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Bigger every year, Youth Livestock auction in Clewiston used to be too pricey for all except top businessmen. Now, everybody goes to support the kids.



Vocation education in county growing “exponentially,” director Mike Swindle reports

SPECIAL TO THE SUNDAY NEWS

LaBELLE, FL (Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018) — Hendry County’s new vocational education program, director Mike Swindle (below, file photo) reported to the Board of Education tonight, “with some very forward-thinking leadership, with our principals, Mr. Kelley and Mr. Sanchez, and with our superintendent, “is growing exponentially.”

He said principals have aggressively pursued the vocational ed program, recognizing the benefit of the industry certifications, and putting the right teachers in place that make sense for Hendry County, such as nursing, computer skills, and in agriculture. The top industry certification teacher was Mr. Lutenhouse at LaBelle Middle School.

The certification curriculum is designed by industry, with the intent of turning out students who meet industry expectations.

This month, February, Swindle told the board, a certified nursing assistant program for adults would begin, expecting 42 people who’ve reserved spots to fill the first 15 openings.

The state program under which Swindle functions “has’t been around very long, maybe six years, maximum,” he notes.

“Our number of industry-certified students in the district the previous year was about 120,” Swindle reported. By the end of last year, the number of industry certifications of Hendry county students had swollen to more than 380.

Their certifications are responsible for about \$75,000 in revenue to the district from the industry funders. He said \$149,000 has been received. The income has to be reinvested into the program “so that students can continue to learn the skills for industry certification.”

Swindle went on, “Some phenomenal things are happening, and both principals are aware of them.

“All principals are looking at it, realizing the benefit, and continuing to position themselves for growth.”

“We’ve expanded our class for welding opportunities, and enlarged the class for adults, and allowed high school students to enroll with them, and added a diesel and industrial mechanics unit.”

Remaining Swamp Cabbage festival event schedule

Sunday, February 25th

8:30 am – River Cruise Heritage Museum, Barron Park Riverfront

9:00 am – Park opens to visitors

10:00 am – Press On

10:30 am – Roger Jokela

11:00 am – River Cruise Heritage Museum, Barron Park Riverfront

11:15 am – 2018 Queen and Princess Intro & Performances

11:30 am – Ayla Lynn

12:15 pm – Sugar Lime Blue

1:00 pm – Hendry County Cattlemen’s Youth Rodeo

Hendry County Rodeo Grounds

1:00 pm – The Dance Company

1:30 pm – River Cruise Heritage Museum, Barron Park Riverfront

2:00 pm – 64 to Grayson Gospel Band

2:45 pm – Athletic Ambitions

3:15 pm – Tru Country Band

4:00 pm – River Cruise Heritage Museum, Barron Park Riverfront

Park Entertainment ends 4pm



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