

TRACKS OF TIME

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

Speakers

Former Mayor of Zephyrhills Cliff McDuffie was unable to attend to be our speaker at the May meeting. We will have him as a speaker soon, perhaps in August.

There will be NO scheduled meeting in <u>July</u>.

Instead of having a meeting in July we are going to have a dinner, sort of a Christmas in July Celebration, Thursday, July 25th, 5 p.m., at the Wedgewood Manor Community Clubhouse, 37420 Wedgewood Drive (off Geiger Road). We have asked Gail Fisher to cater the affair for us, so there will be no need for folks to bring anything. The cost for the food will be ten dollars per person, as indicated at the meeting, but we will also need to come up with an additional fifty dollars to pay for rental on the clubhouse. Mark it on your calendars people. We hope you will join us!

In addition, we will be having a dinner out together at Village Inn in Zephyrhills at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July $10^{\rm th}$. Notice that this is a change from what we discussed in the business meeting. Several members thought it was better to visit Village Inn on Wednesday, rather than Friday, because of the free pie. Seems like a pretty good reason to me.

There will be NO Fundraisers at Sergio's in July or August.

Tuesday, September 17th, is our next Give-Back Scholarship Fundraiser at **Sergio's Italian Restaurant** on Hwy. 54 West in **Zephyrhills**. We are meeting at 4 p.m. Contact Patty Thompson (813-780-8559 – pattycakeclown1@aol.com) for information.



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ZHA Mission Statemen

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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ZHA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019

Over the past few years our organization has expanded our support of students from Zephyrhills High School to include previous recipients of our scholarships currently attending college. We made this change for basically two reasons. First, we became aware of and admired the way the Women's Club had always allowed students in college to continue to receive support. Secondly, we realized the many of the students we supported had several scholarships in their senior year of high school, but only a few of them received any assistance after that, even though their costs for school did not diminish. Our approach is somewhat different from that of the Women's Club in that we do not require a complete application from the college students. Instead, we simply ask them to send a note requesting our support and attaching their college transcript.

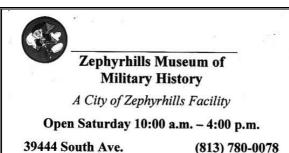
Louie Holt and his committee, Anna Boone and Andrew Nagy, did a terrific job this year in selecting our recipients. We were proud to present one-thousand dollar checks to Robyn Thomas, class of 2019, Annica Morgan, class of 2018, and Sarah First, class of 2017. We were all allowed to meet and greet these ladies at our June meeting, and I think everyone left this encounter with the feeling that we had given to a good cause. All three ladies are very impressive people!



Jerry Pricher and Robyn Thomas



Louie Holt and Robyn Thomas







Louie Holt and Annica Morgan



Louie Holt and Sarah First



Anna Boone, Louie Holt, Robyn Thomas, Annica Morgan, Sarah First, Andy Nagy

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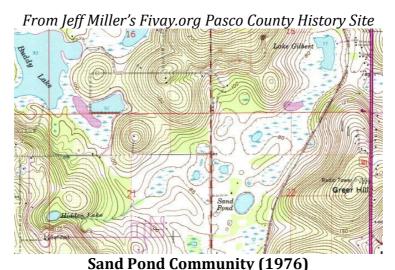
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From son James

God Bless America

Previous	Scholarship	p Recipients
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YEAR	TROTTMAN SCHOLARSHIP	ZHA Scholarship
2012	Julia Hines	Sean Morehouse
2013	Aisling Cooney	None
2014	Zac Winters	Kaitlin Greenough
2015	Shelbie Pollack	Dylan Kinsman
2016	Alexandra Harwell	Felicia Riggs
2017	Sarah First	Jasmine Sanchez
2018	Annica Morgan	Madison Reidenbach



This article is taken from East Pasco's Heritage (1976). **By ALICE DANIEL**

Isaac and Blanche Cripe, of Juniata County, Pa., came to Pasco County in 1911 with six younger children. They were accompanied by their older daughter and her family, Hazel and J. H. McKillips and children, Ruth, Pearl, and Harry. The six Cripe children at home were Carl, Cora, Grace, David, Alice (myself), and Ethel. Amsey was born in 1914. The Cripes settled near Sand Pond, six miles south of Dade City and four miles north of Zephyrhills, on Fort King Road. The Seaboard Airline depot was called Phelps, and the little post office was called Herndon. The McKillipses settled a mile north of our property on Phelps Road, which was the dividing line for school districts. The Cripe children had to attend school in Zephyrhills, and the McKillips children Sand Pond school. For one term our school district was in dispute, and we had to attend school in Greer. We walked a sand road a mile to this two-teacher school. The next year they allowed us to walk the three miles to the Zephyrhills school.



Through our nieces and nephew attending Sand Pond school we got acquainted with the LeHeup Sims families. Bill LeHeup was best man at my sister Grace's wedding in 1929. His brother was an attendant at our wedding in 1923. Clyde Simms was also was married in 1923, to Fred Himmelwright. Our friendship continued through the years during which we have all been members of First Baptist Church of Dade city.

In those days are entertainment was the Saturday night Literary Society where we gave speeches and recited poems. Sometimes we had pound parties, similar to our present covered-dish dinners. These were always held at night because everyone was hoeing corn or peanuts or picking peas to earn a living. There was no Social Security or Welfare in those days. There were no conveniences such as we have now. We had a pitcher pump, and had to pump all water for washday unless we could catch enough rain water in barrels. It was an all-day job to do the washing. Water was heated in an iron kettle in the yard, and the clothes washed on a washboard; these tools are seen only at the Pioneer Museum today.

There were no paved roads anywhere. It was not unusual to see oxen pulling heavily loaded wagons through the sand. Cattle and hogs roamed the woods unfenced; we had to fence our fields to keep them out instead of pastures to keep them in. The nearest industry was Greer Sawmill, a mile east of our property, where Barber Block plant is now located. There was also Powell's turpentine still half a mile south of us in the Phelps Station district. Mr. Mayo (whose son works at Circle B Meat Co. on Clinton Ave.) was the woods foreman over the men gathering the pine pitch or resin. There were beautiful virgin pine trees everywhere. The turpentine men would make little V-shaped notches to drain the pitch into small boxes. Then they would gather the pitch from these boxes and bring it in and distill it, much like the gathering of maple syrup we remembered back in Pennsylvania. After the pine trees had been drained of their pitch, they were cut down and hauled to Greer Sawmill and cut into lumber. Greer had narrow-gauge railroads running for miles around to bring in the pine logs.

Church was held in the Sand Pond school. We had Sunday School every Sunday and a visiting minister once a month. We were of the Brethren faith and adhered to six days of labor and rest and church on Sunday. Church members felt very close and helped each other in many ways. In 1913 my husband-to-be, Leonard Daniel, and his family came by covered wagon in fifty-three days from Houston County, Tennessee. They settled at Greer, where he and his brothers were employed. Mr. Greer's first wife was the sister of beloved Mrs. Fannie Sistrunk, later of First Baptist Church of Dade City. Her husband, Dr. R. D. Sistrunk, was our doctor. In 1914 Leonard and his older brother contracted typhoid fever. The brother died, and Leonard was bedfast for fourteen weeks. This was when I first met Leonard, since in those days neighbors helped with the sick and attended funerals. After these hard times the Daniel family returned to Tennessee.

In 1922 the College St. Baptist Church (as it was called then) made a drive to enlarge its Sunday School. The Moore boys and George Mitchell invited us to come. My sister Grace and I, and Ruth and Pearl McKillips, became affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Dade City at that time.

In 1923 Leonard Daniel and his brother came back to Pasco County. Leonard found that the little girl across the hill had grown up, and we were married in July 1923. We have four fine children living and one that went home to heaven in 1940. We have been members of First Baptist Church of Dade City since August 1961, and have been blessed in that fellowship, especially during our serious surgery in 1974.