Meeting Notice for THE PASCO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY --Friday, July 20, 2018

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| Organized in 1976  Mission: Pasco County Historical Society is dedicated to the education and preservation of the historical and cultural heritage of Pasco County and the State of Florida.  Address for Society: P.O. Box 795, San Antonio, FL 33576  Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/Pasco-County-Historical-Society-1509042559360838/ |

The next meeting of the Pasco County Historical Society will occur on **Friday, July 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** 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.

Jeff has worked for over 20 years on an extensive web site devoted to the history of Pasco County at **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

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 is 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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