

NEWSLETTER#26

AFTER ALMOST TWO YEARS GLADES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL HAS CHANGED HIS MIND ON SEPTIC TANKS IN UNIT 102. UNTIL NOW THE LOTS IN UNIT 102 COULD NOT GET A BUILDING PERMIT FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT EVEN WITH THE WATER LINES INSTALLED BECAUSE HE SAID THE LOTS WERE TOO SMALL. THE GLADES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGREED WITH HENDRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO ALLOW BUILDING ON THOSE LOTS WHEN WE GOT THE WATER LINES INSTALLED. THE HEALTH DEPT. OFFICIAL FORGOT THAT AGREEMENT FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS. OH WELL, ALL IS WELL THAT ENDS WELL. ALL LOTS IN UNIT 102 ARE BUILDABLE.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS NOW ACTIVE IN HENDRY COUNTY HAVING COMPLETED ONE HOUSE IN CLEWISTON AND JUST ABOUT TO COMPLETE THEIR FIRST HOUSE IN PORT LABELLE. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAS STARTED IN 1976 BY MILLARD AND LINDA FULLER. IN 1984 FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER AND HIS WIFE ROSALYNN TOOK THEIR FIRST HABITAT WORK TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY. THEIR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN HABITAT BROUGHT THE ORGANIZATION NATIONAL VISIBILITY AND TODAY HABITAT BUILDS AN AVERAGE OF ONE HOME PER DAY WORLDWIDE. WE IN HENDRY COUNTY ARE ON A PERIOD OF PROBATION WHICH MEANS WE ARE A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION AFFILIATED WITH AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LEE COUNTY. WHEN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LEE COUNTY FEELS WE ARE READY THEY WILL TAKE OUR AFFILIATE STANDING AWAY AND PUT US ON OUR OWN.

USING VOLUNTEER LABOR AND TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS OF MONEY, LOTS AND BUILDING MATERIALS, HABITAT BUILDS AND REHABILITATES HOUSES WITH THE HELP OF FUTURE HOMEOWNERS, HABITAT'S PARTNER FAMILIES. HOUSES ARE SOLD TO PARTNER FAMILIES FOR NO PROFIT, FINANCED THROUGH AFFORDABLE, NO-INTEREST MORTGAGES. MORTGAGES ARE ISSUED OVER A FIXED PERIOD, USUALLY 20 YEARS. MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENTS ARE USED TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE HOUSES THROUGH THE REVOLVING FUND OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

I AM ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF HENDRY COUNTY. MY JOB IS TO GET BUILDING LOTS DONATED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE YOUR PORT LABELLE LOT(S) AND GET A LETTER FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR A TAX WRITE-OFF IN THE AMOUNT OF THE ASSESSED VALUE ON YOUR TAX BILL. WE CAN'T TAKE LOTS IN BANYAN VILLAGE. LOTS WITH THE TAXES PAID WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO HABITAT AT NO COST TO YOU. WE JUST NEED A FEW LOTS SO LET ME HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE YOUR LOT(S).

OUR WATER PLANT MUST MAINTAIN QUALITY WITH QUANTITY AND THIS IS GETTING HARDER TO DO AS OUR WATER PLANT GETS OLDER. AT OUR LAST PLUS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING WE DECIDED TO GO FORWARD WITH A NEW BUILDING AND THE MOST UP TO DATE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AVAILABLE. THIS SYSTEM CAN BE ADDED TO AS OUR DEMAND GROWS. THIS EXPANSION HAD TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER SO WE DECIDED TO DO IT NOW AND STOP PATCHING AN OLD WORN OUT SYSTEM.

THE FOLLOWING WAS GIVEN TO US ON OUR VACATION IN MAY OF THIS YEAR. IT WAS PREPARED BY OUR TOUR DIRECTOR ROGER T. JOHNSON AND IS GIVEN TO YOU FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT.

HISTORY OF THE EARTH

4.6 BILLION YEARS AGO – FORMATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND CREATION OF THE EARTH
4.2 BILLION YEARS AGO – EMERGENCE OF PRIMITIVE LIFE
3.5 BILLION YEARS AGO – OXYGEN ENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE
2 BILLION YEARS AGO - FORMATION OF THE EARLIEST ROCK IN THE AMERICAN WEST
425 MILLION YEARS AGO- OLDEST KNOWN MASS EXTINCTION
365 MILLION YEARS AGO – SECOND OLDEST KNOWN MASS EXTINCTION
285 MILLION YEARS AGO – APPEARANCE OF CONIFEROUS TREES
270 MILLION YEARS AGO – EMERGENCE OF MODERN INSECTS
250 MILLION YEARS AGO – FORMATION OF LATEST ROCK IN THE GRAND CANYON
230 MILLION YEARS AGO – APPEARANCE OF FIRST DINOSAURS
225 MILLION YEARS AGO – THIRD OLDEST, AND MOST VIOLENT, MASS EXTINCTION, ERASING 95% OF ALL SPECIES, FOLLOWED BY EMERGENCE OF FIRST MAMMALS
190 MILLION YEARS AGO – FOURTH OLDEST KNOWN MASS EXTINCTION
170 MILLION YEARS AGO – APPEARANCE OF FIRST BIRDS, PROBABLY EVOLVED FROM DINOSAURS
100 MILLION YEARS AGO – FORMATION OF BLACK HILLS
80 MILLION YEARS AGO – APPEARANCE OF MODERN MAMMALS
75 MILLION YEARS AGO – FORMATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS
73 MILLION YEARS AGO – EMERGENCE OF FIRST PRIMATES
70 MILLION YEARS AGO – SOUTH AMERICA SPLITS FROM AFRICA AND DRIFTS WEST
65 MILLION YEARS AGO – DINOSAURS BECOME EXTINCT
60 MILLION YEARS AGO – MOLTEN MAGMA FORMED CORE OF DEVILS TOWER
55 MILLION YEARS AGO – FORMATION OF BIGHORN MOUNTAINS
45 MILLION YEARS AGO – ALASKA SPLITS FROM ASIA AND DRIFTS EASTWARD
30 MILLION YEARS AGO – FORMATION OF THE ALPS AND HIMALAYAS
20 MILLION YEARS AGO – APPEARANCE OF FIRST HOMINIDS
10 MILLION YEARS AGO – BEGINNING OF CARVING OF BRYCE CANYON AND THE GRAND CANYON
9 MILLION YEARS AGO - GRAND TETONS BEGIN RISING
2 MILLION YEARS AGO - FIRST OF THREE CATASTROPHIC VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS THAT PRODUCED YELLOWSTONE
1.2 MILLION YEARS AGO – SECOND OF CATASTROPHIC VOLCANIC THAT PRODUCED YELLOWSTONE
1 TO 2 MILLION YEARS AGO-DRAMATIC SHRINKING OF LAKE BONNEVILLE, A HUGE FRESHWATER LAKE, WHICH LEFT A MUCH SMALLER BODY OF WATER-GREAT SALT LAKE- WITH NO OUTLET TO THE SEA AND THUS INCREASING SALINITY
600,000 YEARS AGO – THIRD OF CATASTROPHIC VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS THAT PRODUCED YELLOWSTONE, SPEWING 240 CUBIC MILES OF DEBRIS AND COLLAPSING CENTRAL PORTION OF THE PARK, A 28 BY 47 MILE CALDERA
500,000 TO 50,000 YEARS AGO-BEGINNINGS OF DEVELOPMENT OF HOMO SAPIENS
465,000 YEARS AGO – FIRE USED FOR HEATING AND COOKING
300,000 YEARS AGO – HOMO SAPIENS FIRST APPEAR IN SIBERIA
100,000 YEARS AGO – HOMO SAPIENS FIRST APPEAR IN AUSTRALIA
20,000 TO 12,500 YEARS AGO-LAST ICE AGE, WITH GLACIAL CREATION OF NORTH AMERICAN LAKES
12,500 YEARS AGO – FIRST AMERICANS CROSS LAND BRIDGE FROM ASIA TO THE AMERICAS
10,000 YEARS AGO – WARMING AND DRYING OF GLOBAL CLIMATE
6,000 YEARS AGO - EARLIEST BEGINNINGS OF RECORDED HUMAN HISTORY

I SAY AGAIN THIS WAS GIVEN TO US TO HELP UNDERSTAND TIMES OVER WHICH HISTORY IS FORMED AND I AM NOT REPRESENTING THIS AS BEING FACTUAL.

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