

Time capsule to close for 100 years

Reception at MKT Depot set for Friday

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Everyday electronics, personal mementos and nostalgic memorabilia from local residents will become historic artifacts when residents of Katy open a time capsule in 100 years.

Katy Heritage Society members are hosting a reception Friday to officially close a time capsule that contains items documenting life of this Katy generation. A 1,500-pound cast iron safe is serving as the time capsule and will not be opened until 2108.

The community is invited to a reception at the MKT Depot, 5615 First St. Guests can tour the depot and caboose, view exhibits, look at the time capsule and sample light refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone who is at the depot that evening will have their picture taken and the photo will be

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■ **What:** Closing of time capsule

■ **When:** 6:30 p.m. Friday

■ **Where:** MKT Depot, 5615 First St.

burned to a disc, which will be placed in the time capsule before it closes.

David Frishman, a Katy Heritage Society member and co-chair of the depot and caboose committee, will officially close the time capsule at 7:30 p.m. He said his inventory showed more than 90 items will be included.

They include an incandescent light bulb, cell phone, books, coins, commemorative items, letters and photographs.

Autographs from former President George H.W. Bush and Major League baseball players were also added. Contributions were also received from Katy schools, groups and clubs.

The capsule includes several newspaper articles from local publications that feature stories about Katy High School's football championship as well as

Houston Chronicle articles highlighting global warming, polar bear extinction and high gas prices.

"We want people to know what Katy was like, but also what our world was like," said Marilyn Frishman, also a Katy Heritage member and co-chair of the depot and caboose committee.

Carol Adams, executive director of the Katy Heritage Society, said the size of the safe allowed members to include a large variety of items.

"We set about to compile an interesting variety of items that would be representative of Katy and of 2008," Adams said. "We're pleased with what we collected to include."

The safe was donated to the Katy Heritage Society by Katy resident Jane Hurst, whose father, Leonard Hintz, acquired it when he bought his grocery store in Sealy in 1947.

As Sealy's justice of the peace for almost 30 years, Hintz placed evidence, birth certificates and the store's daily receivables in the safe. It is estimated the safe dates to the late 1800s.