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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, JULY 4, 1776
When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed....The unanimous declaration of the thirteen United States of America.

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY BICENTENNIAL
After an emotional good bye to the Nix Pacre, who had saved them countless times, the return trip was underway. As they had previously planned the Captains, attempting to cover as much territory as possible, split into two groups. (A possibly dangerous decision.)

Marlweather Lewis would travel east, into the dangerous Blackfoot Indian territory, to explore the Marias River to determine if it would reach the 50th latitude (to enlarge U.S. territory), and if it was navigable (to transport fur, etc., down the Missouri).

William Clark headed south along the Bitteroot Mountains, crossing the divide at Gibbon's Pass. Picking up the cache left the year before, the Jefferson River was followed to the forks of the Missouri. Here a canoe party (another split of... (cont. p. 3)

DATES TO REMEMBER:
12-1: Lyon School Open House. Woodworking exhibit.
4: Happy Birthday United States!
Call 810/229-6402 to confirm.
July 25: 5:30 Society board meeting. Welcome.
8: Lyon School, 11455 Bono Road, Brighton Township.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
MEMBERSHIPS

PATRON: John S. Phyllis Nenzel.
BUSINESS MEMBERS: The Livingston County Woodcraft Guild. (Members of the Woodcraft Guild are invited to visit the museum.)
COUPLES/INDIVIDUALS: Gay Hall (CA), Bob S. Betsy Herbst; Jeannette Johnson (67), Pound, Ton S. Susan, Oma L. Rose NV.

Welcome to new member Oma L. Rose of Nevada, and the Woodcraft Guild. It is encouraging to receive renewals also.

THANKS

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LYON SCHOOLS: The official school newspaper for the city of Lyon.

NEEDED

... Donations to the Friends of Lyon School for roof repairs needed in the near future.
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ARCHIVES: For those interested in the Society's archives, please contact the Society at 810/229-6402 for information.

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...BAHS class of 1956 for inviting the Society to sell the History book at their golden anniversary celebration... 
...Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River, for stocking the history book... 
...Fay Hall (CA) for the invitation to the Induction ceremony of her late father, Henry Hall, into the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum at Vail, Co. She also wants information on the world famous exploits of this champion skier and jumper of the world, who made Brighton the Ski Capital of Michigan 1939-1937. It was located on Franklin Avenue in downtown... 
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...State Historic Preservation Office, Michigan Dept. of History, Arts and Libraries and MDH for the DVD documentary: the Sauk Trail 'From Moccasins to Main Street - A Journey Down the Old Chicago Road.' Contact a board member to borrow... 
...Lisa Petits for a pattern book from Michigan Historical. The 1989 map of the SE 1/4 of Livingston County, pictures of the area around the gas station her parents owned at 23 Grand River. Also a pen with the name of the station... 

RECESSION/PRESERVATION

ARCHIVES: Photos of early local (all are historical) sites are needed to enlarge the Society's collection. Records, clippings, etc., are desired. To rid the files of old-bearing and deteriorating newsletters, copies of clippings are being made. Oma L. Rose, NV. is researching the Libbey family name. Contact olamroseatt.net for information...

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HISTORY BOOK: The first edition of "From Settlement to City - Brighton 1823-1945" is almost sold out. These are still available at Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River. Members $60, non-members $85. (+shipping). Or call 810/229-8402

LYNCH SCHOOL: The recent Open House was adversely affected by rainy weather. The display in June had a fine reception and a fine day. August 5, will show antique cars. Your car can be shown. See 810/229-4463

ORAL HISTORY: Two representatives of the committee, or anyone in the work shop offered by the Michigan Oral History Association at the Brighton Library. The why and how to, of conducting an oral history were made clear. A manual is available. To more fully compile the history of the area oral histories should be taken of Brighton-born or longer time residents. It should be noted that 1800 WW II vets die each day. Conduct an interview with the veteran you know and love.

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