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LOCAL HISTORY BOOK: The generosity of many with the lending of photos, articles and other information is helping Carol McMackin, 810/291-2597, keep this project moving a long. She's always anxious for any material or memories you have.

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ACTIVITIES IN WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE:

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DUES: $25. Patron $2. Student (K-12, College)

$25. Business/Professional $12. Couple

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FUND RAISING PROJECTS/EVENTS

TILES depicting 12 sites of local historical interest are available at Nostalgia Antiques, 116 W. Main. The Union School, Western House, Lyons School, Eastern House, Mellus Hospital, State Police Post, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton Mills, Brighton High School, St. George's Lutheran Church, Rialto Theater, and the Lincoln Hotel/First National Bank/Canopy Hotel are in stock. $9.00 each or 3 for $21.00. Your support of this and other fund raisers is vital to Society projects.

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