

TRACKS OF TIME

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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5th 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



Our speaker for the February meeting was Duke Chadwell, who's been a member of our organization for awhile now but doesn't make it to a lot of meetings because he no longer resides in Zephyrhills. He spoke about his parents and his upbringing in our fair city. It was a refreshing walk down memory lane for those of us who were raised during the fifties and sixties, as well as those who were the adults we looked up to at the time, like Bill Kustes and Bob Porter. Those were optimistic times, and they were also a time when the city was still small. Duke remarked, as many of us remember, a child was a child of the city at the time. Most parents looked after kids from other households other than their own. Everyone seemed to look after one another. At least that's how Duke and I remember it.

Our speaker for the March meeting will be Lance Smith, current City Councilman and lifelong resident. I have asked Lance to talk about his family's rich history in our fair city. I know folks will find his insights interesting. We hope you'll join us!

Tuesday, March 19th, 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.
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For a walk down memory lane visit

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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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JOHNNY CASH

According to the recollection of Des Little, Ezra J. "Pop" Carter and "Mother" Maybelle Carter purchased this house in Port Richey in 1962. According to Jeff Cannon, county records indicate that the Carters bought the home in February 1966.



June Carter, daughter of Ezra and Maybelle Carter, married Johnny Cash in 1968. Johnny Cash visited Port Richey on numerous occasions. The photo above, from a post card postmarked in 1915, shows the historic house, which in the early days was owned by A. S. Leach and later Morgan Davis. The photo to the left shows the house in 2002.

Johnny Cash wrote, "The house itself is quiet and comfortable, and it's not at all grand in the manner of Cinnamon Hill or our main home on Old Hickory Lake. It's just a regular Florida family bungalow from the early part of this century — 1912, I believe — wood-framed, with painted clapboard and a big screen porch in front. That helps us feel less like celebrities, and the people in the neighborhood help in that regard, too. They're friendly, but they allow us our peace and quiet. Strangers knock on the door sometimes, wanting to say hello or get an autograph, but not often enough to bother us."

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This article appeared in the Pasco Times on June 9, 1978.

By LINDA PERRY

PORT RICHEY — “The man in black” put on a white shirt and joined his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Des Little, in their 41st wedding anniversary celebration here Wednesday night.

Singer Johnny Cash was on one of his frequent visits to Port Richey where his mother-in-law, Maybelle Carter, lives.



Cash relaxed with Little and his family at Little’s stilthouse on the gulf, where they “fished off the porch.” Later Cash and son John Carter Cash joined the Little family in an anniversary dinner at Guide’s restaurant in Port Richey.

Cash was greeted by many surprised patrons and excited employees of the restaurant.

Mike Preola, attending an Italian-American club meeting in the next

banquet room, greeted Cash and told *The Times* that singer June Carter and Cash had worked for him when he owned clubs in Europe featuring professional entertainment.

June Carter is Mrs. Cash.

Cash toasted Des and his wife Michaeline before dinner and was joined in the toast by the Little children, Gene, Terry, Peter and Mary, a son-in-law, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

The toast was returned along with good wishes for a speedy recovery for June Carter Cash. She is soon to be discharged from a hospital in Rochester, Minn., where she has been receiving therapy for a back ailment.

Little said he met Cash in 1962 when Cash’s future father-in-law, the late Ezra J. “Pop” Carter, bought a house in Port Richey. Cash visited June before they married.

Cash said he arrived Sunday in Port Richey and will return to his home in Hendersonville, Tenn. this weekend. He is here to visit his mother-in-law, relax and enjoy fishing for trout while on a three-week break from his own road show.

Cash has been fishing from here in the Gulf of Mexico for 15 years. He says whenever he goes fishing in the gulf, “I bum off him (Little) and use his boat,” which is also named Michaeline.

Cash, in white shirt, said “it’s too hot” to wear black, his customary garb when he performs.

After dinner and after the children were taken home and Cash changed into his traditional black, the party moved to the nearby Silver Spur nightclub (owned by one of Little’s sons) where Cash did what he’s most famous for — sing.

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Billy Bagwell and the Country Playboys, who were singing many of Cash's songs before Cash walked in, provided background for Cash. He opened with *Folsom Prison Blues* and a surprised, happy crowd took up the beat.

Pasco County Sheriff John Short was among the Cash fans who witnessed the singer's performance for Mr. and Mrs. Little. Little introduced Cash as having his own horses, road show and television shows, but Cash countered that he had no horses. He said singing was all he could afford to give to honor the couple on their anniversary. Cash is "one hell of a swell guy," Little said. He added that he knew Cash before he "was big."

"He came up the hard way," Little said. "He was a farmer and a share cropper (in Arkansas) and his dad was hard working." Cash added that he worked on a cotton farm.

Little, who can "call Johnny a real friend," said that Cash's visit "I made this occasion very nice."

Johnny Cash's Adopted Town Says Goodbye

Excerpts from an article that appeared in the Pasco Times on Sept. 13, 2002.

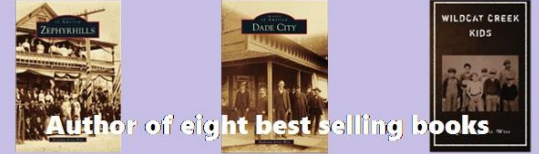

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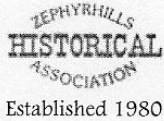
PORT RICHEY - Johnny Cash, the legendary country music artist who died Friday at age 71, will forever be remembered as the "Man in Black." But here in Port Richey, he shed the dark duds for shorts, T-shirts and a fishing pole.

Johnny Cash, his wife June Carter Cash, Rev. Billy Graham, his wife Ruth Bell Graham on the stilt house of W. D. "Des" Little in March 1976. *St. Petersburg Times* photo, from the collection at the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office.



"Everybody left him alone, and he enjoyed it because of that," said Port Richey City Council member Bill Bennett, who grew up near the Cash house. "He just loved to fish and relax - a down-to-earth, good ol' boy." Yet for as much as Cash saw Port Richey as a diversion, he embraced his adopted community, showing appreciation in ways both small and large, such as the benefit concerts he gave in the late 1970s. His visits to Port Richey date to the 1960s. Cash was a regular at Korman's marina. "He would buy shrimp, squid and mullet (for bait) and head off in his boat," remembered Jo Korman, 77. "Later you'd see him on the deck cleaning the fish."

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ZEPHYRHILLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 5TH, 2019

The Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the Zephyrhills Historical Association was called to order at 5:35 P.M. President Jerry Pricher gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the last meeting, which was on January 8, 2018, had been read by everyone in attendance in the newsletter. Rod Rehrig made a motion to approve them, seconded by Clereen Brunty and accepted by the group.

The Treasurer's Report for January 2019, was given by Andrew Nagy. Patty Thompson made a motion to approve the report as read, seconded by Terry Lindsey and agreed to by all.

Margaret Cherry introduced herself as our newest member.

Regarding Fundraising, Patty Thompson brought in flyers for the next dinner at Sergio's, which will be on February 19 at 4 P.M. The flyers are honored all day from 11 A.M. until 9 P.M.

Founders' Day is coming up in March with the theme being "Plains, Trains and Automobiles." Bob Porter will see to the vintage cars for the parade. We have reserved three spots and have asked for two safety vests for walkers. Patty also talked about decorations for the cars.

Jeff Reutimann was mentioned as a possible speaker for the future.

Louie Holt is chair of the Scholarship Committee and he will be checking with the high school to be sure they are using the correct form with his address on it. Deadline for submission is March 31, so we will establish a committee at our next meeting.

Jerry and Bill Kustes will be at the depot to let visitors into the caboose when the train guys have their Model Train Show and Swap Meet on March 16.

We voted to continue our participation in the Golf Tournament held at Scotland Yards by sponsoring a hole for \$45. The motion to do so was made by Bill Kustes, seconded by Clereen Brunty and agreed to by all.

The membership also voted to take \$3000 from our CD, which matures in February, and put it in normal operating funds. We also voted to put the remainder into a two-year CD. Clereen made the motion to take this action and Rod seconded it. All agreed.

Patty announced that she is donating to fifty-dollar tickets for Olive Garden to be raffled off by the group. Tickets will be sold for five dollars each.

Rod made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Clereen, which was met with approval by the group. The meeting concluded at 5:50 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Beverly Holmes, filling in for Anna Boone.