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31st Annual Saturday in the Park

Popular Festival and Fundraiser for the Heritage Museum on April 28

Valparaiso, FL - On Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida will host its 31st Annual Saturday in the Park festival at the Museum and in Perrine Park in "Old Valparaiso." This springtime community festival, sponsored by the City of Valparaiso and Vanguard Bank, serves to showcase the Museum and its efforts to preserve and promote Northwest Florida history.

The event is a fun, free day in the park for families, starting with a Run/Walk for kids and grown-ups, and following with arts and crafts for today's shopper, as well as historical demonstrations, food, entertainment, and activities for children. A new exhibition of student art, sponsored by Okaloosa-Walton College Foundation and submitted for the Saturday in the Park art contest, will be on display.

Traditional craft demonstrations will include blacksmithing by Blackdog Forge, woodcarving by the Emerald Coast Woodturners Guild, basketry, quilting, tatting and more. History comes alive with demonstrations by the Walton Guard Civil War Re-enactors and Shire of Phoenix Glade Medieval Re-enactors.

In addition to learning about history, children can participate in fun activities which include train rides sponsored by Beach Community Bank; pony rides sponsored

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in part by Coastal Materials; and old-fashioned horse and carriage rides along the bayou sponsored by Preston Hood Chevrolet. In celebration of spring, Saturday in the Park will also host the Valparaiso Garden Club Show and Sale.

Entertainment stages will include a variety of unique performances to include, the Emerald Coast Barber Shop Singers, Sweet Prospect Hammered Dulcimer Group, Pelican Pickers, Niceville Noodlers, Cheryl Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Art, Christian Celli Club, Panamanian and Hawaiian Dancers, the High Steppers, Drake Irish Dancers, Pyramid Show Choir and Dancers, A Dance Studio, Dance Motions and JazzyBlueDance.

Also performing will be Rocky Bayou Christian School, Ruckel Middle School, Lewis Middle School, Oak Hill Elementary School, and Valparaiso Elementary School and the Grace Lutheran "Hands of Grace" Puppet Shows.

The event is organized by community volunteers and Glenda Kelly of Special Occasions of Fort Walton Beach. Admission is free. For more information, call (850) 678-2615.

Schedule of Events:

8:00 AM	Panhandle 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Kids' Run
9:00 AM	Saturday in the Park opens with Posting of Colors
9-10 AM	Runners Awards Program
9:15 AM	Entertainment Begins
4:00 PM	Festival Closes

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Panhandle 5K Run/Walk & 1-Mile Kids' Run Annual Run to Benefit the Heritage Museum

On Saturday, April 28, at 8:00 a.m., the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida will kick-off its Saturday in the Park festival with a 5K Run/Walk. Kids can register for a one-mile run, up to age 13. The popular 3.1 mile route will take runners, walkers and wheelchair participants through "Old Valparaiso" and along scenic waterfront Bayshore Drive.

Awards will be presented to Overall male and female, Grandmasters, as well as top three in age categories, to include children. An awards ceremony will follow the race between 9 and 10 a.m. at the Trinity Presbyterian Church nearby. Post race participants can visit the Museum, festival booths and demonstrations.

Race registration is \$17, \$15 for Museum members and \$5 for Kid's Run. Race day registration is \$20 adults and \$10 for kids. T-shirts and water bottles go to the first 150 entrants. Race day registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Heritage Museum. Racers may also register at Active.com.

The Museum is located at 115 Westview Avenue in Valparaiso. For additional information or to register, visit www.heritage-museum.org, or call (850) 678-2615 or 974-8061.

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Stage on the Green		Times	Stage in the Glen
Posting of the colors with bugler Kit Sandlin, the Emerald Coast Pipe and Drum Corps, National Anthem singer Gram Boatwell, invocation by Pastor Michael Schneider and both the Choctaw and Niceville ROTC honor guards		0900-0915	-----
A Dance Studio	0915-1000	0915-0930	General Announcements
Pyramid Players	1000-1030	0930-1000	Panamanian dancers
Niceville Noodlers (Dulcimer group)	1030-1100	1000-1030	Ruckel Middle School Jazz band
Christian Ceili Club	1100-1130	1030-1130	Hawaiian dancers
Sweet Prospect hammered dulcimers	1130-1215	1130-1200	Emerald Coast Barber Shop Singers
Shire of Phoenix Glade (SCA Medieval re-enactors)	1215-1300	1200-1230	JazzyBlueDance
		1230-1300	Lewis Middle School Jazz band
Oak Hill Elem. School music program	1300-1330	1300-1400	Dr. Cheryl Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Art Jazz Ensemble
The High Steppers	1330-1355		
Drake School of Irish Dance	1355-1435	1400-1500	Pelican Pickers
Dance Motions	1435-1505		
Rocky Bayou Christian School Jazz Band	1505-1600	1500-1600	Alibi- Classic Rock

In Trinity Presbyterian Church (the church facing the green) there are the following events:

Runners Awards Program – some time between 9 and 10am

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2 puppet shows alternating all day; "Hands of Grace" and "(P)raising Hands" with shows starting at 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45 and then a lunch break followed by shows at 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15

During the lunch break the Westleyans Singers, of FUMC, will perform from 12:30-1:30

Plus "Clowns for Christ" will use this church as a recovery area between working the crowd and doing balloons

In the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida Mr. James Moore, Storyteller, will be telling tales from his book "Boggy Bayou Braggings" -- Southern yarns, with a dash of humor. Shows starting at 0935, 1105, 1235 and 1405

Also in the Museum, The Red Hat Bayou Belles will be working a kids' crafts and projects table sponsored by AC Moore of Ft Walton Beach in the Museum's Discovery Room.

On the green (Perrine Park), there will be two more kid's craft booths with projects from Home Depot.

NOTE: Times are subject to change, for updates contact Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, 678.2615.

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