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Gaylord Centennial 1881-1981

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Star response to time capsule

GAYLORD — With little over a month to go before it is sealed for posterity, the Gaylord Time Capsule has drawn star-studded response from across the state and nation.

Persons working closely with the project report a long list of politicians, celebrities and industry officials have sent messages and, in some cases, personal articles to be included in the capsule.

Until the capsule is opened in the year 2001, no one will know what the celebrities included in their sealed envelopes, but the response has been enough to peak curiousity.

Could Johnny Carson have sent an old monologue script? Maybe Ronald Reagan sent a presidential pen used for signing bills into law. How about a used golf glove from Arnold Palmer?

Those people and many more have responded — including Bob Hope, Charlton Heston, Gov. William Milliken, former President Gerald Ford and officials from several major companies.

The capsule will be buried on Nov. 14 at the 45th Parallel in Gaylord.

There is still time to add contributions to the capsule. Time capsule envelopes, at \$5 each, are available at the Gaylord - Otsego County Chamber of Commerce office and will also be available at the Gaylord Centennial Celebration, Oct. 2-4.



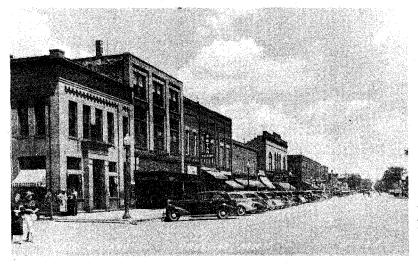
Main Street: Scene I

DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET, between Otsego and Court, as it looked in 1903. From left to right, the buildings were: the Opera House, also known as the Qua Buillding; Levi Stevenson's Jewelry Store and Grocery; Cook's Clothing House; Ned Jockins' Meat Market; City Drug Store; The Milnery Store; and Kramer's Grocery and Dry Goods.

Scene II

BY 1920, DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET looked like this. This remains the only block of buildings from the 1900-era business district still intact today. From left to right: The State Savings Bank Building, presently Four Seasons Gifts; The Cook Building, presently the Swiss Village Mall; The Star Theatre, presently Styles Realty; business unidentified, at present site of Mary Ann's Mall; a men's clothing store, where Helen's Hallmark Haus and part of the Sugar Bowl are now located; Dumas Bros. Sugar Bowl Candy Kitchen and Ice Cream Shop, at site of Sugar Bowl's present family dining area; Kramer's Grocery Store and Dry Goods, presently the east end of the Sugar Bowl, Family Pharmacy and The Wishing Well.





Scene III

IN THE 1930s, downtown Gaylord looked like this. The Star Theatre, which was sandwiched in the center of the block, was a popular attraction as theatre-goers thrilled to the exploits of such matinee idols as; Shirley Temple, Myrna Loy, Edward G. Robinson and Clark Gable.