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City of Parsons Founders' Day honored past, present leaders

The Founder's Day ceremonial closing of the protective case designed to house the Peavine Train Locomotive Time Capsule was held on Saturday May, 3, 2014, at the Parsons Centre located in the Parsons Municipal building. During last year's 100th Birthday Celebration of the Parsons City Charter adopted on April 15, 1913, numerous photographs and documents, and other items were collected for the capsule. The capsule case will not be opened until the year 2063, when the 2013 Riverside High School Senior Class Officers designated as "Capsule Keepers" will be in on hand to open it. Several descendants and relatives of the John Parsons family, the Henry Myracle family, and the George Washington Partin family attended the event. Dr. Parsons, Myracle, and Partin (aka Rivertime Players) also showed up with the locks and keys to officially close the time capsule case. The three pioneers then turned the keys over to Cary Haggard and



Henry Myracle Family: Earl Ray Myracle, Garrett Cochran, Korie Mooney Cochran, Daveigh Cochran, John Parsons Family: Jerry Laster, Thomas Parsons, G.W. Partin Family: Beth Nabors, Gay Voss, Mayor Tim Boaz, Capsule Keepers: Brett Jordan and Cary Haggard, City Council members, Dwight Lancaster and Bobby Rainey, Rivertime Players: Shane Bridges as Dr. John Parsons, David Taylor as G.W. Partin, and Mark Tubbs as Henry Myracle

Brett Jordan, class officers of the Riverside High School Class of 2013 for safekeeping.

On Saturday evening, the City of Parsons hosted a Founder's Heritage Day Banquet in the council and

community rooms of the municipal building. Over 150 people were present as four new honorees were

added to the city's Wall of Achievement. Each of the honorees through their life achievements has, by exam-

ple, been a person dedicated to leadership and service in improving the quality of life for others. The list of 2014 inductees included: Mack Evans Johnson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee in 2011, and Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Tennessee for 2013-14, Juanita Bell Long, the first woman to be elected to the office of County Judge in the state of Tennessee, Linda Tinker Watkins, 2001 - 2004 President General (CEO) of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, a national charity and patriotic organization headquartered in Washington, DC, and Lillye Washburn Younger who authored two historical books about Decatur County and its people. Decatur County History Past and Present was published in 1977, and People of Action in 1983.

Photos from banquet will be in May 14 paper