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**LYONS SCHOOL:** Thanks to those who donated items to the yard sale last month. It was held at the school, 11550 Buno Road. Contracts are being negotiated to construct shutters for the windows. There is a more aesthetic appearance to the exterior and provide effective security. Jim Vichich is also investigating the cost of constructing a sidewalk and ramp to the front door. Other internal infrastructure are also on his agenda. All this requires a generous outlay of funds. The Society fund raising projects and donations will make it possible. Once the restoration is completed the possibility of its inclusion as a stop on bus tours presents itself. Some income could perhaps be generated.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**

Phoenix High School graduate Randy McDonal was selected to receive the 2nd annual scholarship awarded by the Society. The $1000.00 will make a great difference in his educational plans. Last year's recipient, Kelly Marcoux, has completed two semesters and is planning to continue. Good luck to both. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund is hereby strongly encouraged to do so.

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**FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

AFGHAN (THROW): For several Saturdays in June you'll find Nancy Fredenberg at the millpond selling his woven cotton throws the Society has prepared as a fundraiser. Eight local scenes plus the mill pond are depicted. A history of the various scenes will be included. The throws come in three different colors. Only 75 of each are available. Call Nancy, 229-9100. If you don't see her at the millpond.

ART FAIR BOOTH: Chuck Beach will again make arrangements but a family reunion precludes his attendance. Call Chuck, 229-9678, and offer to spend a few hours Saturday or Sunday, August 15-14 at the booth. Lemonade and cookies will be sold, also the new throw, tiles, postcards, etc. Brochures and newsletters will be 'freebies'. This is a fine publicity opportunity for the Society.

**TILES:** (See right) Depicting many other scenes, these are available at Uber's Drugs, Society Bank and Somewhere in Time, 516 W. Main.

**SIGNATURE QUILT:** Signatures of L.G. Bit- tr, C.A. Newman, John L. Taylor, J.T. Warner, and others. All property owners in Brighton Township in 1906, are ready to be purchased as a $10.00 donation is made. Send to the Society with your selection. (Is yours included?)

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If there are any questions regarding dues or board dates please contact President Bair. Your patience is appreciated when errors creep in. (Perhaps one should consider offering one’s services.)

THANKS-TY...THANKS-TY...THANKS

Janice Beach for assuming the role of Publicity Chairman. We still are in need of a V.P., a Trail Tales co-editor (Bair will continue with the historic research if you wish), etc. needed.

John Curry for cash donation to help pay for the microfilming of Brighton Argus issues.

Elsa Stengenga for donation to Lyons School.

Anne Stratigos for providing refreshments at the May General Meeting.

Members of local veteran’s groups for organizing the annual observance of Memorial Day. (Supplemental services are also held at local cemeteries.)

Jim Vichich for putting up the banners on the Old Town Hall for that weekend. And taking them down again.

Millbred Harrington for copies of pictures of the 1927-28 5th grade class at Brighton High (Union School) on Rickett Road and the 1935 picture of 11 young boys, 8 years old (?), on the steps of the High School (arch school on Church Street).

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