

Time Capsule To Be Deposited In Vienna

A project is under way to deposit a 50-year Time Capsule in Vienna as the final observance of this Bicentennial Year:

The idea was first suggested by Tom Coffey of Vienna who asked Henry Evans, editor of the Gazette-Advisor, if he would be interested in carrying out the project. Evans accepted and some preliminary arrangements have been made.

Instead of depositing the Time Capsule in a specially-prepared underground vault, as is usually done, arrangements have been made to place it in the vault at the Maries County Bank where it will remain for 50 years. It was considered that the bank vault would be the only place where the Capsule would be safe from vandalism over that long a period of time without building a large and expensive vandal-proof underground vault.

When enough objects have been gathered to fill the metal box which will become the Time Capsule it will be sealed in a ceremony before a student assembly at the public school. The student body of visitation Catholic School has been invited to be present for the ceremony and the public will also be invited to attend. No date for the sealing of the capsule has

been set but it will be held soon after the national election so that reports of that election may be included in the capsule. It will then be presented to a bank officer in the ceremony for 50-year safe-keeping in the bank vault.

Maries R-1 School Superintendent Bill Hodge agreed to have the school participate in the project because a project such as this will help make students more history-conscious and, statistically speaking, most of the present student body will still be here when the capsule is opened in the year 2026.

The project is now in the stage of finding objects to place into Capsule. There will include local, state and national news reports of this period, books, many photographs, the 1976 yearbook and many other objects. The standard for selecting objects for the Capsule is that the object must tell something about life today, how people live now, what is going on today what our problems and solutions are, how people look, what they wear, how they live, where they live.

The public is invited to submit ideas for what goes into the Capsule although space will limit how many objects can be placed in it. Anyone with such ideas is invited to contact the newspaper office.

Student Council Problems

Time Capsule To Be Sealed This Month

The project of depositing a 50-year time capsule in Vienna is in the process of accumulating items to place into the capsule but the time is growing short and anyone with any item which might be suitable is asked to contact the newspaper office as soon as possible. The capsule will be about the size of a suitcase so the items should be small and flat.

The project was organized about a month ago at the suggestion of Tom Coffey of Vienna. It will contain items which will show and tell the people of this area in the year 2026 what life was like here at this time. Several items have been collected for the capsule and others are presently in the process of preparation.

The capsule will be filled and sealed before a student assembly at the Vienna school within the next three weeks. An exact date will be announced next week.

The capsule will be deposited in the vault of the Maries County Bank in Vienna for safekeeping. It was considered that the bank

vault would be the only place where it would be safe from vandalism without building a special, large expensive underground vault for it.

Statistically, most of the children who watch the sealing of the capsule at the assembly will still be alive when it is opened in 2026 and it is likely some of them will be present at the opening.

Among the items to be placed in the capsule are daily and weekly newspapers, including reports of the 1976 presidential election, the 1972 100th anniversary edition of this newspaper, special bicentennial editions of other newspapers, special scrapbooks which are now in preparation, a large number of photographs, a county fair program book which lists all the businesses in the area at this time and local history books and a special letter written to the people of 2026.

The student body of Visitation school will be present at the assembly to seal the capsule and are preparing their own item to place in it.

Time Capsule Nearing Completion, Sealing Set

The Vienna 50-year Time Capsule will be sealed on Thursday, Nov. 18, 1976 before a joint student assembly of the Maries R-1 School and Visitation Inter-Parish School in the Allen Gymnasium. The assembly will take place at 9:30 a.m. on that date and visitors are welcome.

A new feature added to the Time Capsule project last week is to ask for one dollar contribution to be placed in an interest-bearing bank savings account to be withdrawn when the capsule is opened in the year 2026 and to be used for some sort of public improvement at the discretion of the people of that time.

Everyone who contributes to this Time Capsule account will have their name placed into the capsule as donor. Contribution of one dollar are being accepted now. Make checks payable to Vienna Time Capsule and send to the Newspaper office together with your name and address.

The Maries County Bank has selected a random figure to illustrate how such a savings account would grow in 50 years. If the account started with the sum of \$530 and left undisturbed at six percent interest for 50 years, it would grow to \$9,207. In addition to that, it could be expected to earn better than six percent as the years passed.

A letter is being prepared to place into the Capsule telling the people of that time how the capsule was prepared as a Bicentennial Project of 1976. The letter will suggest that the contents of the Capsule be placed in to the custody of the city government of Vienna, or of the Maries County Historical Society, or any such combination of custodians or any agency deemed proper at that time which would preserve the contents as historical documents and make them accessible to the public at that time.

At present 14 groups of items or individual items

have been selected to be included in the Capsule although several more are hoped for. Those are:

1. Eight newspapers, daily and weekly. These include papers carrying the results of the 1976 Presidential election, both national and county results, special Bicentennial sections of a daily newspaper, the 1972 100th Anniversary Edition of the Gazette-Adviser which contained a number of historical articles and all edition of the G-A which contain reports of the Time Capsule.

2. Two manila envelopes containing many photographs, one with school photographs and the other with general photographs of the area and its people.

3. A copy of King's History of Maries County.

4. Vienna 1955 Centennial book.

5. Visitation Parish 1957 Centennial book.

6. 1976 Fair book.

7. 1976 Vienna school year book.

8. 1976 Belle school year book.

9. Vienna economic profile compiled by the Missouri Department of Community Development.

10. Names of donors to Time Capsule bank account.

11. Letter written to the people of 2026 explaining the time capsule and why it was prepared.

12. Scrapbook of fashions, hair styles and homemaking prepared by the Home-Ec Department of the school.

13. Item prepared by Visitation School.

14. Passbook for Time Capsule savings account.

In addition, items are also expected from the Historical Society from the NFO and from any other group or person submitting a suitable item.

(Note: By the time the Gazette-Adviser went to press on Wednesday morning the number of items to be placed in the Time Capsule had increased to 30.)

LETTER TO THE FUTURE

To the people of the Vienna-Maries
County community of the year 2026 A.D.

From the people of the same area in
the year 1976 A.D.

Greetings from the past:

This box, which we call a "Time Capsule", was sealed before a student assembly at the school in Vienna on November 18, 1976, and placed in storage in the vault of the Maries County Bnk at Vienna to be kept for you in the year 2026, 50 years later.

It contains items which tell you something of our life here in 1976, the year in which we observed the 200th anniversary of the founding of our nation. This Time Capsule is the final project of our local Bicentennial Observance. We hope you find its contents interesting and worthy of preserving for its historical value.

Included in the contents is a passbook for a bank savings account. The original deposit was made with funds contributed by the public for this project. The account has been drawing interest for 50 years. If you will take the book to the bank to have the interest entered, we offer the total to you to be used for any kind of project you select which will be of general benefit to the public.

We consign this Time Capsule and the savings account to the custody of the city of Vienna. This city celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1956 and we trust it will still be functioning as a community in another 50 years when it will be 170 years old.

We look backward 50 years from this point in time and we realize that many things have changed considerably since 1926. The fields of science and technology have made tremendous strides since 1926, even affecting our daily lives in our transportation, our clothing, food and housing. We expect changes of similar extent will be made in the coming 50 years and we hope that in 2026 you will still have a free America as your home under the guidance of the Almighty God in whom we trust.

We would also like to suggest to you that if the conditions are such that you can, that you deposit your own 50-Year Time Capsule, including something in it from both your time and ours, so that when the nation celebrates its Tricentennial in the year 2076 they will give a thought to us.

One of our other Bicentennial projects was the planting of 168 trees in the area. Those trees will be full grown when you read this and we hope you enjoy them. Those trees and this box are our message to you.

May God bless you all.

Time Capsule Goes Into Bank Vault This Week

The Vienna Time Capsule is scheduled to be sealed Thursday before a joint student assembly of the public school in Vienna and Visitation Inter-parish school. The sealing is set for 9:30 a.m. and visitors are welcome.

After sealing, the Capsule will be stored in the vault of the Maries County Bank in Vienna for 50 years. The depositing of the Capsule is a local Bicentennial project and it was discussed whether it should be stored for 100 years, as were those at Iberia, Dixon and other places, to be opened when the nation observes its Tricentennial in the year 2075.

However, it was decided that there would be more interest in the Capsule if it were known that it would be opened in 50 years by some of the same people who witness the sealing on Thursday. Fifty years is a short enough time for today's young people to still be on the scene yet long enough for significant changes to occur in people's way of life to make those people in 2026 open this capsule with curiosity and interest.

In addition, to the Capsule, an interest-bearing savings account is being opened at the Maries County Bank with the passbook placed inside the Capsule. In a letter which will

also be placed in the Capsule, the people of 2026 are asked to use the money for some project for the general benefit of the public. The exact amount of money to be placed in the account is not known at this time but will be announced next week. All people who donated to the account will have their names placed on the list of donor inside the Capsule.

The following acknowledgements are made of those who contributed to the 50-Year Time Capsule project: Tom Coffey, who first suggested the Capsule and who contributed a number of items to place in it; Maries County Bank for providing the vault storage space; Henry Mattern who made the aluminum Capsule; John Viessman who painted the informational lettering on the outside of the Capsule; the administration of the Maries R-1 School and Visitation Inter-Parish school for providing the student assembly to witness the closing of the Capsule; the several groups and individuals who contributed items to place inside the Capsule; the Gazette-Adviser which coordinated the Capsule project and supplied several items to place inside it.

ITEMS FOR THE TIME CAPSULE

The complete list of items placed into the Vienna 50-Year Time Capsule follows:

NEWSPAPERS

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch of Nov. 22, 1963, reporting assassination of President John F. Kennedy.
2. Post-Dispatch of October 19, 1966, reporting on President Johnson's trip to Vietnam was front.
3. Post-Dispatch of January 28, 1967 reporting on deaths of three astronauts in accident at Cape Kennedy, Fla.
4. Post-Dispatch Sunday picture magazine of December 1, 1963, with complete picture story of Kennedy assassination, funeral and killing of Oswald.
5. Gazette-Adviser of May 18, 1972, 100th anniversary edition containing several historical articles.
6. Globe-Democrat of August 9, 1974, reporting resignation of President Nixon.
7. Globe-Democrat of June 19, 1976 containing three special Bicentennial sections.
8. Jefferson City News and Tribute Sunday magazine of November 7, 1976, telling of plans to establish colonies in outer space.
9. Gazette-Adviser of November 3, 1976, containing Maries County election results.
10. Post Dispatch of November 3, 1976, giving national election results.
11. Capital Daily News of November 4, 1976, containing state and national election results.
12. Gazette-Adviser of November 10 and November 17, 1976, reporting on Time Capsule project.

BOOKS

13. Vienna area telephone directory.
14. Maries county rural resident directory, which, with the telephone directory, will contain the names of everyone living in the area at this time.
15. Visitation Church Centennial book of 1957.
16. Vienna Centennial book of 1956.
17. Maries County Fair books of 1974 and 1976.
18. Belle Fair book of 1976.
19. Readers Digests of July and October, 1976, with articles of historical significance.
20. Kings History of Maries County.
21. National catalogue of Bicentennial events including Vienna observance.
22. Vienna school year book of 1976.
23. Belle school year book of 1976.
24. Mall order catalogue of 1976.
25. Scrap book of fashions, hair styles and homemaking compiled by Home-Ec. Department of school.
26. Missouri Sesquicentennial picture book of 1971.
27. Book of 127 color photographs of Missouri.
28. Time Magazine special edition of September 26, reporting the news of 1789 the way they do today.

OTHER ITEMS

29. Tape cassette made at Visitation school.
30. Manila envelope containing collection of photographs taken at schools.
31. Manila envelope containing photo collection of the general area and activities.
32. Records and photographs of the Vienna Bicentennial Committee.
33. 1976 illustrated calendar.
34. U.S.A. Travel Guide with maps.
35. Vienna economic profile prepared by Missouri Division of Commerce and Industrial Development.
36. Louis Wenzel auctioneering certificate from 1922.
37. Almanac for 1977.
38. Vienna promotional pamphlet.
39. Letter to the people of 2026.
40. Passbook for bank savings account.
41. 1976-77 Missouri Legislature Directory.
42. Gazette-Adviser of April 17, 1975 with photograph of planting of first tree in Bicentennial tree project and news story concerning the project.
43. Map of Vienna showing location of various features and public buildings.
44. Central Ozarks Census Profile, which includes Maries County.
45. News Scrapbook by Jerry Honse, completed as a school assignment.
46. Belle Banner of October 29, 1973, which was a special International Shoe Anniversary edition.
47. Scrapbook on the history and operation of the Maries County N.F.O.
48. Special report and photograph from the 4-H Club.

50 YEAR TIME CAPSULE
TO BE OPENED BY VIENNA
CITY GOVERNMENT OR OTHER
AUTHORIZED AGENCY IN THE YEAR
2026 A D
SEALED AT VIENNA, MO. NOV. 18, 1976
STORED AT MARIES COUNTY BANK

Time Capsule Quietly Awaits The Future

About 800 young people and adults witnessed the sealing of the Vienna 50-Year Time Capsule in the Allen Gymnasium at the Maries R-1 School last Thursday morning. Those in the audience included the entire student bodies and faculty of the R-1 school and of Visitation Inter-Parish school and a number of adult visitors.

The audience was addressed briefly by Sister Eulogia, principal of Visitation school by Maries R-1 Superintendent Bill Hodge and by Tom Coffey, who proposed the original idea for the Time Capsule.

Coffey showed the audience a photograph of the Vienna high school student body of 1926, 50 years ago. Three people who were on that photograph were present on Thursday. They were Coffey, Charles James and Jeff Duffin. Duffin was present to accept custody of the Time Capsule to be placed in storage in the vault of the Maries County Bank, of which he is cashier. The Capsule will remain in the vault for the next 50 years. Coffey contributed the photograph to be included inside the Time Capsule. When the Capsule is opened the photograph will be 100 years old.

Henry G. Evans, serving as master of ceremonies, asked John Lemberger and Brenda Wyeberg, sixth-graders at the public school and Visitation school respectively, to place the 56 items and groups of items inside the Capsule after they were shown and explained to the audience.

The Time Capsule Bank Savings Account, which was opened with contributions from the public, totaled \$150. Bank personnel say the account will grow with compounded interest to about \$1600 by the year 2026. The passbook for the account was placed inside the Capsule.