

Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa County's Time Capsule Location is Heritage Museum of NWF *Learn more about VIVA Florida's 500th Anniversary & Time Capsule by tuning into WFTW 1260 Radio on April 18*

The Okaloosa Time Capsule Committee has been meeting for several months to discuss the VIVA Florida Anniversary Time Capsule received from the state. Committee members recently scouted locations for the time capsule storage until its opening in 100 years. There were many considerations in selecting the Heritage Museum, such as proximity to all residents, security and how best to display the time capsule. Additionally, the sealing date will be celebrated at the Yule of Yesteryear event held at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida in December. Museum board member and Time Capsule Committee member Steve Czonstka will be on WFTW Talk Radio 1260 April 18 to discuss VIVA Florida, the time capsule and the museum. Please call Steve at 850-664-1260, with ideas for the Time Capsule during the 7:30 a.m. time slot!

The Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative (OCPLC) and County Commissioners are inviting community organizations and individuals to help select memories for a time capsule, as well incorporate Okaloosa County venues, events and activities in celebration of Florida's 500th Anniversary. To encourage activities in every community in each of Florida's 67 counties, a Viva Florida 500 Time Capsule has been provided to every county library in the state.

Items selected for the capsule will create a snapshot of Okaloosa by preserving memories of today's events and lifestyle, such as tourism, beautiful beaches, military presence, and local festivals, restaurants, architecture and businesses. Photographs, documents or non-perishable objects may also represent popular culture, geography, industries, agriculture, education, libraries, museums, cities in the county, and issues of the day. The Time Capsule Committee currently consists of library representatives, museums and community volunteers.

The overall theme is to Commemorate, Educate, Promote – Okaloosa and the State of Florida through history, outdoor expeditions and the time capsule. To learn more about statewide activities, visit Facebook: Okaloosa Viva Florida 500 or www.vivaflorida.org. OCPLC members include the Destin Library, Fort Walton Beach Library, Niceville Library, Mary Esther Public Library, Robert L.F. Sikes Public Library in Crestview, and the Valparaiso Community Library. For more information, contact 850-609-5102 or 651-7270.

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