was going to change our lives as we both surrendered our lives to Jesus Christ, which led our lives on a journey following God.

When your earthly body no longer has breath and a heartbeat and your spirit leaves to go to eternity, that is not the time to wait to see what happens. Eternity is longer than we can fathom and since our eternal life is impacted by what happens on this Earth, don't you think it's important to investigate that while you are still here?

For me, the anniversary of Easter celebrates the day that I met God and honestly, I can't imagine having gone through the last 28 years without knowing God. And I couldn't imagine going through, losing the love of my life since I was 17 and not having the strength of God to support and love on me in those deep dark times of pain (that thankfully He has restored me from).

What that experience did reiterate to me was how truly real our God is. How truly real His love is for us and the comfort and the peace that He gave me in the most difficult season of my life, made me love and respect God even more.

I encourage you if you've not been to church in a while or maybe you have and you've got some neighbors you can invite, Easter is the holiday that more

people will go to church when invited than any other holiday. So take a minute to think about who you could invite to go to church with you or if you've not gone in a while, or ever, you consider finding a good church to attend. It matters. There is some type of spiritual awakening and movement happening all over this nation right now, people seem even more open to God.

God is the most important relationship that any of us can have in this life and to try to live without Him is not something I would ever want to do. God can be so personal in our lives, so beautiful and so loving and He wants to have a relationship with us. The God of the Holy Bible is alive and that is why we celebrate Easter (Resurrection Day!).

There are scriptures that tell us that God calls us to Him, He draws us to Him....we don't just all of the sudden find God one day. I pray that anybody reading this that feels that "draw" from God, that you respond because there's a reason for it. He loves you and He wants to guide you through the life that He put you on this earth for. But if you don't surrender to Him and you don't respond to the call, then it's difficult to know what your God given purpose is.

None of us know the number of days that we have. All of us will die even though we don't know what day that is. So, making sure that we have a right relationship with God is more important than anything we can do in life.

For a list of powerful, inspirational movies and music that have touched my life and a video I made about how to walk in the peace of God, go to this page. One of those powerful movies is one called "The Case for Christ". It's a phenomenal movie and is told from the perspective of someone who was doubting this was true but as he researched it, he found so much evidence that it was that he couldn't deny it.

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Happy Resurrection Day!

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Father and Son Love Ministries

By Karen McBride

Pastor C. J. Johns Following His Calling from the Lord

Pastor C. J. Johns has been a Christian for all of his adult life, attending services and bible studies, and raising his children in Christ. Early on the Lord had placed it on his heart to become a pastor, but he ran from it. He was in the banking industry for many years and busy with life’s challenges. It wasn’t until 12 years ago, that he followed his calling to become a pastor to help spread the “Love Revolution of Jesus the Christ” to help people in the community.

“I was given a vision. It is difficult for seniors to ask for help and that is the impetus for how this entire endeavor [Father and Son Love Free Food Pantry] started,” said Pastor Johns.

The Food Pantry is Helping the Food Insecure and Seniors

The two commandments that Jesus gave in the New Testament are “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22: 37-39).

Father and Son Love Ministries has taken that commandment to heart and established a food pantry for the food insecure.

The clean, welcoming pantry is full of fresh fruits and vegetables, rows of neatly stacked cans, boxes, breads, milk, and much more. In addition to nine freezers full of meat, the pantry has an assortment of food provided from local restaurants such as Station House BBQ in Lutz and Nicolas doughnuts in Tampa,

Monetary Donations Needed

The food is purchased at a discounted bulk rate to fill the shelves of the pantry. Patrons are not charged a membership or ANY fee to access the pantry. With limited financial support from the community, many times Pastor Johns purchases the food with funds from his own pocket. This is where the community can help.

“With monthly donations, we can keep the pantry going,” said Pastor Johns. “Even a small amount of \$100.00 can go a long way if enough corporations and individuals would support us.”

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The pantry feeds 1000-1500 people each week. The ministry extends south to Sarasota and east to Orlando.

Tuesdays are reserved for military personnel, first responders, and essential workers. The food pantry is open from 12:00-2:00pm. The public is welcome on Friday, from 12:00-3:00pm. To find out more about the pantry, visit <https://www.facebook.com/freefoodpantries>

The church and pantry are located at 21418 Carson Drive, Land O Lakes, FL 34639. Sunday service is held at 10:00am.

For more information about the ministry, visit <https://fatherandsonloveministries.com> or call (813) 846-9993.

**“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**

Five Loaves and Two Fish: Serving the Food Insecure

By Karen McBride



Teacher Appreciation Week 2023

In 2020, Mike McBride suffered the unimaginable. He had a stroke at the age of 45 and received the grim news that he probably would not be able to walk again.

He was a Christian, but not giving God 100% of his life. The diagnosis changed his heart and his purpose in life. He began studying the Bible and digging into God’s word.

Over time, he regained the use of his legs. The stroke was caused by a bad aortic valve in his heart and surgery was performed to replace it with an artificial valve. He was sent home, and complications arose. His wife, Cindy, was a cardiac nurse at the time and quickly recognized he was swelling up. She took him to the emergency room, and it was determined the valve was leaking causing internal bleeding. He had lost 7 units of blood (the body holds 8, so that’s how serious it was). He was placed on a breathing tube, his kidneys were failing, and he had to receive dialysis.

As he was in and out of consciousness, he heard the doctor tell the nurse that he had a 5% chance to live. As Mike heard this he thought, “You must not know my God!”

His health turned the corner and after a month in the hospital, he was released. He still was not completely healed, and he remembers during the dark days, he prayed that God would take him home and for peace for his family if his prayer was answered. But God said to him clearly, “No, it’s not time.”

As the owner of a catering company, he was used to preparing large quantities of food. He began to pray about how he could use his talents to serve the Lord. That is when 5 Loaves & 2 Fish began. The ministry serves ministries throughout the area including Idlewild at the Springs (a ministry run by Idlewild Baptist Church), Hope for Tampa (which has a food pantry and a homeless ministry), the Oasis Pregnancy Center, and participate in Teacher Appreciation Week by providing lunch to 15 schools in the area.

“I love spreading God’s word through catering,” he said. He remembers one gentleman when handed a box of food said he didn’t have any money. Mike’s reply was “it has already been paid with the blood of Jesus.”

Matthew 25:40 NIV: “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

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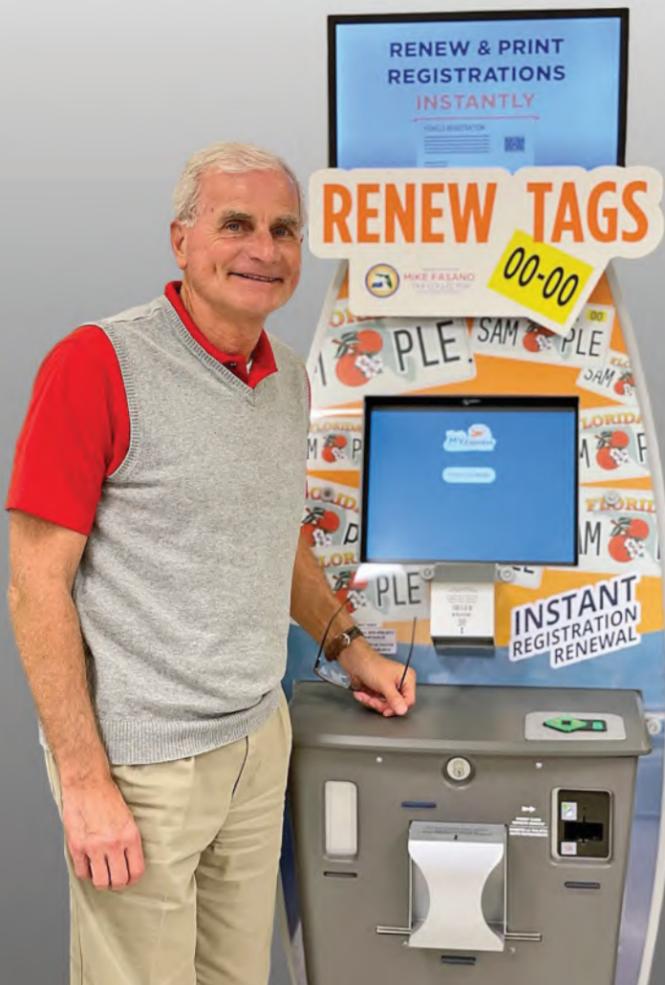
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Protect Your Child's Health With The Proper Immunizations

By Karen McBride

Dr. Michele Johnson-Towson, Pediatric Place of Tampa, is a board-certified pediatrician with 30 years of experience in caring for children ages newborn to 21 years old. Same-week appointments are available for school physicals at Pediatric Place of Tampa. It is important for their immunizations to be up to date, and to have their hearing and vision tested regularly.

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The man said, "No thanks, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog."

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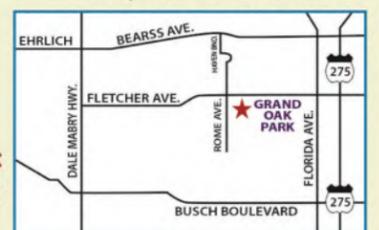
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I was talking with someone recently who shared with me the many problems they were facing. They were overwhelmed with feelings of despair. The many negative situations in their life burdened their heart and consumed their thoughts. As I spoke with them, I was reminded of the question Jesus asked the multitudes: *“Are you weary, carrying a heavy burden?”*

Come to Me, I will refresh your life, for I am your oasis. Simply join your life with mine. Learn my ways, and you’ll discover that I am gentle, humble, and easy to please. You will find refreshment and rest in me, for all that I require of you will be pleasant and easy to bear.” (Matthew 11:28-29 TPT). I find in these verses of scripture the solution for those whose hearts are burdened down and troubled.

How often do people go to their friends, family members, or even the internet looking for solutions to their problems and yet Jesus simply said, “Come to me.” Why is it that we always want to take control of our “out of control” lives by trying to “figure out” solutions to our problems instead of doing the one thing Jesus asked?

Jesus also reminded us that he is the one who will refresh us. In fact, he describes himself as an “oasis.” An oasis is a place of peace, safety, or happiness in the midst of trouble and difficulty. An oasis is often thought of as a well-watered fertile place in a desert land where you can find nourishment and rest. Those whose hearts are burdened down may feel like they are in a desert place, isolated, and hopeless but Jesus said he will provide for them that place of refreshing. He said, “Simply join your life with mine and learn my ways.” Why is that important? Because we may have to unlearn some habits and make some changes to how we are doing things. We have, most likely, grown familiar with feeling pressured, worrying, and allowing our thoughts to run wild bringing on us even more stress as we look for solutions to our problems.

What is it that Jesus wants us to learn? He tells us that his ways are gentle, and humble, and easy to please. He wants us to learn about his character. He is not a demanding God that requires us to follow some rigid formula to be freed from our burdens. Jesus wants us to discover how gentle and loving he is, and He is the one who can relieve us of our burdens as we learn to trust him. When we learn about Jesus, we develop a confidence in our relationship with him so however heavy the burden or deep the need we know he will relieve us when we come to him. He will exchange our burden for a place of refreshing and peace.

Maybe you need to begin that journey by coming to him today. Allow Jesus to relieve you of your care-filled thoughts and you will begin to experience a peace that will surpass your understanding. Why? Because his promises are real and as trustworthy as he is. I encourage you today not to give up and don’t wait any longer for he is waiting on you to surrender your life to him knowing that he will be your oasis even in a desert place. Food for thought!

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“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” — Colossians 2:6-7

He Came Back from the Dead Not Once, But Twice

By Karen McBride



Christopher Wilson, friend (left)
Mark Dunn, Dunndead Publisher (center)
Samuel Shuttleworth (right)

Four years ago, Samuel Shuttleworth experienced something that most of us cannot even imagine. He was shot in the head. The bullet went in one temple and out the other. The person responsible has not been brought to justice, but God has brought Samuel through this incredible ordeal.

When Samuel arrived at the hospital, there was little to no hope for his survival. He was in a coma and immediately placed on life support. His family received the horrible news. They were called to the hospital to say their goodbyes. When his four brothers and sister

arrived, they were struck with the image of Samuel connected to tubes and machines to keep him breathing.

After each brother said his goodbye, it was Chelsea’s turn. But she refused to give up hope. “I’m not saying goodbye,” she said. “I’m going to see him again.” She took the cross that she had worn around her neck and held it on Samuel’s chest and prayed.

As the doctor turned off the life support, Chelsea kept praying holding tightly to that cross. Minutes turned into hours and Samuel was still breathing to the astonishment of the hospital staff. Over the next few weeks, Samuel continued to improve. Sadly, his body had suffered from the trauma, and he was paralyzed, blind in one eye, and lost the mobility in his right arm.

Samuel’s faith in God kept him going. Each day he would work on his physical therapy, showing slight improvements in one leg and then the other. The glimmer of hope encouraged him to try to stand and take small steps. His legs became stronger, and he was able to walk again.

Upon seeing Samuel walking in his hospital room, one doctor asked, “Where’s your wheelchair?” Samuel responded, “I don’t need it anymore, doc!”

When the doctor asked, “How are you walking again?” Samuel just smiled and pointed up! **Matthew 19:26: “And Jesus looking upon them said to them, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**

But more challenges lie ahead for Samuel. A few years later, he was diagnosed with a brain infection and had to undergo surgery to remove half of his skull. Once again, the prognosis was not good. He remembers a gentleman in a black hat coming to his hospital room with paperwork for him to sign. In essence, it stated he wasn’t going to make it through the surgery. He suggested Samuel call his family and not tell them you are about to die but tell them how much you love them.

Not only did God bring him through this surgery, but when Samuel woke up, his once crumpled hand was now lying flat. In amazement he asked a nurse for pen to see if he could still write his name and he could! He had regained full use of his hand. He knew that God was with him throughout the whole ordeal. He found a pastor of a church that continued to help him grow in his faith. He was baptized again, professing to help others to direct them to Jesus.

God quickly gave him the opportunity to serve others one night in Ybor City. A young man was shot, and Samuel was able to carry him to safety. This is just one of the many situations where God reaffirmed that He has a plan for Samuel’s life.

“I know God kept me alive for a reason.”

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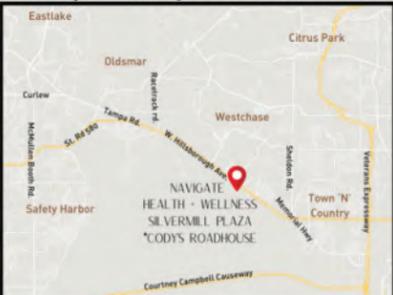
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Members (L-R) Jody Stewart, Pennee Bowen, Shirley Willhite, Beth-Nevel Rader, Dee Knerr, Linda Mitchell, Nancy Branham & Joan Olsen presenting check to Operation Patriots' Ken Escobio

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members presented a donation check of \$1800 to Ken Escobio, with the Operation Patriots group, to benefit special events and extra needs of the residents of Baldomero Lopez Veterans' Nursing Home in Land O'Lakes. Operation Patriots is an advocacy group which oversees the needs of the veteran residents of the nursing home.

The clubwomen work very hard each year at the Tombola booth of their Arts & Crafts Show to raise these funds for our vets to provide them with special treats and entertainment.

In addition, the green shirt ladies entertain the residents each month with fun Bingo games and prizes. For more information on this community service organization, please visit gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.

GFWC Fundraises for Arts4All

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members and guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon and a very lively auction to fundraise for ART-S4ALL, which organization provides arts, music, animation and cultural programs and experiences for students and adults with disabilities and challenges. The auction was a great success and was conducted along the lines of "Let's Make a Deal" with beautiful prizes with a few 'zonks' thrown in.



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Kidz Korner: The Kennedy Space Center!



Hi! My name is Harley, writer of the monthly Kidz Korner column. This month's topic is the Kennedy Space Center. If you've never heard of it, it's on the east coast of Florida in Cape Canaveral, where they launch rockets into space.

You may remember that I'm a member of American Heritage Girls, a faith-based scouting program. My troop, specifically, has tons of special events, and one of them was collaborating with other troops in Tampa Bay to spend a night at KSC! The plan was to sleep under a real, retired rocket, Atlantis, which was - as I found out afterward - my best friend's favorite.

Saturday, after we blasted off from our home region of Earth and arrived at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, there was so much inviting us! Long-lost friends from summer camp, plaques to read, and security gates to enter!

After the American Heritage Girls were inside, our troop toured the Rocket Garden, which contains real rockets that have not been to space. As you know, things are cheaper when you buy them in bulk - like paper towels. And that is precisely what NASA did, except with rocket parts.

Then, everyone explored the various exhibits and learned from tour guides about the history of space exploration (which isn't long).

At the end, we split into teams and built a bridge model! We were informed that triangles are the strongest shapes in nature. The opportunity to sleep under Atlantis was insane! It was so tough to fall asleep.

The Overnight Adventure program was officially over on Sunday morning, but the adventure was just beginning!

Some of us took a bus tour to NASA. There, we watched a ton of entertaining and educational shows! Additionally, we learned a lot about all the different Apollo missions to the moon, which was my favorite part.

Back at the complex, we partook in a simulation takeoff, which was...disorienting, to say the least. Who couldn't be just an iota fazed after being tipped all the way back, in a chair, at a right angle, and shaken vigorously? However, the space launch and commentary were so interesting!

When the center closed at five, my mom and I exited content with lots of info to mull over. It was a fabulous experience!

"Space is big. You just won't believe how vastly, hugely, mind-bogglingly big it is," as Douglas Adams, an English author and humorist, quoted. And it's true. Think of the longest journey you've ever made. The distance from Florida to California is just under 3,000 miles, an aggressive four-and-a-half month trip by foot. And that's a long way. But the distance around the earth is over eight times that!

Departing from our home planet, the distance to our Sun is 93 million miles, or just 8.3 light minutes (the distance that light travels in a minute). And from the Sun to the eighth planet in our solar system, Neptune, is four light hours (the distance that light travels in an hour).

One light year equals 8,766 light hours, which is still unfathomable. And the distance from our teeny-weeny world to the edge of the observable universe is about 46.5 billion light years!

However, if our universe is so ginormous, our infinite God must be so much bigger!

I hope you enjoyed this inspiring article! While doing lots of research on light-conversions, polar circumferences, and suchlike head-splitting stuff, I discovered that the next LUNAR EXPEDITION LANDING THIGAMABOBBER is taking off from the Kennedy Space Center! I plan to return there in a few years (which seems like FOREVER to an eleven-year-old) to experience the launch of one of the Artemis missions!

Stay tuned for next month's column!

Harley Isabel Smith is a homeschooled 6th grader who has been featured on TV as a philanthropist, has a heart for evangelism, and writes monthly for the Gazette's Kidz Korner. Visit online at <https://harleyisabelsmith.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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Tax Collector Offices Will Feature "Cindy's Pets" as the Charitable Giving Campaign for the Month of March



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"The goal of Cindy's Pets is to provide good nutritional food for animals, thereby enabling the elderly to enjoy their own meals with the knowledge that their pets are also well-fed," comments Dr. Missy Nurrenbrock, Founder of Cindy's Pets. "Your donation will go towards purchasing, packing, and delivering over 2,000 pounds of pet food each month. This food will feed over 300 pets of seniors who live in Pasco County."

"Cindy's Pets fills in a gap that is not filled by other senior programs," states Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "Recipients of the Meals on Wheels program need help due to their limited income. Too many participants share their food with their pets, leaving precious little for themselves. Cindy's Pets ensures that both owner and pet have plenty of food to eat. Our office is looking forward to once again supporting this local charity that helps many people but receives little fanfare. Please consider donating to this important program to help our seniors!"

Donations can be made at any of the five tax collector locations in Pasco County. For those who would like to give online, the tax collector's office's charitable giving arm Pasco TC Gives has a webpage through which donations for Cindy's Pets (Charity of the Month) can be made: <https://www.govhub.com/fl-pasco/tc-gives/donate> Donations may also be mailed to: Pasco County Tax Collector's Office, P.O. Box 276, Dade City FL 33526-0276.



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During the Month of January Tax Collector Mike Fasano's Offices Collected Over \$7,900 to Support the Runaways Animal Rescue



Staff from the Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano's Office join Tax Collector Mike Fasano, Danielle Giroux, and volunteers from The Runaways Animal Rescue.

During the month of January 2024 Tax Collector Mike Fasano's five offices featured The Runaways Animal Rescue, a Pasco-based no-kill shelter dedicated to rescuing lost and runaway animals, address their medical needs, including spay and neuter procedures if required. A total of \$7,906.75 was collected and presented to The Runaways Animal Rescue following the fundraising drive. These funds will be dedicated to caring for the pets and keeping them as long as needed until they are adopted into a "forever home."

We are absolutely thrilled, and honored, to have been given this opportunity," comments Founder & President Danielle Giroux. "The support of our community never ceases to amaze us, and it is the exact reason we can save so many lives and make a difference in Pasco County. Thank you again to Mike Fasano and everyone at the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office for choosing our shelter to support. We appreciate everyone who donated and made this possible."

"It was a blessing to feature The Runaways Animal Rescue as our January Charity-of-the-Month," remarks Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "It is wonderful when newer organizations such as The Runaways Animal Rescue jump in to help serve a part of our community that at times is overwhelmed. I applaud Danielle Giroux and her volunteers for the dedication they have shown to the rescues under their care."

For more details regarding the charitable giving program and other services provided by the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office please contact Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector at (727) 847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com. For more information about The Runaways Animal Rescue please visit <https://www.runawaysanimalrescue.org> or contact Danielle Giroux, President & Founder at (727) 753-8244.

Pasco Tax Collector's Office Announces Mobile Unit for Driver License and Identification Card Services Now Available!

Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano announces that the Pasco Tax Collector Mobile Unit (PCTMU) is now available to remotely process identification card and driver license services for Florida residents who reside in a Pasco County nursing home or assisted living facility. Those who are unable to travel to one of our offices may now schedule a visit to their facility/home to have the relevant document renewed.

"This is a service we envisioned for quite a long time," Tax Collector Mike Fasano comments. "We understand that there are many of our customers who are unable to travel but still need a valid license or ID card. With this new service we come to the customers, not the other way around. We can offer same-day service in most cases, with the renewed document being delivered to the customer in their place of residence."

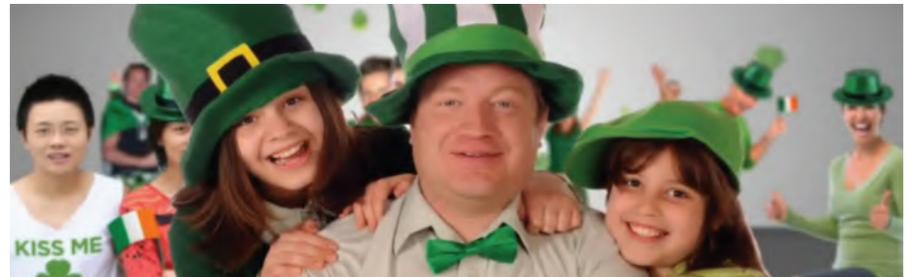
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Tax Collector Mike Fasano is committed to making the latest technology and the most innovative ideas available to customers in Pasco County. Renewing a license or identification card should be easy and painless, especially for those with transportation or health issues. This is just one more way our office can assist you in keeping your important documents valid and up to date.



What;#@%aaugh... You know I was reading the Dunndead Gazettes this month and it made me feel that things are starting to get better. There's something about that silly paper that makes me feel good! I think it may have something to do with the tickets I received in the mail the other day for playing their games, anyway. I just came by to see if you would like to go to the Renaissance Festival with me.

Who Was St. Patrick?



St. Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. When Rome withdrew its allegiance from Britain because of the fall of the west, the Irish began to raid Britain and use them as slaves, and one of them was Patrick. Kidnapped from Britain, a Roman colony, and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. After ten years he later escaped, and become a priest. He later was called back to Ireland from a dream and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Since around the ninth or tenth century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly, however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick's Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, before the Declaration of Independence was signed. Still today, St. Patrick's parade is the world's largest and oldest civilian parade in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line the 1.5-mile parade marched through New York City featuring drums and bagpipes as their music would reconnect them to their Irish roots.

The traditional color associated with St. Patrick's was blue not Green. Ireland was also called "The Emerald Isle" due to the frequent rainfall resulting in its green landscape and the three-leave shamrock, which St. Patrick used to explain Holy trinity that became a symbol of Irish/Catholic Nationalism. The tradition of wearing green derives from picking a shamrock and putting it in your lapel; therefore the color green become associated politically, translating green into garments for their uniforms; however the national symbol is the Celtic harp, not the shamrock.

In the 19th century, many Irish American immigrants who lived in the city were the poorest people, and they could not afford to eat meat every night; therefore they bought the cheapest cut of meat called (brisket), brining it to preserve it, and cooked it with cabbage. So Corn beef and cabbage was an Irish American dish, not an Irish dish.

Ireland is 3000 miles from New York and is 32,599 sq. miles. Slightly larger than the state of West Virginia, and the population was over 8 million; today it's about half that. In the mid 1840's the great potato famine caused a food crisis and many people starved across the affected areas, causing 1 million dead, as another million escape and made their way to New York.

Ireland's capital is Dublin, population 1.1 million, the home to the Guinness factory spanning over 60 acres, and is the largest brewery in the world. The Irish flag green, white and orange symbolizes the union of the north and south Ireland in peace.

Although St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, he was not born in Ireland.

<http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/videos#nyc-st-patricks-day-parade>

The Great Florida Outdoors: The Cardinal

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



The Northern Cardinal is one of Florida's small red birds with a prominent crest. The males have bright red plumage almost throughout the body. Exceptions are the black face mask and throat. Females are olive-brown, with a red tint on the crest, wings, and tail.

Cardinals are monogamous birds that pair up for a year or longer, although some couples mate for life. During courtship, males prove their strength by finding seeds for the female and feeding them to her one at a time, from his beak to hers. This courtship display looks a lot like kissing.

Cardinals typically lay 3 eggs but they can lay anywhere from one to five. The female does all of the incubation and she doesn't start to sit until she has finished laying. The eggs will hatch in 11 to 13 days after she starts sitting. Once hatched, both the male and female will feed the young.

Baby cardinals are ready to leave the nest in 7-13 days after the incubation period. So the fledglings stay with their parent cardinals for about 20 days until they learn to fly and go out and explore the world on their own.

As a young female cardinal matures, its feathers will develop into that of an adult female cardinal, which are dull brown and olive with red tinges. They won't be truly independent until they're 25 to 56 days old. The male cardinal might continue to feed the fledglings, while the female starts building the next nest.

Fun Facts

Only a few female North American songbirds sing, but the female Northern Cardinal does, and often while sitting on the nest. This may give the male information about when to bring food to the nest. A mated pair shares song phrases, but the female may sing a longer and slightly more complex song than the male.

Many people are perplexed each spring by the sight of a cardinal attacking its reflection in a window, car mirror, or shiny bumper. Both males and females do this, and most often in spring and early summer when they are obsessed with defending their territory against any intruders. The male cardinal fiercely defends its breeding territory from other males. When a male sees its reflection in glass surfaces, it frequently will spend hours fighting the imaginary intruder.

A few weeks later, as levels of aggressive hormones subside, these attacks should end (though one female was reported to have kept up this behavior every day or so for six months without stopping).

A perennial favorite among people, the Northern Cardinal is the state bird of seven states.

The average life span of a northern cardinal is approximately 3 to 5 years due to the hazards they face, which are predators, disease, accidents, and starvation. The oldest recorded Northern Cardinal was a female, and was 15 years, 9 months old when she was found in Pennsylvania.

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Suncoast Credit Union Helps Visually Impaired Babies



The Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind (LVIB) has received a generous \$10,000 grant from Suncoast Credit Union, Florida's largest credit union, to help babies who are visually impaired learn the adapted skills needed to meet their unique developmental milestones.

The "Little Lighthouse" Early Intervention Program at LVIB teaches babies, young children, and their parents adapted skills and ways to use residual vision and other senses so that babies are able to meet their unique developmental milestones and be as prepared as possible to enter the school system. The program also assists parents and professionals with developing advocacy skills so they are able to obtain the equipment and other educational supports needed by the child in preschool and kindergarten. Learn about the babies' program at lvib.org/programs/little-lighthouse and Suncoast Credit Union at suncoastcreditunion.com

Babies who are visually impaired must learn to use all their senses and develop adapted skills in order to develop fully. Blind babies have very special needs, since they must learn to locate, reach, and grasp objects, then crawl, stand, walk, and play—all while having a vision loss.

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What Does A Bunny Have To Do With A Church?

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As Christianity spread throughout Europe, different pagan customs blended into the holidays. In fact, the actual word "Easter" may have come from "Eostre," the Goddess of spring and fertility, which brings us to the Easter egg.

Eggs have been a mythological symbol of birth for thousands of years. Christians adopted the egg as an Easter custom sometime around the 13th century. The yolk inside a shell represented Christ emerging from the tomb. Eggs were painted red, representing the blood Christ shed from the cross.

The colorful Easter egg soon hatched its own traditions. A popular one was egg rolling. In 1876, Congress prohibited kids from playing on the Capitol grounds, so President Rutherford B. Hayes opened the White House lawn to the little rollers. Thereafter, the White House Easter Egg Roll became a tradition.

So, when did that Easter Bunny hop onto the scene? The fertile rabbit has long been a symbol of new life in European pagan celebrations.

Beginning around the 16th century, parents told children that if they behaved, on the eve of Easter, the Osterhase (the name given in Germany to the Easter Bunny) would come and lay colorful eggs, so the children built nests in their homes to entice the rabbit to visit.

Thus began the custom of the Easter egg hunt and the Easter basket. To help fill out those baskets, 19th century European chocolatiers began making egg-shaped chocolates, and the sweet trend spread throughout the world. Today, billions of dollars are spent each year on Easter candy.

Easter is a joyful day when Christians celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection. It witnesses the immense power of God Himself and the belief that God exists. Only He who created life can resurrect it after death

1st Corinthians 15:54-55 "He can remove the sting that is death and the victory that is the grave." In Jesus resurrecting from the grave, God reminds us of His absolute sovereignty over life and death. Jesus is the testimony to the resurrection of human beings, which is the principle on which the Christian faith is based.

Unlike all other religions, Christianity alone possesses a founder who transcends death and who promises that His followers will do the same. All other religions were founded by men and prophets whose end was the grave.

As Christians, we take comfort in the fact that our God became man who died for our sins and was resurrected on the third day from a grave that could not hold him. Today He lives and sits at the right hand of God.

For 2000 years, customs have been added—some spiritual, some fun. But Easter is also the time for families to gather and to welcome spring, when new life emerges after the dead of winter.

For additional information, visit online at <http://www.history.com/topics/history-of-easter/videos#history-of-the-holidays-easter-video>.



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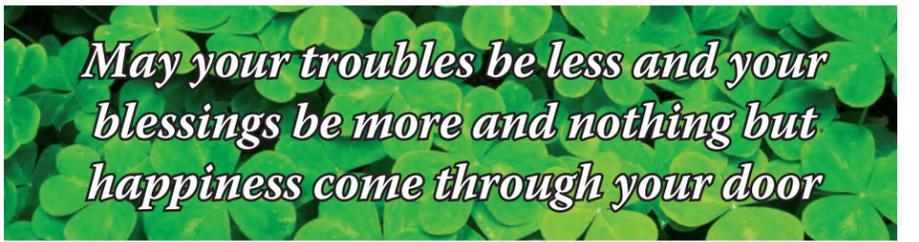
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- #2 **Believe** that God loves you and Jesus died for you and rose again so that you can be forgiven.
- #3 **Ask** God to forgive you and to change you. (Jesus said, "You must be born again.") Only God can change you on the inside, and He will if you ask him.
- #4 **Confess** that Jesus is your Lord and Savior.

HOW TO ASK:

God I am a sinner because I have broken your laws. I believe Your word that says Jesus died for me. I ask you now to forgive me. I need You to cleanse me of my guiltiness and come into my life. I receive Jesus now as my Lord and Savior. Thank You, Lord, for setting me free from Satan's power and making me a child of God.

(Eph. 2:8-9; II Cor. 5:21; Jn. 20:17; Heb.10:12; Heb. 7:25; Rm. 10:9-10; Mt. 10:32; Col.1:13)

Celebrating The 23rd Anniversary of Spreading God's Word Through Print Media

March 2024 marks the 23rd Anniversary of the Dunndea Gazette. This publication has supported communities with Christian education, placing God's word in print media for 23 years!

The paper was officially started in 2001 around the time of 9/11 when everyone was full of fear and sorrow. People needed to hear something uplifting and positive in the news.

It was extremely difficult for people to even keep their faith. Many people wanted to show their support for Christian education and God's Word. The paper was a way to spread joy to those who were going through hardships. Of course, gaining this achievement was far from easy.

The paper went through many setbacks starting from the 2008 recession, which put many people out of jobs much like what we all have gone through since the coronavirus arrived in 2020. However, the paper was created for one purpose and that was to help spread the word of Jesus Christ. This is the 23rd year that the Dunndea Gazette has published the heartfelt stories that educate others about the love of Jesus Christ. It is one of the longest-running local print media papers in the city with 23 years in print and 20 years online.

Here's a little about the publishers who work for Jesus since they have their 25th wedding anniversary this month too!!!! In 2014, Kay was diagnosed with Melanoma cancer. Mark became her caregiver with Jesus as the Great Physician.

The bad cancer cells were chased away in 12 months with numerous treatments Mark investigated. Her diet and lifestyle was greatly changed! Here is a recipe to increase the alkaline in the water you drink, which is so important in keeping healthy blood cells:

2 gallon jug filled with clean water
1 quart of aloe vera
1 lemon sliced, ½ cucumber sliced
Some mint leaves
Drink ½ your weight of this water daily!

1 piece of ginger root
1 piece of tumeric root sliced
1 teaspoon of baking soda



Mark and Kay have an organic vegetable garden, here's a photo of the last picking of the winter crop. Moringa has been part of the diet also.

Every year we travel with our publication to spread God's Word. This year, we went to the romantic Casablanca Inn in St. Augustine. We suggest you give it a try!



Mark & Kay Dunn

SO WE THANK YOU, JESUS, AND ALL OF YOUR OPERATING PARTNERS AND LOYAL READERS!

Social Security Celebrates Women's History Month

By Javier Morales, Social Security Public Affairs in South Florida

March is Women's History Month — a time to focus not just on the past, but also on the challenges women continue to face in the 21st century. At Social Security, we provide vital benefits and financial protection for women.

Nearly 55% of people receiving Social Security benefits are women. Today, more women work, pay Social Security taxes, and earn credit toward monthly retirement income than at any other time in our nation's history.

Women have longer average life expectancies and tend to live more years in retirement than men. This means women have a greater chance of exhausting other sources of income while their Social Security benefit continues for life. It's important for women to plan early and wisely for retirement.

Our online booklet, Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10127.pdf, provides detailed information about how life events can affect a woman's Social Security retirement benefits. These events may include marriage, death of a spouse, divorce, self-employment, and other life or career changes.

A worker's earnings history will determine their future benefits, so we encourage all workers to verify that the information in their record is correct. You can create a personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to review your full earnings history. You can also view your Social Security Statement using your personal account to get estimates of future benefits and other important planning information.

If you find an error in your earnings record, it is important to get it corrected so you receive the benefits you earned. Our publication, How to Correct Your Social Security Earnings Record at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf, provides you with details on how to make a correction.

Learn more about how Social Security benefits women at www.ssa.gov/people/women. Please share this information with your loved ones.

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 the robbers?"

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 Wins Big at Art Competition



GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club celebrated its members' winning Arts & Crafts entries at the GFWC District 8 competition. Nine 1st Place Blue Ribbon club winners will now advance to statewide competition at the upcoming GFWC Florida State Convention.

Karin D'Amico's beautiful quilt entry not only won a 1st Place ribbon but the "BEST IN SHOW" prize. Heartiest congratulations to Ms. D'Amico and good luck wishes for winning statewide in April.

For more information on this community service organization, please visit gfwcclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.

Best in Show Quilt created by Karin D'Amico

GFWC at Trinity Cafe

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club team of members members serve lunch at Trinity Café in Tampa each month. The clubwomen greet and serve the homeless and food insecure a delicious chef-prepared meal in a very comfortable setting with dignity and grace and a warm welcoming smile.

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(L-R) Club members Shirley Willhite, Pam Blumenthal, Deb Cardona, Jeannie Sheets, Melba Pineiro, Gina Capor and Nancy Branham volunteering at Trinity Café



The Well Pop Up 2024 was held on Feb. 24 at North Pointe Church in Lutz.

For the full 2024 Calendar: thewelltraining.org/calendar
 The Well is a women's training and discipleship ministry.

Stingray Convertible To Be Ruffled Off



A 2024 Corvette Stingray Convertible 3LT will be given away on Sunday, March 10 at 5pm at the Stingray Chevrolet exhibit on the Festival grounds. The car, valued at \$93,000 features a 490 horsepower 6.2L V8 engine, an 8-speed dual-clutch transmission, rear park assist, HD rear vision camera, carbon flash painted nacelles, and a roof-convertible hardtop. The vehicle also includes an 8-inch touchscreen, Bluetooth technology, voice recognition, 10-speaker Bose

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Tickets for the drawing are \$5 each and are available at the dealership located off exit 22 on I-4 in Plant City until 6pm on Friday, March 8 and can also be purchased online at www.stingraychevroletaffle.com until 3pm on Friday, March 8. Tickets will also be available at Stingray Chevrolet's vehicle display on the festival grounds during the 11-day event until 4:30pm on Sunday, March 10.

GFWC Helps Sunrise of Pasco



GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club team of members worked hard to refresh the children's playroom and family room, for the residents of Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic & Sexual Violence Shelter. These rooms were rather plain and undecorated until the club women arrived with paint and supplies in hand. After painting the walls, the club artists then adorned the rooms with murals of colorful animals and birds, while the children enjoyed watching the process. New furniture, bookcases, toys and a large screen tv were also provided by the club members.

The Woman's Club would like to give special acknowledgement to Jay and Kim Canals, owners of AIC Painting Company, who generously donated enough Sherwin-Williams Duration paint to cover this large project. The value of the paint donation was more than \$500 and provided a huge improvement to the shelter. Gail Howard, Melba Pineiro, Pennee Bowen and Karen Molis were a few of the club women involved in the project.

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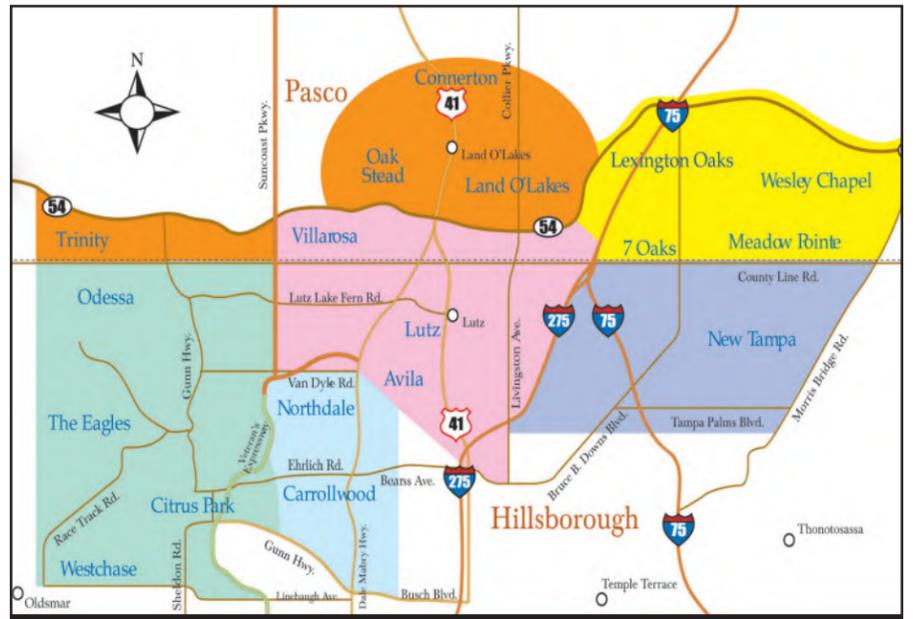
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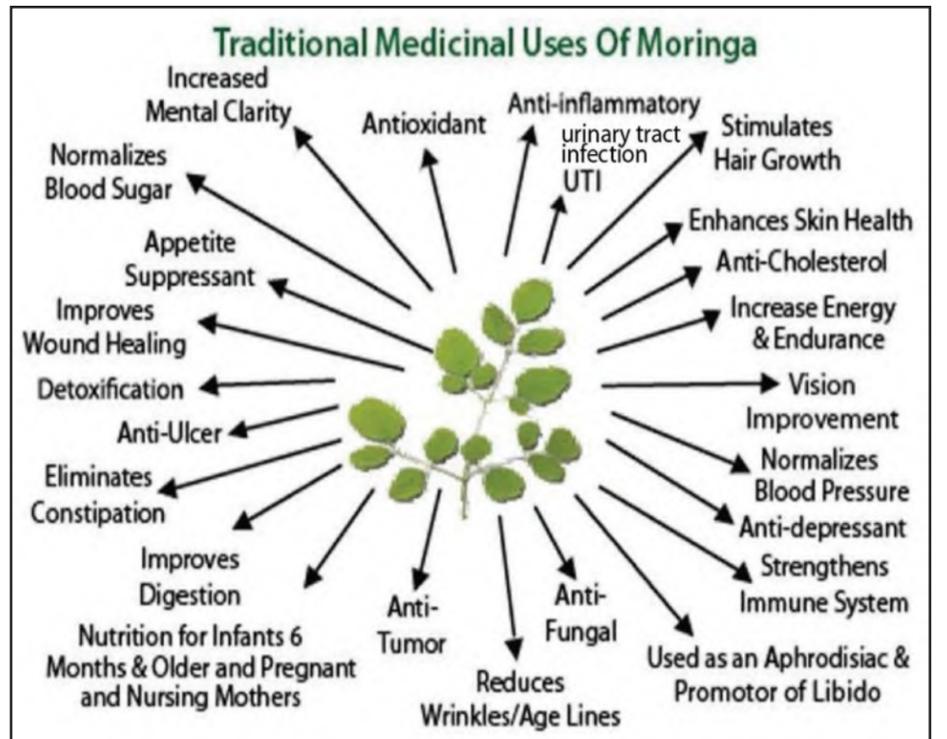
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