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CITY LOOKING FOR RECIPIENTS OF CENTENNIAL LETTERS

ROCKPORT, TX – Fifty years ago residents were given the opportunity to write a letter during the City of Rockport and Aransas County’s joint centennial event and place it in a time capsule to be opened at the 2020 Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary. This time capsule was unearthed from its burial place prior to the demolition of City Hall in 2019 and taken to the Service Center. The capsule was a stainless-steel tube, approximately 48 inches high and 18 inches in diameter and was placed inside a concrete vault.

Despite the lid being tightly fastened and no apparent means for water intrusion, most of the contents were wet and there was an accumulation of water at the bottom, likely from condensation. Due to the moisture, many of the items were dirty, rusted, and generally in poor condition; however, many items did survive.

Among them are a few of the letters written 50 years ago. Fortunately, some of them did survive and the City is looking for the intended recipients or family members. These include:

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From:	To:
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip D. Baldwin	Betty and Barbara
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bracht	Fred A Bracht, ???, Alan Bracht, ???, Karen ????
Ruby Bissett Hart	Descendants of Roy Lee & Ruby Bissett Hart
Mrs. Howard L. Keir	???
Margie & John (?McDavid)	The Woods, John, Charles, Glenn, ???
Mr. & Mrs. William J. Mitchell	Jerald S. ?rundret??., Jr. and Descendants
Mrs. Chas Roe, Jr.	Chas Roe, III, Ricky Roe, Theresa Roe, or Ronald Roe
Maynard A Rowan, Jr.	The Powell Family
Mrs. Lloyd Smith & Daughter	Mrs. J. W. (McRae) Brundrett
Kyle Vick, Jr.	Mary Patricia Vick c/o John C. Vick
Kyle Vick, Jr.	Michael Mayfield Vick c/o John C Vick
Kyle Vick, Jr.	Kyle Vick III c/o John C. Vick
Joe V. Wright	Unknown

There are also some letters where the names are illegible, but the contents are still readable. If you think you or a family member may have participated in the letter-writing campaign and want to review the letters, please contact Kimberly Henry by email khenry@cityofrockport.com or phone 261-729-2213 ext. 253.

Other contents included many pieces of news media, budgets, audits, letters, coins, photos, etc. Staff has worked diligently to save as many items as possible from the time capsule and plan to bring forward different pieces for recognition and display these items to the Council and public over the next several months. They may be viewed on the City’s web site at: <https://cityofrockport.com/788/Voices-from-the-Past---The-Time-Capsule>.