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Dates to Remember
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1, 8, 15, 29: 9-noon Work in Society archives. You can help. 810/229-6402 to confirm.
* 11: 1-4 p.m. 26th Annual Meeting, potluck and elections.
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