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Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26: 7 p.m. Lyons School restoration/ maintenance continues. You can help.

Feb. 13, 20, 27: 7-3 p.m. Archives filling.

Feb. 27: 7 p.m. Society board meets.

Public welcome.

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