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Insight Into Zephyrhills History

BOOK AVAILABLE ON AMAZON.COM

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A new book offers a look at Zephyrhills and the surrounding communities through the lens of the years. Madeline Wise of Zephyrhills spent the last two years researching, compiling and then editing the book titled "Legacy-Zephyrhills: An Anthology of Its History Through Education."

She said the book, which is available on Amazon.com, offers a look at the lives of the residents of Zephyrhills. "The book covered areas a look at a slice of Americana," Wise said. "It takes a look at what was going on in every day people's lives. It gives you a look at how things have evolved over time. It is really a story of the history of Zephyrhills and some of the surrounding communities being looked at through the lens of education."

Wise said she wanted to capture the small town spirit of Zephyrhills. "I loved reading out about the people in the community," Wise said. "Part of my motivation in writing this was because the movie is growing and is starting to become like an extension of Tampa. It is losing some of its small town charm and I really wanted to preserve the stories at the 100th anniversary of the town."

In Zephyrhills, the school used to be the staple of the community. "The school was the center of the community," Wise said. "When it started in 1914 it was a three-room school house. Every year that is when they had the annual picnic, the one club membership and if there was a health scare that is where the health department would set up headquarters. It was really an extension of the family."

While researching through old newspaper articles, interviewing residents and consulting historical files, Wise said she learned a lot about the area.

"This has to be a bit of a detour," Wise said. "I looked at information at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village and I searched through old newspaper articles at the library at the Depot Museum and I looked at the yearbooks for Zephyrhills High School going back to 1946."

Wise said she was inspired to learn about the history of



Madeline Wise of Zephyrhills holds her new book "Legacy-Zephyrhills." She said she wrote the book which is a compilation of the history of Zephyrhills in honor of the 100th anniversary of education there. The book was published by Book Surge and is available on Amazon.com.

Zephyrhills High School because of her time spent as a teacher. She started her teaching career at Zephyrhills High School in the early 1970's. She has since been a principal, a guidance counselor and a district office administrator. She is currently supervisor of guidance instruction in Polk County.

"As an educator I always thought you have to look at the world child by the quality of time," Wise said. "It helps to see how things have evolved over time. It has also inspired me more to the community."

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information included in a Web site, full edition, the digital version for the West Paces Historical Society, put together the site, www.zephyrhills.org/history.html.

"I was contacted by Madeline when she wanted to work on the book because of my work with the West Paces Historical Society," Miller said. "She noticed I had information about Zephyrhills on my site and she wanted to see what I had. I am really surprised when she let me put the information on the site. I still think it looks better to print though."

Miller said he respects the history of the area because to him it is like solving a puzzle.

"I am interested in local history but sometimes it is hard to track down information," Miller said. "There are a lot of interesting facts you can learn. For instance back in the 1930's New Year Day they had attracted some attention from a big film star named Thomas Morgan, he built a house here and attended here. At one point he was trying to attract more Hollywood figures. In the end a number of stars would have but didn't show here."

Miller said he is always adding information to the site.

"I learn some new obscure fact everyday," Miller said. "We have had a lot of people e-mailing from across the country. I keep adding information to the site all the time. In the past it was not easy to find a lot of information and now the internet is making it easier."