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Welcome to Stephen G Kathy Davis, new members. The Society continues to grow.

Thanks to the many who have already renewed membership for 2005. The date through which membership is paid in noted on the address label. If ‘OS’ or higher is not on the label, payment is necessary to continue receipt of Trail Tales. It would be irresponsible for the Society to mail to the uninterested. The membership/mailing list must reflect interest shown.

THANKS TO Pat & Marie Elena Fancie and Helen Leitz for Friends of Lyon School donations with their dues.

...John & Janice Field, June Kimberly for help in mailing December's newsletter.

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...Whitney Kimberly For the sample of a share of stock dated Sept. 1, 1989.

...Nancy Schlegel for making arrangements with the Pine Ridge Homes Association for the donation of eight 15" white light globes, plus hanging fixtures. These are from the former club house of the Howell Scout building on the south end of Brighton Lake. These types of fixtures were often used in schools, etc. When a price is determined these will be for sale.

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2005 HOLDS MUCH PROMISE

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The restoration of the Lyon School was the result of much volunteer aid - both labor and materials. This facility should be available to the community. Visits of elementary classes, scouts, etc., need to be encouraged and scheduled.

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Developing proper preservation techniques for the many elements of local history make it possible to envision the area's past.

To chair or to be on a committee for any of the above, to learn more of the Society's needs and benefits, to suggest other programs, etc., contact a board member or call 810/229-6402.

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY BICENTENNIAL

New Year's Day, 1805, For the Corps of Discovery was fittingly observed at Ft. Mandan (N.D.). Two cannon shots ushered in the day. Accepting the invitation of the Mandan Chief of the nearby

Dates to Remember:
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 21: 1-3 p.m. Archives filing.
Welcome. 810/229-6402 to confirm.
Feb. 10-12: 9 a.m. - noon. Training/cleaning day.
Feb. 20: 6:30 p.m. Board meeting.
Public welcome.

Lyon School, 11495 Buna Rd., Brighton.