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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7th in the meeting room of the *Zephyrhills Public Library*, 5347 8th Street. The business meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and the program is at 6 p.m. Refreshments include drinks, which are provided, and food brought in to share by members.

<u>No Meeting in July</u>

Speakers



Our speaker for the June meeting was Dave Walters, who's been a member of our organization for the past few years. He has made contributions to our newsletter in the form of pictures and articles many times. We've seen his work other places as well. He was with the Zephyrhills News for years, and now finds his home at the Zephyrhills Free Press. I mentioned in last month's newsletter that I felt Dave had adopted Zephyrhills as his hometown, even though he was not born here. He corrected me in his presentation. He contends that the city adopted HIM, rather than the other way around. He talked about going to a football game when he first came to town and how impressed he was with the spirit of the community. He

reflected upon a cast of characters who welcomed him into the community and seemed genuinely thankful for their aid. He has shown repeatedly over the years how much he cares for our little city, and I think we are lucky to have Dave as one of us. We enjoyed his presentation very much.

Tuesday, July 17th, 4 p.m. is our next Dinner Out

at **Mike's Southern Table** (formerly Mike's Smokehouse) on 7th Street in **Zephyrhills**This is not a fundraiser. It's our replacement for the July meeting.





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Jeff Miller Pasco County Historian

For a walk down memory lane visit www.fivay.org

Please consider contributing old photos for the website.

My email address is on the opening page

ZHA Mission Statement

The mission of the Zephyrhills Historical Association is to research, gather, and share local historical information with all generations, through our literature, programs, and scholarships, and to volunteer assistance to the Zephyrhills Depot Museum and WWII Barracks Museum.

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Jeff Miller as Guest Speaker

shared by Madonna Jervis Wise

The next meeting of the Pasco County Historical Society will occur on <u>Friday</u>, <u>July 20</u>, <u>2018 at 7:00 p.m.</u> at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village at 15602 Pioneer Road, Dade City, Florida, 33523, in the Richard F. Lockey room of the main museum building.

The speaker for the July 20, 2018 meeting of the Pasco County Historical Society will be **Jeff Miller** on the topic: **Pasco County from the 1800s to today via the origins of the names of the towns appearing on historical maps**. His PowerPoint will include high resolution scans that answer questions such as the following:

- Whose idea was it in 1887 to name the new county for Samuel Pasco?
- Why was Hernando County divided into three counties instead of two, as originally planned?
- When the vote to name the permanent county seat was held in 1888, what town, which almost no one has heard of, came in second behind Dade City?
- What names of towns in Pasco County are unique in the United States?
- What town in Pasco County was named for a Washington D. C. post office official, to make sure the post office was granted?
- What proposed names for towns were rejected by the U. S. post office?
- Which towns in Pasco County were named for towns in other states?
- Which town is named for a German citizen and which were named for the hometowns of a German immigrant and a Russian immigrant?
- Which town is named for the heroine of a popular novel published in 1894? Jeff will answer all of these questions in his presentation on July 20 in the Lockey Room at the Pioneer Florida Museum.

Jeff will also lead a discussion of the origins of the names of the towns appearing on the maps that is sure to offer insights and information. He has worked for over 20 years on an extensive web site devoted to the history of Pasco County at www.fivay.org.

An impeccable researcher, he is tenacious and caring in his efforts to find multiple sources and present data to obtain an authentic and ethical view of historical events that have shaped our local history. A real treasure, Jeff is always there to work with us on historical projects, and preserving precious photos and information throughout Pasco County, said author, Madonna Jervis Wise.



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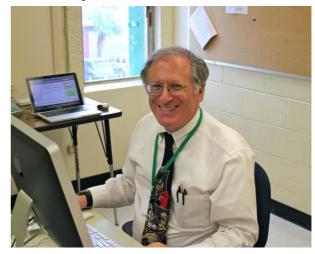
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Mr. Miller is on the board of the West Pasco Historical Society and has been honored by the Pasco County School Board and the Pasco County Commission for his historical

work and website. He also maintained the Gulf High web site and a web site on the history of mathematical terminology and symbols which are described by the British Society for the History of Mathematics as "very high quality" and "an excellent resource." Jeff has been instrumental in the development and operation of the West Pasco Historical Society Museum & Library.

Retired from Pasco County Schools where he served as a math teacher at Gulf High School from 1995 to 2017, he was named



teacher of the year in 2012. Mr. Miller taught Geometry Honors, Algebra II, and Advanced Topics in Mathematics, and sponsored the Math Honor Society, and in that capacity helped students prepare for numerous math competitions. He served on the board of the Florida Mu Alpha Theta for five years, editing the statewide math honor society newsletter.

Born in Beckley, W. Va., he attended Duke University and the University of South Florida. He also served in the U. S. Air Force, where he maintained electronic communications equipment.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:

Guests are welcome. A carry-in dinner precedes the program, so bring a dish to share as well as cutlery for your personal use, plate(s), (disposable is fine) and your beverage of choice.

LOCATION: The museum is located **1.3** miles north of downtown Dade City, at the corner of US 301 and Museum Road, turn east onto Museum Road and cross the railroad tracks. Go north (left) to Lemack Road to gate 4 turn right to the Mabel Jordan barn parking lot.

Special thanks to the Florida Pioneer Museum & Village that allows the Pasco County Historical Society to hold meetings at their facilities. Stephanie Black, Executive Director and the Board have been gracious in allowing the historical society to meet at their wonderful facility, which honors the history of Pasco County.

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The **48**th **ZHS Alumni, Teachers and Friends Reunion** was held on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at the Zephyrhills Lions Club. Over 200 classmates enjoyed a day of visiting and reminiscing about the "Good Ole Days"!!! President Jerry Pricher welcomed everyone and led in a moment of silence, blessing and pledge to the flag. A covered-dish luncheon was provided and lots of food was left over. After the luncheon, announcements and recognitions were given. Thanks to those who sent pictures to be included in the newsletter.



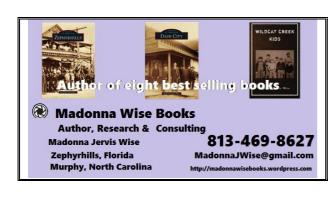
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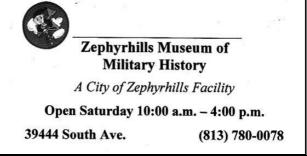
Sheri Harmeson, Lynn Nichols Timmons, Melanie Massey Foltz, Jerald Pricher, Betty Jo Turner Hyder, Bill Kustes, Judy Trebour Sibley, Harriett Morton Weicht, James Kretschmar & his little daughter, Sophia.

Missing from photo: Bill Baker and Joey Galyan



One of the Oldest Graduates – Margaret Karppe Chauncey, Class of 1944 With Youngest Graduate – Avyanna Galyan, Class of 2018







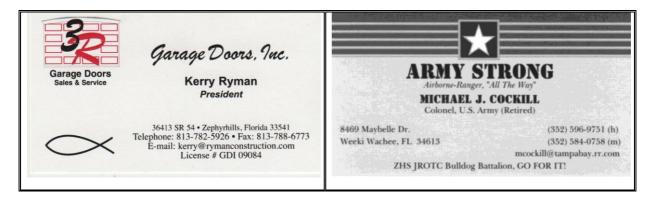
Another Oldest Graduate – Hazel Boatwright Massey, Class of 1946 along with Youngest Graduate – Avyanna Galyan, Class of 2018



Class of 1948 – 70th Reunion Fred Gore, Betty Jo Turner Hyder, Dick King



Class of 1958 - 60th Reunion





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Class of 1968 - 50th Reunion

Seated: Judy Brown Grimes, Elizabeth Jones Gude, Margie Champeau Poe, Beatrice Barrow Harvey Standing: Billy Dean, Mike Cleary, Duke Chadwell, Dan Pollock, Acie Ellerbe, Wayne Bodiford, Johnny Lanham, Ben Poe, Laura Achillich Farley, Gary Meyer, Judy Holt



Class of 1973 - 45th Reunion

Marty Jackson, Melanie Sanders Myers, James Meyer, Phyllis Jarrett Denney, David Calhoun, Judy Newman, Sandra Porter Geiger, Anne Eysaman Krystofiak, Judi Dunnigan, Clereen Morrill Brunty



Class of 1978 - 40th Reunion

Debby Bacon, Bruce Clark, Linda Thomas, Terry Duffield, Julie Shultz Arenas, Joey Galyan, Willa Bahr Chapman, Tricia Barrentine Guay, Teresa Moore Welsch, Robby Frost



Avyanna Galyan, Class of 2018 led the Alma Mater with President Jerry Pricher



James Kretschmar, ZHS Social Studies Teacher & Cross Country Coach, is sponsoring a support fundraiser for one of his track students, Zachary Springfield who is battling bone cancer.

