

## The Latest News!

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# Chamber Chatter

A Publication of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce



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## 2023 Chamber Banquet Recap



**Take a quick glimpse at our 2023 Awards Banquet!**

**January Breakfast in a Snapshot!**



# Chamber Breakfast

Great  
information from Dr.  
Matt VanWeelden of  
EREC .

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BELLE GLADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
& VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

## Leadership Glades Class

January 18, 2023 was Agriculture and Agribusiness Day for the Leadership Glades Class.



The day was filled with tours of King Ranch Sod, Duda Farms, Orsenigo Farms, Everglades Research & Education Center, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, and TKM. This action packed day was designed to familiarize them with the day-to-day challenges of agriculture and agribusiness in the Glades.

# Leadership Government & Judicial Day 2022-2023





## New & Renewing Members



*We would like to welcome our new chamber members:*

**Belle Glade Dental Group  
Mr. Auto Insurance of Belle Glade  
Victory Nursing Inc.  
Jaws Seafood and Chicken Belle Glade**

**Stay tuned - next month we will be spotlighting them!**



**Atlantic Pacific Insurance  
Belle Glades Lions Club  
Boys & Girls Club of the PB  
Cee Bee Produce  
Comfort Air Conditioning & Sheet Metal  
Donia Roberts, PA  
Farm Credit of S FL ACA**

**There's a New Restuarant in Town!  
Grand Opening- March 6th**

**An Interview with Onaney  
Pulles, owner and  
President of El Rinconcito**

Inc.

**Tell us about your business.**

My business is a restaurant called Taqueria El Rinconcito Mexicano. It has a very Mexican name because my business partner, and chef, is Mexican as well. We currently have a food truck that has been operating for three years here in the city of Belle Glade next to Bravo Supermarket. The truck is a very successful little business that gave us the big push to expand our idea of taking our business to the next level. El Rinconcito INC is a dream come true. It took us a year to rebuild a 30-year-old restaurant, “Mi Tierra”, into the beauty we have today.

**Does your business have a mission/vision?**

We decided to bring a new concept to our customers, something fresh and modern, cozy, and familiar. Our vision is to offer an excellent customer experience and the satisfaction of our community is our main priority.

**Tell us about your management team.**

As a new business, we have a small work staff. I, Onaney Pulles am the owner and president of the corporation and my partner, and chef, is the vice president. Additionally, we have two employees on the floor and a chef assistant.

Why did you decide to join the chamber?  
I really didn't know I could be part of the chamber, but my friends told me about this great opportunity, and I took it. Friends from the city of Belle Glade and business owners in the community. I think is a very positive way of support my business and the city as well.

**Is there something special about your business that you would like to share?**

Something special about my business is that it was created by two friends, with different nationalities, point of views, different idiosyncrasy, but with one idea in common, to serve and to change the concept of a small town. You don't need to travel to other cities to find decent food, better prices, and fun!

**Name a “fun fact” about your business.**

A fun fact about El Rinconcito is that it was a “One Day Decision”. We didn't think about how much money we would spend in fixing a 30-year-old restaurant, or how long it would take us to renew every wall, or how many permits we would need, we just knew that dreams come true and that we had to use opportunities wisely. The secret to success is to hug every one of them in the perfect



**Taqueria El Rinconcito Mexicano**

1624 Gator Blvd.

Belle Glade, FL 33430

Phone: 561-983-8086

Instagram: [el\\_rinconcito\\_mexicano\\_2](#)

Email: [onypulles1986@gmail.com](mailto:onypulles1986@gmail.com)

Hours: Mon- Fri 7am-10pm

[Download Menu Here](#)



moment and people that do not take risks loose the chance of the their life.





Habitat for Humanity News





Greg Brown, Jennifer Thomason, Julia Murphy and Tara Okler

## Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County Come Together to Form Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County

**Palm Beach County, FL** (January 23, 2023) Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County and Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County are thrilled to announce that they have joined forces to form a new and consolidated affiliate, **Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County!** This strategic collaboration brings together resources, skillsets, and strengths to serve the community better while remaining laser-focused on its mission.

Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County, dedicated to building strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter, will be headquartered in Delray Beach and serve all of Palm Beach County. The newly formed Habitat affiliate is projected to build 20 homes in Palm Beach County in 2023 and now operates five Habitat ReStores in the county.

"This is an exciting time for all of us at Habitat," said Jennifer C. Thomason, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County. "To be able to become one Habitat affiliate for our community in such a unified and productive way is truly incredible. Together we will have a greater impact on our Habitat partner families, volunteers, donors, supporters, neighbors and the community as a whole."

As the two well-established affiliates merge into one, the combined impact is impressive with 420 homes built, and 721 homes revitalized through A Brush With

Kindness and Critical Repairs programs. Over 1,100 families and individuals have been served and that number continues to grow.

**About Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County:**

Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County is a 501(c)(3) organization and an affiliate of a global nonprofit, Habitat for Humanity International serving Palm Beach County. Families and individuals in need of a safe, decent, and affordable housing partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit [habitatgreaterpbc.org](http://habitatgreaterpbc.org)



Habitat for Humanity greater Palm Beach County.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS**





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## Glades Area

- 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

# Hailey Dansby

***Gateway Communities Coordinator, Florida Trail Association***

**“Connecting People with Places: How Heritage and Hospitality Go Hand in Hand with Florida’s Outdoors”**

The Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST) is reopening, and the museum is gearing up to be a partner! As part of the Florida Trail Association (FTA)'s system and the 1600-mile Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST), it is sure to be a popular destination for hikers.



The FTA's Gateways Communities Coordinator Hailey Dansby will speak on the program's mission and its partnership with the museum as a Trail Support Partner of Clewiston, FTA's southernmost Gateway Community. She will discuss the history of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST) and its incorporation into the FNST.

***Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM***

***Clewiston Museum***

***109 Central Ave, Clewiston, FL***

***863-983-2870***



**PBSC News**



# Panther's Closet opens at PBSC Belle Glade campus

FEBRUARY 3, 2023 | BY TABATHA B. McDONALD

Palm Beach State College recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially mark the opening of its new Panther's Closet on the Belle Glade campus, where students can buy new or gently used clothes, shoes and accessories for \$1.

The celebration on Jan. 31 was attended by dozens of students, faculty and staff, as well as elected officials and community leaders and partners. Among them were Belle Glade Mayor

Steve Wilson and Vice Mayor Joaquin Almazan; South Bay Mayor Joe Kyles and Vice Mayor Betty Bernard; and Teri Mitze, legislative aide to State Rep. Rick Roth.

With this student resource housed in the Technical Education Center, PBSC now has a Panther's Closet on three of its five campuses, including Lake Worth and Palm Beach Gardens. Plans are underway to open a Panther's Closet at the Boca Raton campus.



*Tanjarnika Coleman-Ferrell, Ed.D., vice president of academic affairs; President Ava L. Parker, J.D., Marcella Montesinos, Honors College director, LaTanya McNeal, executive dean of the PBSC Belle Glade campus, Ahonna Akiyah Blake, Student Trustee Lorena Martin Reyes and Trustee Carolyn L. Williams celebrate the opening of the College's third Panther's Pantry. Click the image to view more photos.*

“At Palm Beach State College, we are caring for the whole student by making resources available that help ensure greater success in their student and life journeys,” said Ava L. Parker, J.D., PBSC president.

Parker applauded LaTanya McNeal, Ed.D., executive dean of the Belle Glade campus, and Kimberly Lancaster, dean of academic affairs for the Belle Glade and Loxahatchee Groves campuses, for their leadership and thanked elected officials and community partners for their support of the initiative and the College.

Panther’s Closet is run by students from the [Dr. Floyd F. Koch Honors College](#) who are enrolled in a one-credit hour community-based learning course where they gain customer service, management, sales and team-building skills. They can take the course up to three times.

Alumna Aliyah Blake took the course three semesters. While she worked at the Lake Worth campus Panther’s Closet, she assisted with setting up the Belle Glade facility and attended the ribbon-cutting. The aspiring nurse graduated from PBSC last December and is planning to attend FIU in the fall. “It’s a lot of work, but you gain real-world experience and help a lot of students,” she said. “When you are in college you have to make ends meet, so it’s good to have a place where you can go to get affordable clothes for any occasion.”

Trustee Wendy Link proposed the idea for Panther’s Closet in 2016 after attending an Association of Community College Trustees conference, and in March 2017 the College [launched its first one](#) in a refurbished classroom on the Lake Worth campus with a portion of a \$45,000 gift from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. HPS Schönox, Tandus Centiva and Commercial Flooring Distributors donated supplies for the refurbishing.

Through the years, the College has gained support for Panther’s Closet, which also is open to faculty and staff to purchase and donate items. Among the partners is [Tide Cleaners](#), which serves as a drop-off location for clothing at its Boca Raton, Delray beach, Parkland and Wellington locations. It cleans and then distributes the clothes to the College.

Carolyn Williams, chair of the PBSC District Board of Trustees, was among the speakers at the celebration. “Dressing for success has never been more affordable,” she said. “The board is very much appreciative of all of the community support that comes to the College and various campuses.”









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- Financial Aid: [palmbeachstate.edu/FinancialAid](http://palmbeachstate.edu/FinancialAid)
- Take TABE test (or prove exemption by submitting transcript when meeting with Program Advisor)
- Meet with Program Director & Advisor: Andraes Alexander, Associate Dean  
561-993-1137  
[alexanda@palmbeachstate.edu](mailto:alexanda@palmbeachstate.edu)
- Email Program Advisor to schedule meeting: [CCPAdiving@palmbeachstate.edu](mailto:CCPAdiving@palmbeachstate.edu)
- Register for classes (as directed by Program Advisor)

### Resources

- TABE test: If it is required, take at Testing Center. [palmbeachstate.edu/Testing](http://palmbeachstate.edu/Testing)  
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Starting Fall 2022

## Diesel Systems Technician

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**This program is accredited by the ASE Education Foundation.**

### Course Sequence

AER0033 - Employability Skills	DIM0501 - Diesel Steering & Suspension
DIM0010 - Diesel Engine/Technician Helper	DIM200 - Diesel Drivetrain Systems (Lake Worth Only)
DIM0320 - Diesel Electrical & Electronics	DIM0210 - Diesel Powertrain Systems (Belle Glade Only)
DIM0150 - Diesel Engine Technician	DIM0611 - Diesel Heating & Air Conditioning
DIM0321 - Diesel Engine Performance	DIM0151 - Diesel Preventive Maintenance Technician
DIM0111L - Truck Technician Lab 1	DIM0400 - Diesel Hydraulics Technician
DIM0132 - Diesel Brake Systems	DIM0940L - Diesel Work-based Learning Practice

<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Day:</b> Mon - Fri   7:30 am - 3 pm (Fridays: 7:30 - 11:30 am) <b>Evening:</b> Mon - Thurs   5:30 - 10:30 pm (Belle Glade campus)
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Approx. \$3,986</b> for Florida Residents. Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify.
<b>Total Time</b>	<b>1,050 hours   Day: 11 months</b> <b>Evening: 15 months</b>



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TRIO Upward Bound Glades Program

Upward Bound Glades Region is 100% funded by THE U.S Department of Education. The grant award at Palm Beach State College for 2022-2023 is \$287,537.00. All services are FREE.





## *Bringing the Arts to Life!*

### **Sounds of Soul**

**Thursday, March 16 at 7pm**



Get ready to relive the hits of Motown and beyond, as this exciting, high-energy group unleashes superior vocals and slick dance moves powered by pure soul! The Sounds of Soul is composed of six seasoned performers who have excelled as outstanding singers, dancers, and songwriters. Get ready to soak in the hits of The Four Tops, Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, The Supremes, Lionel Richie, Tina Turner, Barry White, and more. The Sounds of Soul are a must see for audiences of all ages!



### **The Kingdom Choir**

**Tuesday, March 21 at 7pm**



London's The Kingdom Choir™ is best known for their show stopping performance of *Stand By Me* at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in 2018. Founded in 1994 by award-winning conductor Karen Gibson, the group draws from various Christian traditions and is dedicated to creating a sound that reflects the community they share through their warm energy and enthusiastic performances.



**For tickets, call the Box Office: 561-993-1160 / visit 1977 SW College Drive, Belle Glade**

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

# GEO LUNCHEON

# SECOND CHANCE LUNCHEON



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OUR  
EMPLOYMENT  
PARTNERS**

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**MARCH 10, 2023**

**HOSTED BY:**  
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**10:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.**

**Location:**

**600 US HWY 27  
SOUTH BAY, FL. 33493  
(561) 992-9505**

**RSVP: By 2/28/2023**

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**April 13, 2023 | 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

Lomax Harrelle Pavillion  
Torry Island, Belle Glade, FL 33430

### SCHEDULE

#### INTRODUCTION

**11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

#### PRESENTATION

**11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

#### NETWORKING & LUNCH

**12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

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**Belle Glade Library Events!**



# March Programs Belle Glade Branch

**2023**

Legend: • **Adult** • **Teen** • **Children**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 • 6 pm Internet Search Basics	2 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way • 2:30 pm Anime Club	3 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way	4 • 11 am Women Around The World Storytime
5	6 • 2 pm Medical Mondays: Eliminating the Stigma of Mental Health • 6 pm English Exchange	7 • 11 am Baby Explorers! • 2:45 pm Video Game Day!	8 • 5 pm College Round Table • 5 pm Calm Down Wednesday • 6 pm Mouse Basics	9 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way • 2 pm Anime Club	10 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way • 11 am Sensory Power Hour • 3 pm Movie Matinee: The Addams Family 2	11 • 11 am Ideas Around the World Storytime • 2 pm B-Movie Matinee - Leprechaun (1993)
12	13 • 6 pm English Exchange	14 • 5 pm Children's English Workshop Baby Explorers! • 6 pm High Tea Book Club Discussion!	15 • 5 pm Children's Playtime Hour • 6 pm Keyboard/Typing Basics Baby Explorers!	16 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way • 2:30 pm Bilingual Storytime • 2 pm Anime Club	17 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way • 2 pm Crafternoon: Shamrock Garden	18 • 9 am Arts in My Backyard
19	20 • 2:30 pm VR Games Showcase • 6 pm English Exchange	21 • 3 pm Children's Playtime Hour • 6 pm Computadoras: Básico	22 • 5 pm Wind Down Wednesday • 6 pm Secure Email Basics	23 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way • 2 pm Belle Glade Branch 10th Anniversary Celebration • 2 pm Anime Club	24 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way • 3:30 pm Board Game Night!	25 • 2 pm Genealogy Research Session
26	27 • 6 pm English Exchange • 6 pm Excel Basic: Functions & Formulas (Via Zoom)	28 • 5 pm Make your own Manga Collage • 6 pm Ratón de Computadora: Básico	29 • 2:45 pm American Sign Language Social • 6 pm Secure Browser Basics	30 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way • 2 pm Anime Club	31 • 10:30 am VITA Free Tax Help - United Way • 2:45 pm Movie Matinee: Sing 2	



HAPPY  
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DAY

(561)-996-3453  
Sun: 12 pm - 5 pm  
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# Activities & Classes – March 2023

Unless noted, activities are on a first-come, first-served basis. Call/visit the branch to preregister.

**Clarence E. Anthony Branch:** 375 SW 2nd Avenue, South Bay 33493 Phone: 561-992-8393

## ADULT

### ASL for Beginners

Sat, Mar 04 & 18, 2:00 pm ⓘ

Learn basic American Sign Language (ASL) with deaf staff member Mrs. Nelsy. Lessons include learning the ABC alphabet, Deaf culture, spring signs and ASL one-on-one. (45 min.) Preregister.

### DIY Suncatcher Wind Chimes

Mon, Mar 06, 5:00 pm

Decorate your own wind chime and listen to the music it makes when the wind blows. (60 min.)

### Women's History Month Trivia

Wed, Mar 08, 4:30 pm ⓘ ⓘ

Raise awareness of Deaf women who changed the world through their contributions to politics, activism, etc. with some trivia. Snacks provided. (60 min.)

### DIY St. Patrick's Day Craft

Wed, Mar 15, 5:00 pm ⓘ 🍀

(60 min.)

## CHILD

### Friendship Bracelets

Sat, Mar 04, 10:30 am ⓘ

Make creative handmade gifts for your friends! (30 min.) Preregister.

### Women's History Month Storytime

Sat, Mar 11, 10:30 am ⓘ ⓘ

Learn about influential women in history! (30 min.) Preregister.

### Haiku & You

Sat, Mar 18, 10:30 am ⓘ

Write your own haiku, a Japanese poem type. Beginners welcome. (30 min.) Preregister.

### Kids' Graphic Novel Club

Sat, Mar 25, 10:30 am ⓘ

Talk about your favorite graphic novels and get new recommendations. (30 min.) Preregister.

## TEEN

### Anime Club

Fri, Mar 03, 3:30 pm ⓘ

Watch and discuss a selection of anime. Ages 12-18. (45 min.) Preregister.

### Retro Gaming Friday: Super Mario Bros.

Fri, Mar 10, 3:30 pm ⓘ

Celebrate Mario Day with a fast-paced competition — speed-run the classic game with the fastest time and you can win a prize. Ages 12-18. (45 min.) Preregister.

### Feminist Poetry Discussion

Fri, Mar 17, 3:30 pm ⓘ ⓘ

Participate in recitation and analysis of contemporary feminist poetry, including works by BIPOC and LGBTQ+ writers. Reading list provided via email after registration. Ages 12-18. (45 min.) Preregister.

ⓘ = Women's History Month

🍀 = St. Patrick's Day

**Loula V. York Branch:** 525 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee 33476 Phone: 561-924-5928

## ADULT

### English Exchange

Thursdays, 10:00 am

Practice speaking English in a fun and informal atmosphere. Intermediate knowledge of the language is recommended. Snacks provided. (2 hr.)

### Bingo Night

Wed, Mar 08, 4:30 pm ⓘ

Come for a fun game of bingo! Winner will receive a prize. Ages 12 & up. (45 min.)

## CHILD

### Let's Try: Peanut Butter Snacks!

Wed, Mar 01, 5:30 pm ⓘ

Do you love peanut butter? Taste test different peanut butter snacks with us for National Peanut Butter Lover's Day! Ages 8 & up. (30 min.)

### Super Saturday Storytime!

Sat, Mar 04, 18 & 25, 11:00 am

Fun, interactive storytimes and creative activities for children and their parents! Ages 5-12. (45 min.)

### Preschool Storytime!

Tue, Mar 07 & 14, 10:00 am

Stories, music and simple crafts! Ages 3-5. (45 min.)

### Bingo Night

Wed, Mar 08, 4:30 pm ⓘ

Come for a fun game of bingo! Winner will receive a prize. Ages 12 & up. (45 min.)

## TEEN

### Let's Try: Peanut Butter Snacks!

Wed, Mar 01, 5:30 pm ⓘ

Do you love peanut butter? Taste test different peanut butter snacks with us for National Peanut Butter Lover's Day! Ages 8 & up. (30 min.)

### Anime Club

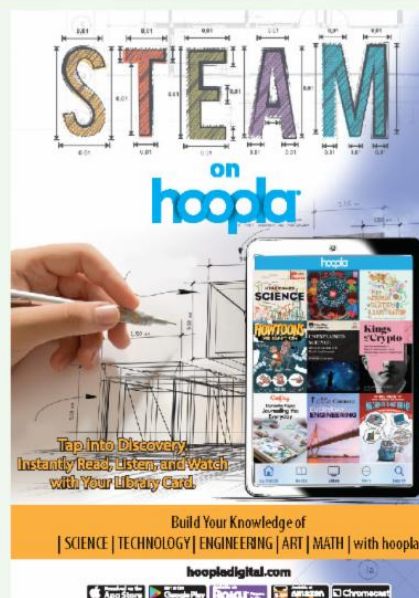
Tuesdays, 3:30 pm ⓘ

Watch anime shows and discuss different topics while enjoying tasty snacks! Snacks provided. Ages 12 & up. (60 min.)

### Beautiful Flowers

Wed, Mar 15, 5:30 pm

Prepare for National Flower Day by creating beautiful tissue paper flowers. Ages 12 & up. (30 min.)



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