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Heritage Society asks for time capsule donations

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Katy Heritage Society president

The Katy Heritage Society is inviting all residents in the Katy ISD area to take part in Katy's history by making contributions to its time capsule.

The society recently decided to use a donated-turn-of-the-century iron safe as a time capsule that will not be opened until 2108. The safe is currently filled with several items including a florescent light bulb, DVD player, a phone book, trophies, letters and newspaper articles.

"We decided to do this because it hadn't been done," Linda Mikeska, president of the Katy Heritage Society, said.

"We can't promise everything will go in," she added. "We're hoping to include everything."

The capsule will be closed on Feb. 29 and will not be opened again for 100 years.

The 1,800-pound iron safe was donated by Brookshire resident Jane Hurst. When asked why she donated the safe, she replied, "I got tired of moving this thing."

The safe came with her father's grocery store in Sealy that he pur-

chased in the 1940s. When Hurst got the safe later on, she moved it to Hockley with her, then to Katy, then Brookshire. When the M.K.T. Depot was moved in 2005, she decided to donate the safe and did so last year.

"What a perfect place," she said. The safe is from the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company in Hamilton, Ohio, which is now owned by the Diebold Company.

"It took 12 city employees to roll

it up the ramp," David Frishman, M.K.T. Depot co-chairman, said.

The safe sits on top of a foundation built especially for its weight at the M.K.T. Depot. The plans are for it to sit on that spot for the next 100 years. It will not be buried.

The safe has a combination lock that will be given to city hall, the mayor and Frishman's descendants. The combination lock, however, is unlikely to work in 100 years, David Frishman said.

"They will probably have to laser it open," he added.

Before making any contributions, residents need to be aware of the guidelines before their items can be placed in the time capsule. Items

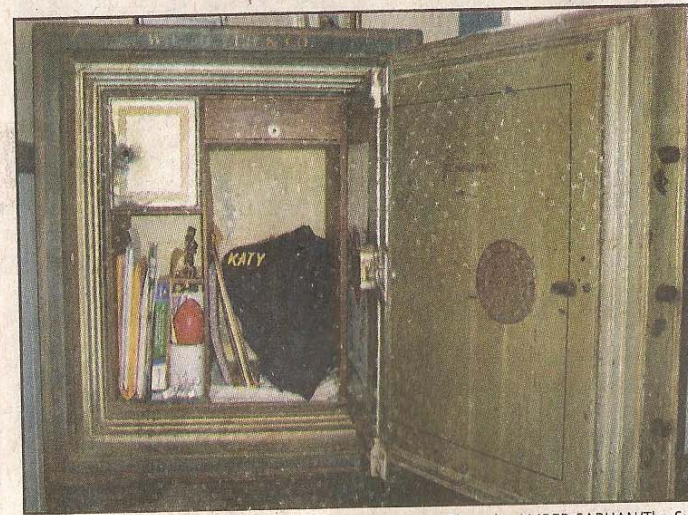


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The Katy Heritage Society is creating a time capsule that will be opened in 2108, and is accepting contributions until Jan. 31.

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such as batteries, PVC, sulfur, rubber and wood will not go into the safe because they could decompose or cause corrosion.

Paper should be of archival qual-

ity. If not, the papers will have to be de-acidified by the Society. Those wishing to contribute photographs will need to have the copies in black and white because the dye in color photographs will fade over time. The Katy Heritage Society will screen all donations.

"We still have room for contributions," David Frishman said. He does not foresee there being a problem with not having enough room to fit in all the contributions.

For anyone interested in taking part in Katy's history or if there are any questions about what can be

placed in the time capsule, contact David or Marilyn Frishman at 281-391-2589. Also, the deadline for item acceptance is Jan. 31. Items can be taken to City Hall during regular business hours, the M.K.T. Depot or Frishman's office at 5723 Highway Blvd.