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Chamber Banquet

Save the Date

*A Sweet
Affair*

Annual Chamber Banquet

Monday, February 6, 2023

First Baptist Church
17 NW Ave B,
Belle Glade, FL 33430

More details to come!

Annual Chamber Banquet Set for February 6th!

Please call us to reserve your tickets or if you have any questions. 561-996-2745.

Chamber Breakfast is Back!



JANUARY NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Wednesday, January 18th • 7:30 - 8:30

**First Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall
17 NW Ave B, Belle Glade**

**Guest Speaker Dr. Matt VanWeelden,
Extension Agent, Agronomic Crops - EREC**



Dr. Matt VanWeelden

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Chamber members are invited for a free breakfast along with great networking opportunities. For additional information call the Chamber, 561-996-2745.

Click [here](#) to register:

October Breakfast in a Snapshot!

Chamber Breakfast

Great information from Ilan Kaufer from FPL.



THE CHAMBER
BELLE GLADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

Leadership Glades Class

Leadership Glades Business & Economy Day 2022-2023



October 19, 2023 was Business and Economy Day for the Leadership Glades Class. Tours of the FP&L powerplant, Everglades Equipment Group's Belle Glade location, Career Source Center, and the Okeelanta Refinery were all part of the learning experience. The class' action packed day was designed to familiarize them with the day-to-day challenges of large and small businesses in the Glades.

Leadership Education & Cultural Arts Day 2022-2023



November 16, 2023 was Education & Cultural Arts Day for the Leadership Glades Class. The tours started at Glade View Elementary where the class was greeted with their band. Tours for the rest of the day included West Technical Education Center, Glades Day School, Glades Family Center, Lawrence C. Will Museum, Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center and PBSC!

Leadership Health & Human Services Day 2022-2023



December 7, 2023 was Health & Human Services Day, it was an action packed day! The class toured Habitat for Humanity, Glades Initiative, Empower Healthcare, Ella's Closet, Lighthouse Cafe, BG Fire Rescue, Lakeside Medical Center, and Alzheimer's community Care.

New & Renewing Members



*We would like to welcome our new chamber members:
October- December 2022*

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Stay tuned - next month we will be spotlighting them!

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You!* **RENEWING
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Habitat for Humanity News



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- Meeting people from a diverse background
- Fulfill Community Service hours for school

get in touch

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS



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- Belle Glade Elementary
- Canal Point Elementary
- Glade View Elementary
- Gove Elementary
- Pioneer Park Elementary
- Rosenwald Elementary
- Smith & Moore Family 'Career Readiness' Teen Center

More Info

- Over 1,200 youth served throughout the Glades area
- Servicing 6 elementary schools
- Lake Shore Middle School
- Glades Central High School

Programs

- Family Services
- Education & Career Development
- Technology/STEM
- Sports/Fitness & Recreation
- Cultural Arts
- Character & Leadership Development

Hours

School year
Monday - Friday 2-6 p.m.

Teen Center
Monday - Friday 2 - 8 p.m.

Summer / Holidays
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Clewiston Museum News

History Through the Miles: The Railroads of US Sugar - Barton Jennings



The Clewiston Museum to Present Program on History Through the Miles: The Railroads of US Sugar on January 19 Clewiston, FL— December 27, 2022 — The Clewiston Museum is happy to announce the next program in the 2022-2023 Speaker Series will be a FREE presentation featuring Barton Jennings, author of the *History Through the Miles*

series of major railroad and transportation company histories and route information books. Jennings, who has recently released a book featuring the railroads of US Sugar, will be in town for the Sugar Express' 3-Day rail event which starts on January 20. He will kick off the weekend event with a special presentation and book-signing at the museum on Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 pm.

Barton Jennings, Ph.D., is professor emeritus of supply chain management in the College of Business & Technology at Western Illinois University (WIU). He was hired to create the modern Supply Chain Management degree program at Western Illinois in 2004 and retired in August 2019. Prior to his appointment at WIU, Dr. Jennings worked at the Center for Transportation Research at The University of Tennessee, and prior to that, in various operational and engineering positions in the railroad industry. He still teaches workshops for the railroad industry, having handled training for more than 400 railroad companies, private railroads, and rail transit systems.

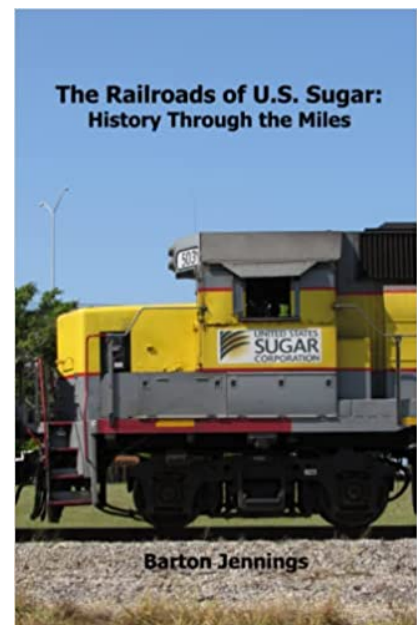
Dr. Jennings has presented at several industry conferences and has written a number of books and articles on the railroad industry. Dr. Jennings has also managed four week-long railroad conventions and has chartered and managed passenger trains on more than 50 railroads in more than 25 states and has written the route guide for each of these events. He was a part of the committee that started the Secret City Scenic Railroad in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and remains an active participant in both the professional railroad industry, as well as the railroad tourism industry.

Dr. Jennings' book *History Through the Miles: the Railroads of US Sugar* provides a history of the company, as well as the route and the communities served by the company. Jennings' presentation will feature history and images of his recent release about US Sugar's impressive railroad system.

The Sugar Express is an outreach, education, and tourism program of U.S. Sugar featuring restored steam locomotive No. 148. Sugar Express' staff will be on hand at the presentation to answer questions and provide information about the historic steam locomotive No. 148.

The Clewiston Museum is a private not-for-profit that relies on donations, grants, the support of its members, and fundraising events to remain in operation. It is located at 109 Central Avenue in Clewiston and the hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Saturday hours are by appointment only.

Contact the museum at 863-983-2870 or via email at clewistonmuseum@embarqmail.com.





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PBSC News

Gingerbread Land Event Starts New



2022 Gingerbread Land Winners



Vera Valerio - Outreach Coordinator

Holiday Tradition

Gingerbread Land, held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Dec. 15, was a beautiful night of sweet treats, gourmet donuts, games, dancing and, of course, a gingerbread house decorating contest. Fifteen families, with children ages 3 and above, came from Belle Glade, Clewiston, South Bay, Pahokee and Wellington to participate in the event. The winners, Wyatt and Payton Allen from Clewiston, assisted by their mother Zulma, created a cute “hurricane house” and won the hearts of the judges. They received the top prize of a holiday bingo set for the family.

Gingerbread Land was co-sponsored by Habitat for Humanity Palm Beach County. Felicia Duce, neighborhood revitalization community outreach coordinator for Habitat for Humanity’s Belle Glade office, gave a presentation on building houses in the Glades and the services the organization provides for those in need. Duce also donated delicious gourmet donuts.

The event was organized by Vera Valerio, the Dolly Hand’s new outreach coordinator, who joined the theatre staff in September, bringing expertise in event management.

“Gingerbread Land was such a big success that I’m already thinking of ways to bring it back next December, bigger and better. We can’t wait to make this a new Glades holiday tradition,” Valerio said. “We thank the families that participated—we loved having you here.

[Text Link](#)



THE WORLD OF *Musicals*

The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center presents "The World of Musicals"

The music of Broadway returns to the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Monday, Jan. 23 at 7pm. *The World of Musicals* is "all of the hits in one show" - an emotional journey through the great world of musicals which will leave you spell bound. Enjoy beautiful and emotional ballads from "Evita" and "Les Miserables", great favorites from "Dirty Dancing", "We Will Rock You" and "The Lion King" and hits from the newer musicals such as "Rocky" and "Sister Act". There's something in this show for everyone!

Come early to the performance and enjoy the beautiful photography exhibit of islands around the world by Kari and Jeux McCormick.

Tickets for *The World of Musicals* can be purchased online at www.Dollyhand.org., calling the theatre at 561-993-1160 or by visiting the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Box Office located on the Palm Beach State College/Glades Campus at 1977 SW College Drive in Belle Glade.

Check out the calendar for Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center [here](#)

Interested In More Events?



We have more events going on this month! Check out our updated events calendar by clicking [here](#).

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Have any News to Share?

How about an announcement that you would like make, then let us know!

Just contact us by the 20th of the month and we will place it in the newsletter for the following month.

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