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# Throng See Parade and Have Founders' Day Fun

March 16, 1956

Space rater of the week has been the 1956 Founders' Days celebration, which crept in like a lamb Monday afternoon, got up team and roared out like a lion Tuesday night after a jam-packed, lay-long program.

Left behind after the grand finale were littered streets, tired feet, pleasant memories of a small town good time and prideful feelings of having played a part, large or small, in a community event of which the financial returns will support the Lions Club's humanitarian eyesight conservation project.

Thousands of people thronged downtown Monday evening to try out new carnival rides, witness a beauty contest in which 29 Zephyrhills girls participated, and trip the light fantastic to the music of Ivy Williamson, Levi Bracknell and Messrs. Wilson and Nelson until the Hickory Hill Orchestra moved onto the scene and started giving forth.

A greatly appreciated convenience were ringside seats supported on orange field boxes, hauled in as a courtesy to the sponsoring organization.

Concessions along 5th Avenue did land office businesses and well in advance of the parade hour Tuesday morning the whole downtown area, from Gall Boulevard east to 10th Street was lined with spectators and participants in the big doings.

Camera shutters clicked as the mammoth parade moved along the avenue, through the downtown business section, on to Zephyr Park, and returned. Judges took due note and applied carefully worked out scale of points to come up with a series of winners as follows:

First Prize -- The float of Florida Retail Owned Stores, Inc., sponsored by Peni-Saver Food Store, Hilson's Super Market, and Dixon's Grocery & Market. (The sponsor of the float was erroneously announced as "Zephyrhills Suprex," causing some confusion at first.)

Second best float -- Winters' Trailer Park.  
 Honorable mention -- Bank of Zephyrhills.  
 Best costumed pioneer man -- Charles A. Moores who asked that the prize money be donated to the polio fund.  
 Best costumed woman -- Mrs. Helen Merriell Miller.  
 Best costumed couple -- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Teal.  
 Best costumed cowboy -- Clarence Hale.  
 Best costumed cowgirl -- Gail Hill.  
 Best decorated private car -- Fred Lee Gore's auto (carrying members of Junior Woman's Club Fifth Avenue Follies chorus).  
 Residents living the longest time in Zephyrhills -- Mrs. Salie Douglas, who came here in 1880. (Only other entry in this contest was Mrs. Elizabeth Mikesell, who came here in 1907.)  
 Best old-time conveyance -- Harry Briggs and Frank Rowley driving a 1920 Ford with kerosene lantern tail light.

Honorable mentions were given, Mrs. Helen Miller, Mrs. Sara Donighy and Mrs. L. H. Haldeman; Chester Patrick as a Mexican; Mrs. Henry Hudson, Arthur Riley and William Poplewell as the Bowery group; Mrs. Cora King as Schubert's Serenade, Miss Mary Granger's kindergarten; Mrs. Sue Morehead as the Black Sheep; Mrs. Markle in authentic Swedish costume; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stillwell as Tourist Club Fishermen; and Dr. C. L. Daniel as member with the most pull.

High-stepping bands from St. Leo, Pasco High and Zephyrhills High provided spirited music for the parade.

State Highway Patrolman M. D. Stephens and Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger in official vehicles, were up front along with Mayor Floyd A. Gibson and Lions Prexy Frank H. Gunsoles, riding in a spiffy Corvette piloted by Lance Edgeman.

The Legion's color guard, composed of W. D. Miller, Adjutant Irene Popp, Commander Lucy Mae Knox and August Kress, gave the patriotic touch while the Zephyrhills Band majorettes Mary Sawtelle, Lynda Williams, Ruthie King, Ruby Hill and Mildred Smith gave the folks an added treat with snappy majorette routines.

Riding on the prize winning float by F.R.O.G. stores were Misses Barbara Peebles and Barbara Welch, queen candidates;

on the second prize float were Bert Gardner, accordion; Cecil Criss, guitar; C. J. McClane, drums; Harry Fritchley, Ann Bucey, Harvey Bates, Susan Bucey and Mrs. Gordon Winters; appearing in the Bank of Zephyrhills entry were Richard Nash, J. D. Locke, Mrs. Charles Kalbaugh and Mrs. J. D. Locke on the float proper and Miss June Epley, Mrs. Walter Hill, Mrs. Charles Bentley and Miss Neva Jean Sellars, bicyclists.

Dixie Lily's Orchestra provided music at intervals during the day, and there was plenty of local entertainment.

Richard Mattingly won out on a greased pig contest -- Chairman P. H. Murphy, Jr., did mangle to catch and grease the porcine. Helen Merriell Miller put folk dancers through their paces for upwards of an hour and wound up with a big wing-ding presentation of a pair of skates to Mayor Gibson and prizes to oldest man and oldest woman participants.

There was street dancing, speech making and all the folde-rol attendant on celebrations.

Talent finals in the Miss Zephyrhills queen contest provided two pleasant hours.

Charles A. Moores ably handled his assignment as master of ceremonies and Horace Peabody was given a big hand as guest emcee.

The hoosegow, over which Lions George Novotny and Biff Hough officiated as judges, did a big business and many prominent visitors and citizens found themselves at one time or another hustled off for a cooling off period in the Lions Den. J. R. A. Williams, state representative of Dade City, was charged with being a good legislator; Mayor Gibson was fined for loitering around City Hall; the Rev. Charles W. Greene was thrown into "jail" on a charge of filling the First Methodist Church to over-capacity; Earl Hart for "selling Zephyrhills", Clyde Wells for tooting the Tourist Club horn, and so on.

Judges for the parade events were: Max W. Koetter, Miss Matilda Clement, Mrs. Ralph Barefoot, Clyde B. Taylor and Mrs. Grace Benton.



Left: YOUNGEST PARADERS -- The smallest participants in the Founders' Day parade were pupils of Miss Mary Granger's kindergarten school, Child's Garden of Learning. They carried flags and marched enthusiastically.



Right: BEFORE AND AFTER JOINING -- The Zephyrhills Tourist Club contributed many costumed paraders and the above float to the Founders' Day parade.

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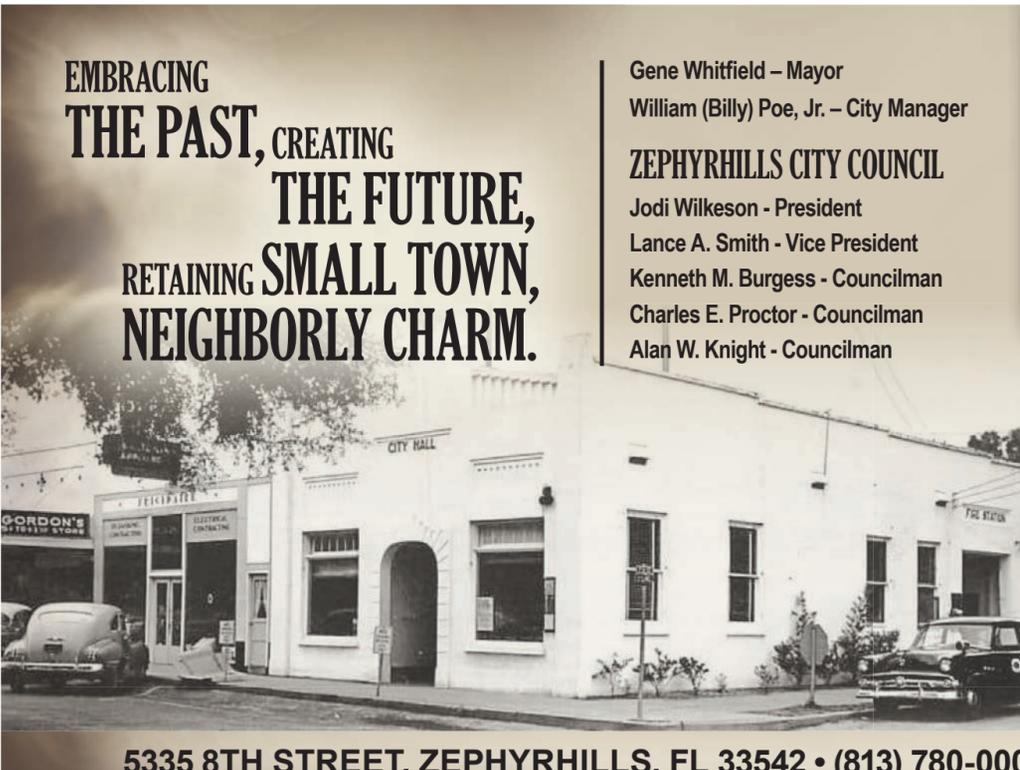
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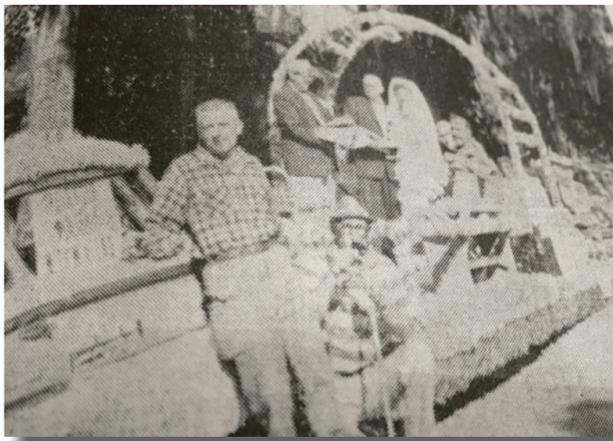




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# Parade Highlights Founders' Days as Everyone Has Fun



Left: WINTERS' TRAILER PARK won top honors in the hometown division on Founders' Days. Featured on the ornate float were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burbach of Milwaukee, Wis., as a bridegroom and bride, with Morley Spera of Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada, officiating as the minister.



Right: FIRST PLACE WINNER in the out-of-town floats division of the Founders' Days parade was Dixie Lily Milling Company's handsomely decorated entry. J. Roberts Hinds, parade marshal, is shown looking the Tampa float over as Cheerleaders Marian Canaday and Loretta Blamberger try out the seating arrangements.

March 13, 1959

Perfect Florida weather prevailed during Zephyrhills 10th Founders' Days festival held Monday and Tuesday under auspices of the Lions Club.

Shirt sleeves were en vogue for menfolk and women dressed in spring-time frocks. Many of both sexes, some costumed and otherwise, turned "red-neck" after being exposed to ole Sol's rays during the al fresco birthday party which commemorated the 49th anniversary of the town's founding.

Monday morning was devoted largely to setting up concession booths, getting carnival rides underway and generally readying for the "big day" Tuesday. In the afternoon there was street entertainment with "Wild Bill" Lincoln adding color and humor to the scene garbed as a clown. Dixie Playboys provided hillbilly music for square dancing for which Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Winters called sets through the evening hours.

Early Tuesday Fifth Avenue was cleared for the parade, largest in the city's history, for which J. Robert Hinds served as marshal. Assisting with the three divisions at 16th, 11th, and 10th Streets were Frank H. Gunsolus, George Novotny, C. A. Hough, Robert G. Hooks and Sherman Herath.

Pasco County Sheriff F. Leslie Bessenger and Mrs. Harry L. Rice, mayor of Zephyrhills, officially led the parade, the route of which was lined with spectators from well beyond First Methodist Church to retrace point at Zephyr Park and back down to the downtown area, heaviest point of conversation.

An estimated 6,000 people turned out for the day's events. Pasco County and Zephyrhills queens for 1958 smiled upon their subjects from positions in the line-up.

Hometown floats, decorated automobiles and the like were joined by several out-of-towners including Hickory Hill's ox-drawn covered wagon, Dixie Lily Milling Company's float, East Hillsborough County Chamber of Commerce's of Plant City whose Strawberry Festival queen also rode in the parade, and Egypt Temple Shrine Patrol. Music was by Pasco High and Zephyrhills High School bands.

Each of 30 beauty queen contestants rode on tops of automobiles provided by their sponsors. Particularly colorful in this category was the missile-topped Zephyrhills Garden Club entry driven by Mrs. John E. Wilkinson, the missile being constructed

of poultry netting, stuffed with moss and sprigged with podocarpus and wild phlox.

"Aunt Dora" Marsh, Mrs. J. P. Elliott, Arthur Riley and Nasua Burns, four of the town's senior citizens, rode in a "90 to 95" automobile driven by Emil Reutimann, which carried a placard reading "Zephyrhills Youngsters." There were many other special entries.

Unusuals in the marching contingents included Mrs. Fern Schesser, a new citizen, formerly of Anchorage, Alaska, who headed the Tourist Club's square dance group wearing a Gibson girl outfit with a huge "ALASKA" sign on her bosom.

What Will They Do Next? Helen Miller dressed as "Evening in Paris" in a watermelon pink taffeta gown with bustle, black velvet hat with a blue ostrich plume, black lace parasol, and carrying a foil-wrapped champagne bottle, marched ahead of the Clark Brothers decked out as "Evening in Zephyrhills."

"Famous Women," another Tourist Club group, were marshaled by Mrs. Lyle Brown.

Joining Freddy Peterson, Zephyrhills artist who emceed the festivals events, on the reviewing stand were the judges — Pasco County Agent J. F. Higgins, Mrs. G. H. Whitman and Joe Collura — and a group whose names were closely connected with the town's early history.

R. L. Bryan, Bartow, first secretary of Zephyrhills Colony Company, with Mrs. Bryan, Edwin Stebbins of Orlando and Frank Stebbins, former mayor of Eustis, grandsons of the company's first president, A. E. Stebbins, comprised the group.

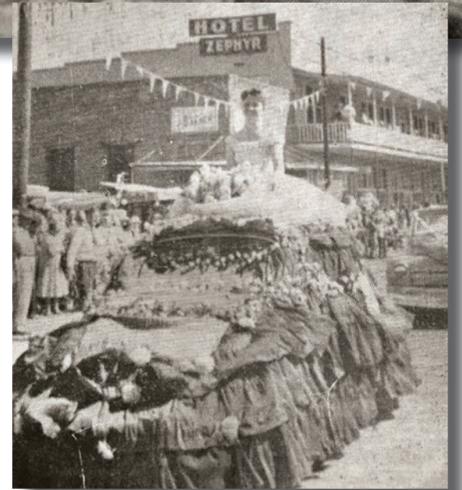
More Unusuals and Outstanding Horseback riders in the parade included Mrs. Fred Thomas, Egypt Temple Shrine Patrol, and Mrs. P. Williams of New Port Richey, mounting the famed white horse used in advertisement in Life and other magazines.

Walt Vogel and his son made a good father-son team in miniature vehicles, and trailer parks turned out full force with entries from many states.

Folk from many walks of life saw Ray Villmer out-wrestle Bob Hess in a match in front of the grandstand.

Constantly patronizing the Lion's Den were the city's most prominent citizens and visitors who had enough coin of the realm left after paying their fines to buy food and drink from concessions operated by local organizations.

The Zephyrhills Golf Association and Putter's Club did a land-office business with their fried chicken dinners at Hotel



Above: BEST DECORATED AUTOMOBILE was that entered by Marion Smith, Florist, who captured first place. The entire car was covered with green material and was "sprigged" with flowers.

Zephyr, where Girl Scouts served pancake breakfasts each morning of the two-day fiesta.

Uniformed Girl Scouts and Brownies marched with precision.

Zephyr Troop 72, Boy Scouts of American, had a creditable display of their handwork and craft and also entertained with a ladder routine.

Late Tuesday afternoon was given over to hula hoop and pie eating contest, and a bang-up entertainment program by the Tourist Club with Earl Finch in charge of music and singing and Helen Miller directing the square and folk dancing. The Dixie Playboys, with Allene Miller as vocalist, also entertained.

Many celebrities, in addition to Mayor Rice who gave the official welcome, were present from the platform by Peterson during the big celebration, proceeds of which swelled the Lion's Club eyesight conservation fund.

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# Estimated 10,000 View Festival Parade

Biggest Parade Tops Celebration of 51st Birthday

March 17, 1961

Fun and frolic plans for Founders' Days, delayed Monday by steady rain, were carried out in full Tuesday when Florida's sunshine and clear skies gladdened the hearts of sponsors, participants and spectators alike.

An estimate 10,000 persons were on hand as Zephyrhillians were joined by water visitors from out-of-state, neighbors from surrounding towns and communities and former residents for the 12th such festival annual event, sponsored by Lions Club of Zephyrhills with F. Earl Hart as chairman.

The largest number of persons in the town's history converged on 5th Ave. to witness the mammoth parade that passed a reviewing stand at the Chamber of Commerce to kick-off a day-long program of activities. More than 100 floats, decorated automobiles, bicycles, marching and horseback units comprised the parade, biggest ever staged here.

Founders' Days closed with the second performance of "Main Street U.S.A." Follies in Municipal Auditorium Tuesday night.

Music for the parade was by Zephyrhills, Dade City and New Port Richey's high-stepping high school bands. A 70-member baton twirling club from Brandon High School and similar groups from the Dade City schools added sparkle, as did the 21 contestants from the Miss Zephyrhills beauty queen title, riding on automobiles and carrying arm bouquets provided by their sponsors. Prince Jimmy Eikeland and Princess Syble Ferguson had their special float.

Diana Pike, Miss Pasco County of 1961, and one of her attendants, Judy Ann Madill, both of Dade City, rode in the parade, as did Zephyrhills' own Queen, Lynn Nichols. Pasco County Prince David Ahrens and Princess Debra Dew also graced the spectacle.

Three pioneer Zephyrhills women, Mrs. J. P. Elliot, 91; Mrs. Mary F. Walker, 94; and Mrs. R. I. "Aunt Dora" Marsh, who will

celebrate her 100th birthday anniversary on Oct. 10, rode in a Cadillac provided by a Tampa dealer and were heartily applauded as they passed the reviewing stand.

Another beloved pioneer Zephyrhills woman, Mrs. L. M. Neukom, rode in a car carrying streamer lettered Oldest Zephyrhills Merchant."

Local Floats attracting attention in addition to the prize winners, included Bank of Zephyrhills, Zephyrhills Junior Woman's Club and Follies, Rainbow Girls, VFW and Auxiliary. The Putters and Golf Club entered a decorated car and a marching group, while Lamb's Toy Shop had Little Red Riding Hood atop its decorated automobile.

Out of town floats, in addition to prize winners, also included an attractive entry by Saf-T-Gas and the Plant City Strawberry Festival.

Police Chief E. P. Wiseman and Florida Highway Patrolman H. D. Stephens, Mayor C. N. Chamberlain and Pasco County Sheriff F. Leslie Bessenger headed the parade. The American legion color guard was in line behind the city's fire engines and ahead of the ZHS band.

Lions contributing much to getting the parade rolling promptly at 10 a.m. included Gene Lair, Ray Shough, C. A. Mac Donald, and John Scott Thomson, who were among the "captains" at designated locations. Larry Powell was parade chairman and marshal.

Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Miss Mary Grangers' kindergarten group, and a large group of Zephyrhills Tourist Club members were prominent among marching units. K-Bar Ranch and Bar-S-Bar Ranches entries were among mounted riders in the parade.

Freddy Peterson, Zephyrhills artist, again emceed the parade and other downtown events.

Judging of the entries in the parade Tuesday was by Pasco County Agricultural Agent J. F. "Jimmy" Higgins and Paul Midili, both of Dade City. A panel composed of Kurt L. Grant,



Above: WISHES FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIBERTY formed the theme of Dixie Lily Milling Co.'s first prize winning float in the out-of-town division, on which Shirley Temples, Merrily Baggett, Linda Cavin and Mary Alice Gill rode.

Mrs. Floyd Kingston and Mrs. Byron W. Gordon judged the variety show.

The Rambling Serenaders from Hillsborough County provided music and entertainment on the reviewing stand and a sister-brother team, Bill Baker, tenor, and Mrs. David Tyre Jr., pianist, also entertained with a program of old favorite songs.

Winter's Park dances

In addition to the variety talent show with 34 acts and 57 participants, under the direction of Miss Alice Zimmerman, John T. V. Clark Jr. and Mrs. Jesse Kaylor, the afternoon program included entertainment by Winter's Trailer Park, a "frolic" with Mrs. Helen Merriell Miller as director and a pie eating contest for the youngsters. Meantime, carnival rides and concessions were going full tilt.

Mrs. Gordon Winters "called" for square dancing sets on a program arranged by Mrs. Margaret Ross. Mr. Winters was in the thick of the dancing. Mrs. Jody Evans tickled the ivories, Bill Dennison played the violin and Eddie Flicker the drums for dancing. Between numbers Mrs. Flicker at the piano and Mr. Flicker at the drums entertained with old favorites. Bill Brown also sang.

"Little Green People from Outer Space" was title of a specialty act by a group of the Winters' folk, including the Mesdames, Sarah Bates, Heen Kimbel, Hattie Behrand and Zora Lamon, with Alva Kerian, Floyd Dean, Jake Bandy and Elmer Green.

A full hour's program featuring chatter, humor and dancing was directed by Mrs. Helen Miller who "called" sets for square dancing, with Mrs. Jody Evans again at the piano.

Homesteaders, Tourist Clubbers and other visitors joined in the polks, waltzes and other dancing on the program.

Throughout the day Lions Club members assisted Chairman Hart. On duty, in addition to those previously named, were C. A. Hough, Frank H. unsolus, George Novotny, Vincent Peel, Harold Constantine, L. G. Cass, C. C. Whittington and others.



Right: MARCHING ALONG TOGETHER were Girl Scouts of Troops 1-6 with their leaders, the Mesdames James Musgrove, Charles Drew, William Shannon, Eileen Brown, Leslie Deming and Harry Morton.

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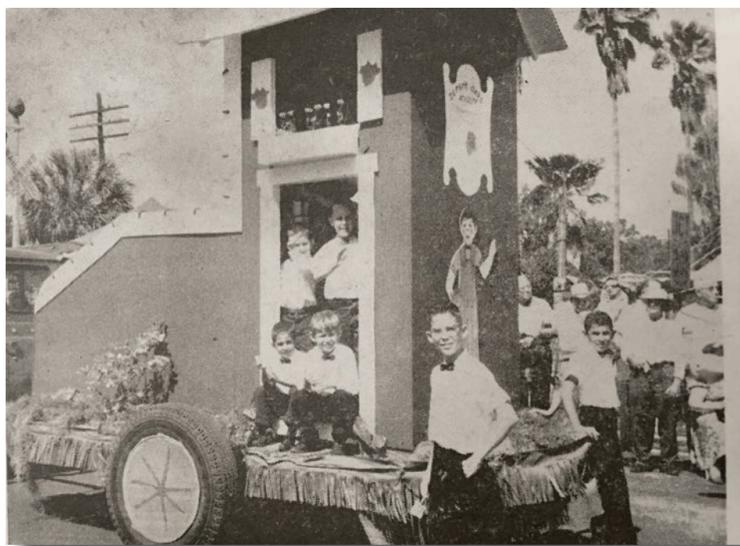


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# Thousands Enjoy 53rd Founders' Days



Left: ZEPHYR OAKS ACADEMY won third prize in the hometown division with its "Old Lady Who Lived in the Shoe" float, in and on which Mrs. Frank Fernandez and her pupils rode. Mr. Fernandez served as chauffeur in the mile-long parade down and back Fifth Avenue.



Above: BEST COSTUMED MOUNTED GIRL was Carolyn "Cissy" Strickland, whose black fringe-trimmed white shirt and western hat glistened in the sunshine as she put "Ditto," her buckskin and quarterhorse pony, through its paces in the big Founders' Day Parade.

March 14, 1963

Typical Florida weather contributed to the success of the city's 53rd birthday anniversary celebration staged under auspices of Lions Club of Zephyrhills.

The fun and frolic Founders' Days event got underway Monday, shifted into high gear Tuesday and was concluded in a "blaze of glory" at jam-packed Municipal Auditorium that evening with the second performance of "Western Follies '63" and the crowning of this year's Miss Zephyrhills.

Literally thousands of hometowners, winter visitors and pleasure seekers lined Fifth avenue to watch a grand parade swing through town to kick off the big day's activities Tuesday. They reveled in the brilliant sunshine which occasioned coat shedding as the thermometer climbed into the 80's, took picture galore and threw themselves into the spirit of the day with gusto.

Freddy Peterson, again emceeing the spectacle, emphasized proper respect for the American Flag as color guards passed, leading the mile-long parade in which more than 100-units—floats, decorated automobiles, bicycles, marching groups and horseback riders—participated.

Judging the parade entries from the reviewing stand were Joe Collura, Mrs. Gibson H. Whitman and former Pasco County state representative J. R. A. "Bob" Williams, all of Dade City.

Cash prizes were awarded these winners:  
Best decorated floats: out-of-town—Hillsborough County Fair and Strawberry Festival, first; and Joe Herrmann's Saf-T Gas, second. Hometown—Zephyr Egg Co., first; Family Cleaners, second; and Zephyr Oaks Academy, third.

Best decorated automobile — Scotty's City Drug Store, first; Kut and Kurl Beauty Shop, second. Oldest vehicle in the parade listed for judging, a 1919 Ford entered by Burchwood Mattress Co. of Plant City, first; a 1925 Ford in which "Keystone Cops"

rode, second.

Best decorated bicycle, Rexall Drug Stores of Dade City. Best pioneer-costumed man, Roy Lee; best pioneer-costumed woman, Mrs. John S. Lanham; most typical mounted cowboy, Fred Thomas; most typical mounted cowgirl, Carolyn "Cissy" Strickland.

Reese F. Knapp won the prize as the man living longest time in Zephyrhills and Mrs. Minnie Geiger won as the woman, same category.

Justin H. Tucker was marshal for the big parade led by Florida Highway Patrol, Pasco County Sheriff's Department, Zephyrhills Police and Fire Department vehicles. Color guards of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, World War I Veterans, and Disabled American Veterans lent a patriotic touch, as did auxiliary units carrying flags and banners.

Up front also was lovely Judy Goulding, Miss Zephyrhills of 1962, riding in a 1901 Oldsmobile from Pasco Motors in Dade City and driven by Bill Kauffman.

Other "royalty" gracing the parade included: Miss Evie Green of Dade City, reigning Miss Pasco County; Zephyrhills' Prince Larry John Kirkpatrick and Princess Kathy Sue Newsome with their predecessors Stephen Dean Wells and Jane Ann Rickard; and Pasco County Prince Larry Barthle and Princess Teresa Rowell.

The beauty contingent also included 23 contestants for the Miss Zephyrhills title and New Port Richey candidates for Chasco royalty titles.

Music for the parade was by Zephyrhills' high-stepping school bands under the direction of Bandmaster John T. V. Clark Jr., Pasco High and Junior High Bands of Dade City and the Gulf High Band of New Port Richey. Adding "umph" to the spectacle also were Brandon and Dade City baton twirlers, the Carollettes, B Riders and Becky Lamb's High Steppers, all of Dade City.

Other entries included: the barbershop chorus entry sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; students of Child's Garden of Learning decked out in patriotic finery; Mrs. L. M. Neukom,

riding as Zephyrhills' pioneer merchant, and Mrs. R. I. "Aunt Dora" Marsh, 101, the city's senior citizen; and beautifully-decorated cars for Julia's Food Haven, Lamb's Toy Shop, the Red Cross and Enyart Bakery.

After the Parade  
After the parade—in which many other businesses, civic organizations, groups and individuals participated—Mrs. Robert Ahrens presented the beauty queen contestants from the viewing stand.

Mayor C. N. Chamberlain gave the address of welcome and Lester Bales Jr. expressed the Lions Club's appreciation for all-out cooperation received in staging the celebration, proceeds of which go to the club's eyesight conservation fund.

The Lions Den abounded with "patrons" arrested by Jaycees uniformed as Mack Sennett cops and from whom "Judge" C. A. Hough extracted fines. The youngsters and young-at-heart oldsters enjoyed carnival rides and patronized food and drink concessions operated by local civic groups including Rainbow Girls, Crescent Circle, OES, World War I Barracks and Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, Girl scouts, Civitans and Jaycees.

A full afternoon program of entertainment held a large throng of spectators and participates in the downtown area until supertime. The Zephyr Plow Boys F.F.A. String Band, the Price Brothers, members of the Zephyrhills High School Band with Bandmaster Clark playing piano accompaniment and the Rambling Serenaders of Plant City provided music.

Pie Eating Contest  
Sharon Sabo was winner in the girls' division of the pie eating contest, her time for consuming half a pie being one minute, 15 seconds.

First place honors in the boys' division went to John Simons, whose half-pie eating time was 50 seconds. Runnerup were Buddy Prowant, 55 seconds, and Dewitt Beston, 60 seconds.

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# Giant Crowd views Big 61st Birthday Parade

*Bright Florida Sun Edges Chill As 8,000 See Festival Review*

March 11, 1971

Although the temperatures were in a chill mid 50's range when the 22nd annual Founders' Days parade headed down 5th Ave. Tuesday morning, bright sun warmed an estimated crowd of 8,000 persons who jammed the parade route from 1st St. to 16th St. to observe the procession.

The second day of the annual event, observed the city's 61st birthday and sponsored by the Lions Club of Zephyrhills, saw people stand eight to 10 deep in some areas along 5th Ave., especially on the sunny side of the street where a warming sun could counteract the effects of the late-season cold snap that had the mercury at 34 about dawn.

Although the crowd was down a few thousand over last year's record estimate of 12,000, the march of more than 100 entries, including several floats, four bands, decorated trucks, automobiles, marching and horseback units, was admired by a skilled panel of judges who worked from a reviewing stand erected in front of the Chamber of Commerce, where Harold Mains and Mrs. Floyd Cooper shared honors in emceeing the passing procession.

**Winners Listed**

Cash prizes provided by the Lions Club were awarded the parade winners as follows:

Best Home Made Floats – TOPS of Zephyrhills, first; Yell-O-Rockers Square Dance Club, second; and Margaret's Day Care, third.

Best Commercial Local Float – R & R Sheet Metal Works, first; Bank of Zephyrhills, second, and Dale's Firestone Center, third.

Best Out-of-Town Float – Hillsborough County, first; Pasco County, second; Plant City Chamber of Commerce, third.  
 Best Decorated Automobile – Gold Star Mothers.  
 Best Decorated Truck – Kappa Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.  
 Most Unique Entry – Mrs. Hartley Ness pushing "retired" Hartley Ness in a baby buggy.  
 Finest Antique Vehicle – Pasco Motors 1901 Oldsmobile replica.

Oldest Parade Vehicle – Leon Rippy's 1934 Chevrolet.  
 Best Twirling Group – Mini – Majorettes.  
 Best Marching Group – Tourist Club of Zephyrhills.  
 Best Mounted Group – Combination 4-H Club.  
 Best Pioneer – Costumed Man – Francis Lewis of Brackney, Pa.

Best Pioneer – Costumed Woman – Mrs. Francis Lewis.  
 Most Typical – Costumed Cowboy – Larry Lynch.  
 Most typical – Costumed Cowgirl – Margie Lundquist.  
 Most Unique Costume – Mrs. Hazel Quible.  
 Best Decorated Bicycles – Winters' Trailer Park.  
 Oldest Resident in Parade – John Yarchow, 91, of Winters' Trailer Park.

Judges Choice – Zephyrhills Junior High Band.  
 Honorable mentions went to Hillside Mobile Homes Park, the Brownie Scouts, Zephyr Belles Softball Team, Our Savior Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church, and The Minnesota Club.

Members of the judging panel were: Paul Hogan, assistant managing editor of the Tampa Tribune, chairman; Father Marion Bowman, president of St. Leo College; Mrs. Gibson H. Whitman, president of the Pasco County Fair Association; Roy E. Thackett, president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Plant City; Horace Johannott, winter visitor and businessman from Burlington, Vt.; and Joe Herrmann, Pasco County businessman and past president of Pioneer Florida Museum Association.

Music for the parade was provided by Plant City High, Pasco High of Dade City, Zephyrhills High School and Junior High Bands.



Above: Best pioneer costumed man and woman were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lewis of Brackney, Pa., at the right above, who were joined for a picture at this point in the parade by Mr. and Mrs. Russ Pilkey of Canada.

Prior to the parade Mayor E. D. Arnot and Lions President Justin H. Tucker gave welcome addresses.

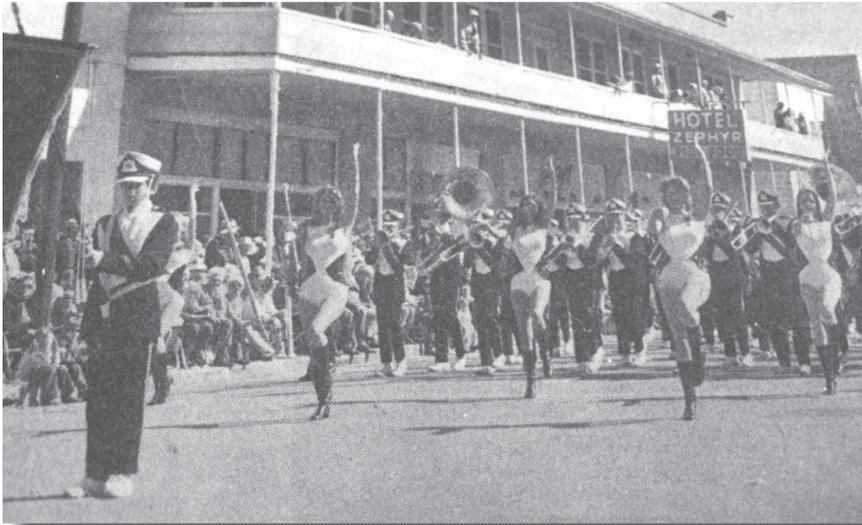
Miss Terri Rickard of Zephyrhills, reigning "Miss Pasco County" and members of her court, graced the Pasco County Fair association float while Miss Lois Wells reigning "Miss Zephyrhills" and her court that of the home town Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty-two aspirants to the Miss Zephyrhills title and crown added grace notes to the parade as did Mrs. L. M. Neukom, oldest businesswoman in Zephyrhills and close runner-up for oldest resident in the parade prize; petit Helen Deren 7-years-old baton twirler and other including Mrs. Don Pattie, wearing a full skirted patchwork dress she made.

Patriotic notes were added by the Zephyrhills United Veterans Council marching unit with its color guard, the Gold Star Mothers, Boy Cub and Girl Scouts as well as brownies and Cadets and several of the parade – winning entries.

Zephyrhills City officials headed by Mayor Arnot and with Police Chief William R. Eiland getting out of the patrol car in front of the reviewing stand to "take a bow" as 1970 Citizen of the Year, Dade City officials and a delegation of Pasco County officials headed by Sheriff Basil Gaines rode in "out in front" automobiles as did Lions District Governor Herman Chapman.

A fish fry sponsored by Zephyrhills Rotary Club to raise money for risers in Municipal Auditorium was well patronized, as were concessions along the midway where in the afternoon The Tourist Club Sunday Singers with Earl Finch directing sang and Jody Evans Cornhuskers Band played for exhibition dancing by the Golden Slippers of Zephyr Mobile Park as well as for street dancing.



Right: Popular parade entries Tuesday included the Zephyrhills High School marching band.

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# Florida Sun Beams Upon 63rd Birthday Parade



Above: CHAMBER FLOAT ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL -- "Miss Zephyrhills (at the time of the parade) Syble Ferguson rode a throne beneath swaying palm trees on the beautiful Chamber of Commerce float Tuesday. Girls riding with her were Madeline Ptak, Ann Eysaman, Rhonda Marlette, Diane Tyre and Jenell Welsh.



Above: The Cub Scout float, with boys from several of Pack 403, on board.

## Giant Crowd Enjoys Festival

March 15, 1973

Another record crowd—estimated by some officials at as many as 25,000 persons—was on hand Tuesday morning for the annual Founders' Day festival parade.

Staged annually as a highlight of the 2-day Lions Club-sponsored event, the parade drew more than 100 entries, and the crowd stretched up and down flag-bedecked 5th Ave. from 1st St. to 16th St. and on both sides of the street.

The south side drew the most chairs, however, as viewers sought to avoid sitting in, and looking into, the broiling Florida midmorning sun.

The Lions Club Tuesday night shared the profits with the Florida Foundation for the Blind, Club Pres. Al Durand presenting a check for \$1,000 to Lions Dist. 35-R Gov. Larry Dye.

Pasco Comprehensive High School and Pasco Junior High School bands came from Dade City to join those of Zephyrhills High and Zephyrhills Junior High to provide music for the marchers, while American flags carried by a Boy Scout color guard and another of the United Veterans Council of Zephyrhills marching contingent, to name two, furthered a patriotic atmosphere.

Lion Floyd W. Cooper served as master of ceremonies at a reviewing stand in front of the Chamber of Commerce. He was joined by Mrs. Peter Newell, chairman of the Miss Zephyrhills pageant, who introduced the 14 contestants as they passed.

Royalty appearing in the parade included Syble Marie Ferguson, reigning Miss Zephyrhills, and her court; Dawn E. Donald of Lutz, reigning Miss Pasco County; Clarence Johncox and Jessie Holliday; reigning Golden Age king and queen; Florida Chapter 110 Tops queen Eva Roberts; and Beta Sigma Phi sorority Valentine Queen Mrs. Frank Ross.

Adding yesteryear touches were Mrs. L. M. Neukom, oldest businesswoman in the town; a 1901 car driven by Lion Al Tilton; Gold Star mothers in decorated cars, and widows of Lions and others.

Judges for parade entries were Paul Hogan, assistant managing editor of the Tampa Tribune, chairman; Mrs. Gibson H. Whitman, social director of St. Leo College; the Right Rev. Marion Bowman, O.S.B., St. Leo's; Pasco County agent Luther Rozar, and Pasco County Fair Assn. Treas. Joe Collura, both of Dade City; and Donald West of Hemlock, N. Y.

Winners in the several categories who won trophies and prizes from the Lions were: Best professional float, Plant City Strawberry Festival, first, Bank of Zephyrhills, second. Best commercial float, the Kindergarten Cottage, first, and Perma-Foam, second. Best trailer park float, Sunnyside Mobile Home Park Serenaders, first, Sleepy Hollow Mobile Estates, second. Best mounted group, the Asher cowgirls.

Best baton twirlers, Helen's Starettes. Best marching group, Zephyrhills Tourist Club, first, Tops, second. Best bicycle group, Herb Juedes, first, John Yarchow and Mabel Guile, second.

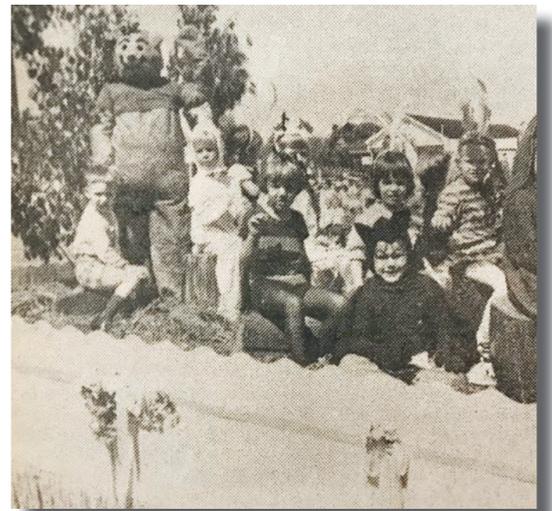
Best costumed man, woman, boy and girl were Francis D. Lewis, his wife, and Steve Griffin and Renee Phillips.

The judges choice accolade went to Cathy Solida of Tampa and her seeing eye dog, Robin, who marched the length of the parade route and returned with Robin being the only dog for which any parade here has ever been stopped so he could drink three cups of water to quench his thirst.

Runner-up for judges' choice was the Yell-O-Rockers square dance group.

After the parade, the scene of things to do shifted to Zephyr Park where the Rotary Club staged a fish fry, the Art Club had an exhibit and sale, and Southland Amusement Midway was given a big play. Earl Finch and his Tourist Club Sunday Singers entertained. Lynn Phelps of Tampa Music Co. played the organ and piano and the Golden Slippers group from Zephyr Mobile Park danced to the music of the Corn Huskers band.

Below: BEST HOMETOWN FLOATS--More prize winners from Tuesday's big parade included The Kindergarten Cottage, West 54, first place winner for the commercial floats class, with children who dressed as forest and surrounding Winne the Pooh.



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# Founders' Day Was Fun for Everyone



Above: ATHLETIC ENDEAVOR – There was lots of puffing and wheezing after the sack races at Zephyr Park Saturday. Here mothers and their sons or daughters were matched, and many spills were a delight to the crowd of on-lookers.



Above right: DEMONSTRATING GOODWILL – and community spirit are the staff of the Goodwill Store on Hwy. 301 in Zephyrhills. A store display and old time costumes were featured Friday in honor of the city's Founding Day. Pictured are, from the left, Ginny Shanks, Wanda Durand and Gall Brobson, store manager. They heeded the call from the Chamber of Commerce to dress up for Founder's Day.

March 18, 1982

A full day of good old-fashioned fun was enjoyed by upwards of 2,500 persons Saturday when the 32nd annual Founders' Days was celebrated under sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber sold more than 1,100 helpings of a Double Hot-dog luncheon plate, children enjoyed a Fishing Contest directed by Pat Shepherd, and games directed by the Rev. Ron McCaskill and Arlie Johns, and the adults enjoyed a program of stage entertainment arranged by Dave Ayres with the sound system provided by Moose Lodge 2276 and Gov. Marshal King.

The entertainment included the wonderful Brandon Good-time Cloggers in four appearances, songs by Nick Lichtz and his accordion and Arnie Nelson and his guitar, an appearance by candidates for "Miss Zephyrhills" and political talks by City Councilman John Stephenson and Council hopeful JoEllen Farnham, greetings from Mayor Bob Johnson and remarks from County Commissioners Sylvia Young and Curtis Law.

A highlight of the day was a "Walk Around the Lake" emceed by Chamber Pres. Bernie Wickstrom, and led by Alice Hall in her traditional Founders' Days costume and Doris Gorrecht providing marching music with her accordion.

Mrs. Hall and Ms. Gorrecht were among nine who came in costume and who had participated in the first Founders' Days march in 1950. Others were Marge Witham Finch, Carleta Sibley, Elsie Turner, Joan Arnot, Elizabeth Myers (who came from Crystal River for the day), Joan White and Mary Lamb.

Others wearing old-fashioned costumes to brighten the day included: Comm. Sylvia Young, Lillian Graham, Betty Swisher, Helen Brown, Martha Tyrell, Alice Zimmerman, Helen Cooper, Delores Roesler, Barbara Huff, Sue Reffitt, Barbara Ohman, Robert and Elsie Kopp, Harold and Lil Garner, Helen Merriel Miller, Hod and Jeff Clark, Bette Wismann and Kathleen Hughes.

Lions John Stephenson and Vallie Montgomery wore police uniforms to "enforce" some 100 more picnic-goers to join the "Walk Around the Lake."

The luncheon plate was served by a Chamber committee headed by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Piehl, whose helpers included Sue Ayres, six members of the Lionesses Club, plus Larry Miller and Ray Vigenault of Rustic Oaks restaurant.

Frank Hoffman's ice cream truck reportedly "sold out" in the afternoon and a Jr. Woman's Club bake sale did a brisk business. Everyone also enjoyed an art exhibit in the picnic pavilion presented by Zephyrhills Art Club.

The day was a rousing success and improvements for next year are already being planned.



Above: WALK AROUND THE LAKE- Led by Doris Gorrecht playing her accordion and Alice Hall (in black bonnet), an estimated 150 public-spirited Zephyrhillsans joined in a "Walk Around the Lake" Saturday afternoon in commemoration of the city's 71st birthday anniversary. Sponsored by the Chamber, the walk was a Founders' Days event.



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# Sun Shone On Founders Day Fest



Above: Baker's Acres' float, delighted the crowd gathered on 5th Avenue Saturday.

Right: The Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 1989 Miss Zephyrhills and her court float.



Below: The Backwood Blackwood Cloggers



## March 16, 1989

The weather gods smiled on the "Friendly City" Saturday, March 11, during the closing day of the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Founders' Days Festival, which celebrated the 79th anniversary of the A-Z (Abott Station to Zephyrhills) name change on March 10, 1910.

Mike Prilliman, the Chamber's vice president, chaired the festival.

Winners in the more-than-60 unit Founders' Day parade, co-chaired by Steve Spina and Debby Bacon Chauncey, were selected by a judging panel comprised of Margaret Cherry, Robert Grimes and the Rev. John R. Huff as the line-up moved down a flag-decked Fifth Avenue — thanks to the George R. Baxmann post 8154's "See the Glory in Old Glory" project.

The winners were Rainbow village, best overall float; Paultronics Phone Shop, best business entry; Southern Charm RV Resort; best Mobile Home Park/RV entry; Baker Acres, entry best depicting the festival theme "Unity in the Community;" Zephyrhills Lions Club, best club or organization entry; Helen's Starettes, best walking or marching unit; and the U.S. Postal Service, best out-of-town entry.

State Rep. John Long, D-Land O' Lakes, was grand marshal of the colorful parade, which was emceed by Ray J. Dean. The home town's pride and joy — the high stepping Zephyrhills High School Band, with C. Paul Steuart as bandmaster, and the Raymond B. Stewart Middle School Band provided marching music.

After the parade downtown, the scene shifted to Zephyr Park for the traditional "Party in the Park." Sounds of accordion music by Nick Lichatz with his one-man-band technique welcomed festival goers to the park, again made spic and span by

work details from the Zephyrhills Correctional Institution and the city force.

By noontime the park was jam-packed with hometowners and visitors browsing around arts and crafts booths, concessions and the like.

The hotdog/hamburger operation chaired by John P. Knowles Jr. and with a corps of assistants, did "land office" business as did cold drinks, cotton candy and other concessions.

Larry Winslow followed suit with tickets on a crib quilt, handcrafted by Raybelle Surratt, to be awarded to the winning ticket holder at the upcoming Spring Flower Show "Piece Work" to be held April 8 in the Alice Hall Community Center under auspices of Morning Glory and Zephyrhills Garden Clubs.

Earlier in the day Knowles had directed a 5-K Fun Run, co-sponsored by the Zephyrhills News and First Union National Bank of Florida, starting at 8 a.m. in the park.

Winners in the arts and crafts show, chaired by Lenora Stokes and judged by Dennis Phillips of San Antonin, were:

Oil Acrylics: Mona Turney of Palmaetto, first; Dolores Dove of Euleess, Texas, second; and Mary McComas of Dover, third. Graphic: Kitty Lownie of Brandenton, first; Louise Anderson, second; and Hollace McPhillips of Tampa, third. Crafts: Nancy Rolls of Lutz, first; Terry Stratton of Lake City, second; and Melody Marvin of Altamonte Springs, third.

The best of show and best booth awards were won by Tim Swift and Claude Haycraft, respectively. Both reside in Zephyrhills. An honorable mention award was won by Ron and Ginger Brown of Largo in best booth division.

Meantime, Chamber President, Greg first and Judy Hill of the Zephyrhills Juniors Woman's Club took turns emceeing a continuous entertainment program from a lakeside flatbed stage provided by East Pasco Medical Center, decorated by Mary Jones, Kathy Hughes and Marie Shay of Founder Garden Circle with assistances from the Woman's Club of Zephyrhills and Bushel Stop Nursery.

Proceeds from Ye Olde Hoosgow operation will help provide the scholarship given to Scarlett Leigh Rogers, the recently

crowned Miss Zephyrhills, by the Chamber of Commerce.

A total of \$200.30 was collected by Keystone Cops Sandra Pritcher, Billy J. Brooks and John M. Jones who arrested festival-goers on trumped up charges. 11 — the latter a prominent Davenport publisher who was "pressed into service," thrown into "the clink" after hearing before Judges Lester Engles Jr. and Sam W. Surratt and had to "fine" their way out. Marge Finch Geiger was jail matron for the operation co-chaired by Gloria Brown and Alice Hall.

Curtain ringer-down was the enjoyable finale dance at which three generations displayed unity while tripping the light fantastic to music by Jimmie Hamblin, a resident of Baker Acres, Saturday night in Municipal Auditorium.

Susan Burgess, the chamber's executive director, chaired the committee on arrangements for the dance at which the reigning Miss Zephyrhills and her escort were observed cutting a rug with new steps under the tutelage of Mary and Anthony Caprio — much to the enjoyment of other party-goers; and Andrew Prilliman, young son of festival chairman Mike and Lani Prilliman, having help form friendly senior citizens getting into the swing of things.

The chamber's board of directors is appreciative of the many evidences of cooperation noted in staging the festival. These included entertainment by a galaxy of entertainers on stage in the park, assistances from the City of Zephyrhills Police, Public Works and Utility Departments, Paultronics Sound System, Griswold Auto Sales, Radio Station WDCF for broadcasting the parade, Radio Station WPAS for postponing a scheduled local broadcast "in honor of the Chamber of commerce-sponsored Founders' Days Festival" both stations along with the Zephyrhills News, the Tampa Tribune and the Pasco News for publicizing the event; and all who, in any way, supported the effort to stage a "homey" celebration.

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# Spirits not dampened on Founders' Day

March 21, 1991

Dreary skies, splashes of much needed rain and a complete absence of the famed Florida sunshine dampened not the spirit of Friendly city folk determined to help put over the closing day of the 1991 Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Founders' Days Festival in fine style Saturday.

Some oldtimers recalled organizers of the very first such celebration - called Pioneer Day then - faced just such weather, only moreso what with a hurricane blowing in, back in September 1950.

Promptly at 8 a. m. the Seventh Annual Founders' Days 5K Run got under way. Following closely on its heels was a colorful parade which moved down 5th Avenue to march music by hometown's pride and joy - the high stepping Zephyrhills High School Band with Bandmaster Paul Steuart in charge - and under the watchful eye of festival Chairman Debby Bacon Chauncey, John R. Huff, Zephyrhills' reigning Citizen of the Year, was grand marshal of the parade which was viewed by several hundred enthusiasts despite the cold, damp weather.

Jerry Burgess emceed the parade from the viewing on which the Rev. Ralph Argentino, pastor of St. Joseph Church, stood to give the invocation and Mayor Robert H. Johnson the official welcome. A judging panel, which included former Zephyrhills City Council President JoEllen Farnham, Frank Kratoski, Dick Moffatt and Pat Patterson, selected winners from among the 70 parade entries.

Winners were: Salute to Desert Storm, best overall entry; SunBank of Pasco County, best business entry; Baker Acres RV Ranch, best mobile home/RV Park entry; Southern Charm RV Resort, best entry depicting the festival theme "A to Z, 81 years of Prosperity"; Cairo Court 97 Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America and its clown unit, best club or organization entry; and the Zephyrhills High School Band, best walking or marching unit.

The scene shifted to Zephyr Park immediately following the parade. "Party in the Park" activities include a big Kiwanis Club/Chamber of Commerce Fish Fry, with Roy Hardy and his team heading up the cooking detail, for which 556 dinners were served; an Arts and Crafts Show, chaired by Vicki Elkins, with the following winners: Oils and Acrylics, Jim Patterson, Sebring, first; Dorothy Staubitz, Dade City, second; Marjorie Hutto, Bartow, third. Crafts (pottery wood work, glass, ceramics and macramé): Patricia McQuatters, High Springs, first; Kris Hardee, Silver Springs, second; Jean Ridgeway, Trenton, third. Cash prizes for the categories were: \$100, first; \$75, second; \$50, third.

The \$150 Best of Show prize went to David Neener of St. Petersburg, and the \$100 Best Booth prize went to Marlene Wadowski of Indialantic. Three Honorable Mentions, each valued at \$25, went to exhibits by Charles Sharp, Fruitland Park; Dorene McKraig, Dade City; and David Weage, Polk City.

YeOlde Hoosgow operation, run by Gloria Brown and Alice Hall, with Lester Bales and Logan Peeples as judges, "cleared" \$216.60 for the Chamber of Commerce's Miss Zephyrhills Scholarship Fund. Uniformed Keystone Cops, in the order of their arrival for work, were Ray J. Dean, John Jones, who again drove over from Davenport to "give a hand", Henry Thomas and Police Chief Sandra Pricher.

Giving the Hoosgow group appreciated assistance - especially when rain began falling in earnest at one point - were Pasco County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Packard, Sgt. Ray Stanley and volunteer Norm Leisk, stationed with the department's

Crime Prevention exhibit next to the "air conditioned" jail.

A "something new" for the festival was the Abbot Station Black Kettle Cook-off chaired by Joe Maniscalco and Boy Scout Troop 427, Scoutmaster Robert Helfferding and with SunBank of Pasco, Del's Steak and Seafood, and Shirt's & Caps as sponsors.

Special guest for the to-do, after a "for fun" stay in the Hoosgow "klink" on a loitering, gawking charge, was Dick Michaud of Logan, Utah, executive director of the International Dutch Oven Society, who drove over from Orlando, where he was vacationing, for the cook-off.

Winners in the Junior Division were Gabriel Frank, Plant City, cooking Mexican corn stew, first; Parker Lee, Plant City, Hawaiian chicken, second. Frank received a 10-inch Dutch Oven, a \$50 Savings Bond and a trophy. Lee won a \$20 Savings Bond and a trophy for second place.

Senior Division winners were: Larry Hooper, Winter Haven, cooking "Miss Alma's Stuffed Cornish Hens", first; Donna Laginess, Zephyrhills, cooking Cow Garden Stew, second; and Laura Meckling, Zephyrhills, cooking Chili con Carne, third. Hooper, first place winner, received a 12-inch Dutch Oven, a \$50 Savings Bond and a trophy; Laginess, second place, received a \$20 Savings Bond and a trophy; Meckling, third place, received a trophy.

Kicking off an enjoyable entertainment program from the Bernie Wickstrom Stage, emceed by Greg First and Debby Bacon Chauncey introduced by Chamber Pres. Mike Prilliman, was the Zephyrhills High School Color Guard and Drill Team performance and Jennifer Anne Roys, Miss Zephyrhills of 1991, singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The program included Darby Kirby, Darlene Johnson, Lori Lawson, Patti Reiley, Tracy Thurmond and Shane Forrester singing vocal solos; Dean Johnson playing guitar accompaniment for his sister as she sang, the Barber Shop Quartet Group singing favorite songs, Staci Reeves clogging, Michelle Nikolai, Miss Pasco County of 1991, twirling; and Helen's Baton & Dance group clogging, practicing karate and the like. Mary Harman coordinated the entertainment program.

Chauncey announced winners in the parade and Steve Spina announced essay winners.

Using the festival theme "A to Z, 81 years of Prosperity" as topic, the following Zephyrhills

High School students won prizes in the Essay Contest, which became a part of the Founders' Days program in 1990; David Holly, a \$100 savings bond donated by Community National Bank of Pasco, first; Kimberly Paugh and Teresa Lynn Trebour, tied for second each receiving tote bags from NCNB; and Jennifer Hillis, a Tampa Tribune comic umbrella, third.



Above: Southern Charm Resort won best entry depicting theme of parade.

Below: Sun Bank of Pasco County won Best Business entry.



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# Zephyrhills Celebrates Founders' Day



Above and above left: The flag was carried by several groups during the Founders' Day Parade.

March 11, 1999

Right: Rainbow Preschooler's Noah's ark took first place overall in the float category in last weekend's Founders' Day Parade.



The 89th Zephyrhills Founders' Day Celebration, held on March 6th and dedicated to Main Street Zephyrhills Project Manager Robin Counsell, exceeded everyone's expectations. The event was under the direction of Jerry Miller, with the theme being Education.

The parade was preceded by the performance of a Class Action Drill Team performing in front of the viewing stand with the National Anthem sung by Jenifer Roys, a ZHS graduate and a former Miss Zephyrhills. The parade consisted of approximately 98 entries, several consisting of multiple entries and lasting over an hour.

Parade winners: Rainbow Preschool, Best Overall; SunTrust Bank Nature Coast, Best Business; Ridgewood High School, Best Marching Unit; Southern Charm RV Resort, Best Mobile Home, RV Park; Celebration Ministries, Best Club/Organization and Florida Pioneer Museum, Best Depicting Theme.

Serving as the Grand Marshal was Dr. John Long, of the Pasco County School Board.

Other events of the day were the 5-kilometer and 1-mile foot race hosted by the East Pasco YMCA and sponsored by Zephyrhills Bottled Water. There was continuous entertainment on the Wm. Eiland Stage in Time Square, arts and crafts on Fifth Ave. along with a business expo sponsored by the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, hog calling contest and a bed race. To kick off the Founders' Day Celebration, a Street Dance was held on Friday night on Fifth Ave.

Other events of the day was a Fish Fry by the Zephyrhills Kiwanis Club and the Historical Association Roast Pork Dinner. Other food vendors were on hand for those who wanted only a light lunch.



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# 101st Founder's Day in Zephyrhills



Above: One of the more innovative floats depicted a bullet train connecting Tampa and Orlando.

Below: The Zephyrhills Little League had several floats in the parade, similar to this one carrying the Gators softball team.



Above: Pasco Police Athletic League cheerleaders rode on a float.

Left: *The Zephyrhills News*' float travels down Fifth Avenue with sales manager Theresa LeBlanc and publisher Jan Linville throwing beads to the crowd.

## Parade and live entertainment highlight festivities

March 17, 2011

Befitting the city's 101st anniversary, this year's Founder's Day Parade listed the theme as Back to the Future. Having celebrated a historical Centennial in 2010, last Saturday's Founder's Day focused on what the next century holds.

The downtown parade, organized by Main Street Zephyrhills, began at 10 a.m. A street party and entertainment at the Eiland bandstand followed, along with an art show at the Alice Hall Community Center.

"Downtown Zephyrhills, it's a Main Street event but it's a chamber of commerce day," said Greg First, the parade's master of ceremonies. "This seems like the biggest parade I've seen in 50 years. It just keeps getting bigger and bigger."

The parade featured about 100 floats and groups slated to be in the parade. Following the traditional lead car of Zephyrhills Police Chief David Shears, local dignitaries in vehicles preceded a host of floats and walking groups such as school bands and local business representatives.

Among the dignitaries was State Senator Ronda Storms, who enjoyed shaking hands and hearing from people along the route.

"Parades are really good, because when you're going by you (people) feel they can tell you what they think," she said. "They may not get a chance to go to the district office or go to Tallahassee, so they can reach to me at a parade."

As the parade concluded, Zephyrhills resident Sue Wyatt echoed the sentiments of many who lined the downtown streets. "It was an awesome parade," she said. "I loved the bands and the floats."

"Baker Acres had a beautiful float in the parade this year," added Joyce Avery, a 13-year resident of Baker Acres. The Zephyrhills Little League's float took Best Overall Entry. Skydive City was the runner-up in that category.

Other division winners and runners-up were: Best Theme — Goin' Postal/Hut no. 8, Southern Charm; Best Business Entry — Skydive City, West Zephyrhills Elementary; Best Mobile Home/RV Park — Happy Days, Baker Acres; Best Miscellaneous Cars/Trucks — Councilwoman Jodi Wileson, Emerald Point Cruisers; Best Club Entry — Zephyrhills Little League, Sons of Confederate Veterans & United Daughters of the Confederacy; Best Marching/Walking Unit — Zephyrhills High JROTC Drum Corp, Stewart Middle Band.

"I've been doing this parade for 11 years and I have a lot of fun," said Mary Bartlett of Gulf Coast Massage. Unlike last year when 10 grand marshals were selected as a tribute to the city's Centennial, this year's parade listed just one grand marshal. Wade Thomas, owner of Thomas and Sons off US 301, fulfilled that role.

Following the parade, local businesses set up booths along Fifth Avenue, among them several children's games including a bounce house and rock climbing wall. There also was live musical entertainment at the Eiland Bandstand.

Zephyrhills resident Sheri Grayling, who stayed for the parade and entertainment afterward with husband, Barry; children Eric, Alex and Selina; and grandchildren Natalie and Aubrea.

"It's an awesome opportunity to be able to share in activities with the public," Grayling said.

The festivities drew locals and visitors alike, such as a group of winter residents from Michigan who set up lawn chairs at the bandstand for front-row seats during the entertainment. That group included Mary, Anna, Paul and George Scholl, along with Rose Seguin.

Then there was Mike West, who has lived in several big cities on the east and west coasts but now prefers the quaint atmosphere offered by Zephyrhills.

"I wanted a nice, mellow, calm little community where everyone gets along," he said, while waiting with Grace Walker for the music to start at the bandstand. "I love it here."

Added Walker, "I liked (the parade). I always like it."

Initially celebrated in 1952, Founder's Day in downtown Zephyrhills featured a parade, carnival and concert. Called the Pioneer Parade back then, it attracted about 2,000 people and took place in the city's 42nd year.

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# Founder's Day brings community together



Above: The West Zephyrhills Elementary School float won best youth organization in last year's Founder's Day Parade.

Left: *The Zephyrhills News*' staff gather on their float prior to the Founder's Day Parade. The float won best business entry.

*Event becomes a symbol of the city's heart*

March 14, 2013

Thousands of people lined Fifth Avenue Saturday to celebrate the 103rd Anniversary of Zephyrhills as the annual Founder's Day parade kicked off the grand celebration.

With the theme I (Heart) Zephyrhills, more than 90 entries made their way through the parade route spanning nearly 90 minutes from beginning to end. Floats, royalty, classic cars, marching bands and campaign candidates extended throughout the route. Sprinkle in a huge contingent from the Shriner's and several Little League teams, the parade seemed like a nearly endless trail of enjoyment of sights and sounds.

Grand Marshalls Marcus and M.J. Price, local business owners who have hosted over 100 free community events, wore genuine smiles as they joined their children waving to the crowd while cruising down the route in a vintage red and white convertible.

"It was awesome," said M.J. Price. "It was a huge honor. The kids were excited and the car was fantastic. Founder's Day is probably the most important day for us. We love the festival and the parade. This is the day our city celebrates becoming Zephyrhills."

Royalty was everywhere as the RV and mobile home park tradition of proudly honoring their kings, queens, princes and princess lived on. Dressed in crowns and robes, couples waved proudly to the crowd.

Barbara Bartucci of Betmar came to see the parade and

cheer on king and queen, Derald and Patricia Van Camp and Prince Richard Fritz and Princess Deanna Payne.

"I thought it was wonderful and it gets better and better every year," Bartucci said. "We have our royalty and we all get to see them and a great parade. I think it is wonderful to see the community of Zephyrhills come out and participate in such a big way. We feel this is our home. We love this town."

John Namislo has attended more than 30 Founder's Day parades and is continually amazed to see how the community comes together to celebrate its history.

"There is a lot of history to this town and this is a way for them to learn about it and be part of it," Namislo said. "Founder's Day brings out that history for everyone to enjoy. It's a very special day for this community."

Judges of the parade were Amanda Lakes, Dr. Randall Stovall, Cathy Mowrey, Addressa Williams and Connie Bladon. All of the parade entries fell into various categories and winners were announced in each group.

"It's a lot of fun," said Williams, an assistant principal at Zephyrhills High School. "You get to see everything going by so slowly, you get to see all the fine details they put into these floats. This is one of the favorite times of the year."

"I get to see all the people come out for this and I love to see my high school kids out here interacting. They are part of the parade, they are spectators and they are volunteering their time. It makes me so proud of them."

The winners of this year's parade are Southern Charm RV Resort, best overall; First Church of the Nazarene, best religious organization; Zephyrhills Historical Association, best club entry; Pasco County Sheriff's Office Mounted Posse, best equestrian unit; Rainbow Village Carefree RV Resort, best mobile home/RV Park; Zephyrhills High School, best marching unit; West Zephyrhills Elementary, best youth organization; *The Zephyrhills News*, best business entry; and First Baptist Church, best display of theme.



Above: The residents of Winters' Mobile Home Park wave to the spectators along Fifth Avenue.



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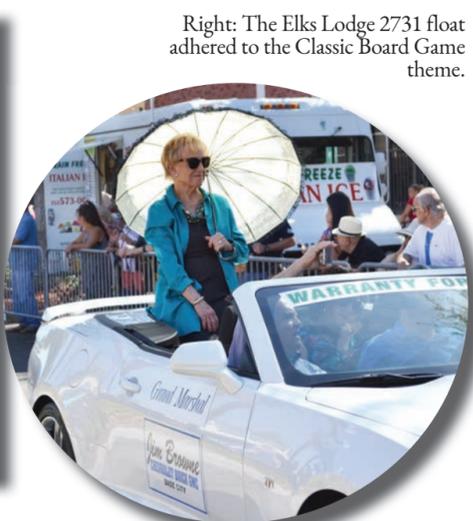
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# Founders' Day Parade celebrates city's history



Above: Players in the Zephyrhills Little League ride in a float while other players walked.



Right: The Elks Lodge 2731 float adhered to the Classic Board Game theme.



Above right: Grand Marshal Jean Murphy was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Zephyrhills Daybreak.

## Longstanding tradition unites year-round residents and snowbirds alike

March 16, 2017

Whether you live here year-round, you're a snowbird residing in this quaint east Pasco city for the winter or simply visit occasionally from a neighboring town, at some point you most likely have witnessed a longstanding winter tradition in Zephyrhills.

All three groups, along with some other local onlookers or curious out-of-state visitors, gathered along Main Street last Saturday morning for the 107th Founders' Day Parade. Some in the crowd were first-timers while others haven't missed many of the annual parades, which began in 1910 in a place initially known as Abbott Station.

"We came to the parade a few years back when we were down (from Maine) visiting my husband's parents," said Donna Finley, who along with her husband Thomas now partially reside in Zephyrhills. "This is a beautiful day for it."

Heather Bergtold, owner of 5th Avenue Pet Grooming, and her groomer Lynn Mason had a booth along the parade route. Both are from the area with Bergtold graduating from Pasco High in 2005 and Mason being a 1984 Zephyrhills graduate.

"It's nice to be in a small town where things like this are important," Bergtold said.

Mason spoke of the importance of Founders' Day, saying, "It's just remembering history, what got us to this day. Plus, I have relatives who were here when it was Abbott Station."

Atop a downtown stage as the master of ceremonies for the parade participants was longtime Zephyrhills High football announcer Greg First. He was joined by a panel of judges that included Cliff McDuffie, the city's former mayor, community activist Tracy Sullivan and Sandra Amerson, the city's human resources director.

Before the parade got under way, local singer Johnny Ellis

delivered a stirring rendition of the national anthem with the Zephyrhills High JROTC Color Guard standing at attention in front of the stage.

Floats and marchers in the parade adhered to this year's theme: Classic Board Games and no one had a better float than Rainbow Village, voted by judges as the overall winner as well as the miscellaneous car and truck category.

"They really hit it out of the park," Jodi Wilkeson, a Main Street board member who served as the judges' coordinator, said of the Rainbow Village volunteers who re-enacted the murder-mystery game of Clue. "They embraced (the theme). You could tell it took a lot of work."

Other winners among more than 40 entries of floats and marching units were: marching unit, Zephyrhills High band; youth organization, Zephyrhills Little League; religious organization, Our Savior Lutheran Church of Zephyrhills; business entry, San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union; and club entry, Elks Lodge 2731.

Early in the parade, the crowd was introduced to grand marshal Jean Murphy. A successful businesswoman and former travel agent in Zephyrhills for more than 30 years, she was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Zephyrhills Daybreak who also held numerous leadership positions with other community and civic organizations.

Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield, city manager Steve Spina, along with councilmen Kenneth Compton, Alan Knight, Ken Burgess, Lance Smith and Charlie Proctor preceded the Pasco Sheriff's Mounted Posse. All of those people, along with the horses, are fixtures at annual downtown parades that include ones for Veterans Day and the Festival of Lights at Christmas-time.

Aside from the Zephyrhills Little League team that won a plaque, other youth groups represented were high school cheerleaders and the Stewart Middle Band; Helen's Baton & Dance; East Pasco Gymnastics; Cub Scout Packs 72 and 77; Girl Scouts of Westwind; and the Stewart Middle National Junior Honor Society.

Perhaps SueEllen Smith, the high school's cafeteria manager who marched in Saturday's parade, summed up Saturday's historical event better than anyone.

"It's big fun; small-town USA," she said.



Above: The East Pasco Meals on Wheels float featured a Lion King game theme. Simba is above the cage.

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# Roaring '20s is theme for 110th Founder's Day Parade



Above: Members of the Zephyrhills JROTC carry a large American flag.



Below: Flapper dancers ride a float during Saturday morning's traditional Founder's Day Parade.



Above: Zephyrhills Elks Lodge members dressed in period costumes to represent the Roaring '20s theme.

Left: The Zephyrhills band turns the corner on Fifth Avenue during the Founder's Day Parade.

*Downtown parade and day-long heritage festival in Zephyrhills harken back to a bygone era*

March 12, 2020

The roaring '20s dances were wild and carefree, which highlighted America's progressive spirit from a bygone era. That theme, which included glitz, glam and tin cans, was chosen by Main Street Zephyrhills for the 110th Founder's Day Parade and Heritage Festival.

Floats passed along the 5th Avenue route last Saturday morning. Flappers and ballroom-style dancers shook and shimmed to the crowd's delight. One couple even got out of a vintage car to dance on the street. The party actually was a continuation of a Friday night dance at the Eiland Bandstand.

"We try to keep the theme with something historically relevant to Zephyrhills," said Anna Stutzriem, director of Main Street Zephyrhills. "It's the roaring '20s in 2020."

Before the parade got started, Denise Lay, pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills, led the crowd of locals and visitors alike in a blessing before saying a few kind words about the city's founding fathers.

"We're grateful for our founding fathers who peered into the future and laid the groundwork for the city we have today," she said.

Joining Lay as judges sitting at a table atop a trailer bed were prominent community members Lynda Vest, Katie Jeffcott and Winifred Turgeon. Vest and Jeffcott work at Stewart Middle School while Turgeon is a local businesswoman.

Following Lay's words, Encore, part of the Zephyrhills High Choir, sang a stirring rendition of the national anthem while members of that school's JROTC program held and waved a large American flag.

"They're very good. We've heard them at the other parades," said Emily Mower, a snowbird from Michigan who spends winters in Zephyrhills with her husband Lawrence.

Like the Mowers, many people along the crowded downtown streets have been to numerous parades. For some, watching floats, local groups and community leaders go by is why Zephyrhills retains its small-town charm.

"We try to come to them all," said Brendan Fredericks, another local snowbird from Ontario who watched the parade with his wife Laurie.

Added Laurie, "We recognize a lot of the people who are in the parades. I always like the marching bands."

Les and Ann Slaven, winter residents of Zephyrhills who reside in upstate New York for most of the year, have not missed many downtown parades since they began coming here 20 years ago. They put their lawn chairs in the front row early on and had great seats for the parade.

"We try to make it every year," Les said. "The old downtown; it's like a neighborhood," added Ann. "We're always here for the Christmas parade too."

As with any neighborhood there were plenty of locals in the parade. Following several politicians and city vehicles was a car with four girls who led the Zephyrhills High girls weightlifting team to back-to-back district and regional titles, as well as a third-place finish in the Class A state finals. That foursome included Madison Aquilera, Kayla Robbins, Sarah Davis and Lakishia Thomas.

Also part of the parade were numerous youth groups and school bands. Count Helen's Dance Studio, which has been part of the local community for 30 years, among that group that included scouts and Zephyrhills Little League baseball and softball players.

Before and after the parade, people were lured downtown by musical entertainment at the bandstand as well as a bevy of arts and crafts booths and other types of vendors.

"We like to stay after the parades and check out the booths," said Zephyrhills' Miranda Tompkins, who came with her husband Dan.

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