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## Clermont Firefighters Return from Louisiana



Sept. 3, Clermont Fire Department welcomed home two firefighters who spent a week in Louisiana, where they helped communities affected by Hurricane Laura as part of Florida's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 4.

Prior to the hurricane making landfall, Clermont Fire Department Engineer Micah Warren and Lt. Jeremiah Plasters were deployed with 40 other Central Florida firefighters, 14-plus vehicles and a K9. In addition to search and rescue, the team also performs swift water rescue.

Warren, a task force member beginning in 2010, said, "Florida Task Force 4 has allowed me the opportunity to use my 800-plus hours of training, knowledge

and experiences beyond local responses. It has been my platform to do what I love."

The task force's 42 team members had been deployed to Baton Rouge, including Lake Charles and Cameron, and were crucial in conducting primary and secondary search efforts, with a focus on residential structures and critical infrastructure.

Task Force 4 is credited with helping thousands of lives in the aftermath of storms or other catastrophic events. In 2018, Plasters and several other Clermont firefighters were deployed to the Panhandle for a life-saving mission post-Hurricane Michael.

Plasters, who has been on the team since 2011, said, "I am proud to represent Clermont and am grateful for the unique opportunity to serve other states and our country when called upon."

## Lake County Schools to Post Weekly COVID-19 Reports

Lake County Schools launched a COVID-19 Data Center that shows weekly tallies of positive COVID-19 cases and related quarantine numbers in schools. New numbers will be posted late Friday afternoons, showing data reported for that week.

Since the school year started on Aug. 24, the district has notified parents of students who have been in direct contact with someone who tested positive for the virus. Employees in direct contact received personal notification as well. Additionally, an automated phone call and email was sent to all parents and employees at the school to make them aware of a positive case on campus. These phone calls and emails will continue.

To protect student and employee privacy, the weekly data reports will not include identifying information, such as names, ages, genders, grade levels or job titles.

A link to the COVID-19 Data Center is on the "Start of School" page on the district website at <http://lake.k12.fl.us>. It can also be accessed directly at <http://lake.k12.fl.us/CovidData>

## Free Non-Perishable Food Distribution



Saturday, Sept. 19, non-perishable food will be distributed by His Hands Food Ministry, 10 a.m.-noon. The event will take place at Clermont Baptist Church, 16115 Old Highway 50, in Clermont.



## The First Cooper Memorial Library

A lot of people have visited the beautiful Cooper Memorial Library on the grounds of Lake-Sumter Community College in Clermont. But how many know the library's history?

The original Cooper Memorial Library, shown in a photo from last December on the grounds of the Clermont Historic Village, 490 West Avenue in downtown Clermont, came into being more than 100 years ago.

According to the Clermont Historical Society, it was popular in the early 1900s for lecturers from a college in New York State to travel

around the country and give talks. The fine people of Clermont were convinced by a traveling salesman to purchase

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