

The Lyme Light

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Townwide Yard Sale Days

Sat. August 19th and Sun, August 20th - 9AM to 5PM Chaumont, Three Mile Bay and surrounding area. Interested residents **MUST REGISTER** to be included on the map. Registration is **FREE**.

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President's message

I hope this edition of the Lyme light finds you well and enjoying our beautiful summer. There is a lot happening with the Lyme Community Foundation and at the Copley House. Yoga, dance classes, and other summer programs are in full swing as well as our every Friday Farmers market. Please check out the LCF website for a complete calendar of events.

Congratulations to this year's Lyme school scholarship recipients, Denilson DaSilva and Zarabeth MacMillan. We wish them success in their future endeavors. The Lyme Community Foundation is proud to recognize the achievements of local students and through endeavors like the Guiding Lights Gala hopes to expand upon the opportunities we offer to our area youth. Consider sponsoring the event and making an investment in Lyme's future.

With the handicapped ramp completed at the Copley House, all in the community are welcome to visit and use this beautiful community resource.

Chris Rowland
Lyme Community Foundation President

Guiding Lights Gala

Guiding Lights Gala will take place August 18th at 6PM at the Copley House in Chaumont. Tickets are \$50 each.

We have planned an elegant evening featuring live music, a silent auction, cocktails and appetizers in memory of Billy Patterson.

Lyme Community Center Programs

Whether you are from the Lyme community or are spending a few weeks here this summer, you are welcome at the Lyme Community Center.

Have you checked out the Lyme Community Foundation's website? Our calendar acts as a digital clearinghouse community wide. If your organization would like to add information to the calendar, please contact our calendar guru at *susantontarski@gmail.com*. Your Lyme Light calendar is always a good place to start when planning events.

The Office for the Aging offers **free lunches** to those age 60 and up. The activities begin at 11 AM. To register or for more information, contact Jim Morrow at (315) 405-5074 or email **j25morrow@gmail.com**. Upcoming meals (subject to change) are: (on next pg)

More LCC programs on page 2.



At the Lyme Community Center 12030 State Route 12E, Chaumont, NY

Fridays 11AM-5PM

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Date of Meal:	Reservation due by:		
August 7	August 4		
August 21	August 18		

The Copley House Garden is a great place to get your fitness in check.

Yoga with Leah Walldroff will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 AM. Please contact Leah at (719) 659-2155 before coming to class the first time. She only teaches if she has three people attending. \$12 per class.

Maria White's 10 AM Wednesday *Pilates* classes will be held in the garden as weather permits. Contact Maria at (315) 778-3233.

Mary Clark, Certified Personal Trainer, will be offering a *Total Body Workout/Cardio class* Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 AM. She will have Boot Camps on Sunday, August 13, and Saturdays, August 19 and 26 at 8 AM. Mary offers one on one training and will be offering virtual training in September as well. Classes are \$10. She needs a minimum of 3 to hold class, so please contact Mary at *ltmac727@gmail.com* or (315) 405-5653.

Lunch Bunchers will meet at Coleman's Corner on August 8 at 11:30AM. Let Beth (email below) know if you can attend. We hope to see you there!

Lymies on the Loose will walk the Thousand Islands Bridge August 23. Meet at the Visitors Center at 9 AM for a fun trek.

Game nights (Bunco) are Third Thursdays and you don't need to know a thing about Bunco to play! Join us August 17 at 6:30 PM (BYOB – adults only).

Bridge players meet at 7 PM at the Copley House every Monday through the summer. Contact Catherine Carr at (315) 222-4429.

The Farmers' Market continues each Friday from 11AM-5PM. Please contact Barbara Collins at (585) 455-2171 for more information.

Do you wish there was a way to connect with people who share your interests? We would love for you to start a group at the Lyme Community Center. Whether it's for young mothers, newcomers, or college age young adults who don't know anyone in the area, we have the place for you to meet – and it's free!

Contact Beth at *LymeCCPrograms@gmail.com* to get more details about ongoing programs or with ideas to start a new group.

The Lyme Light

Publication month

Sept/Oct 2023 Nov/Dec 2023

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Article submissions

Friday, August 4
Friday, October 6

Friday, December 8

Questions on submissions, please email *lymelightnews@gmail.com*. *Thanks!!*

To submit to the Lyme Light

For articles/announcements:

Please send your articles to lymelightnews@gmail. com. Articles should be about 350 words, maximum. For included pictures, reduce the total words by about 30 words per picture.

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Copley House Ramp update

We would like to thank all of our generous donors to the Handicap Ramp Appeal. At the time of this writing the ramp is close to complete, with lattice work and final connections remaining. The photos below show the great artistry provided by our installation contractor **Steve Leonard Construction**.

Along with our individual donors recognized below, we thank White's Lumber and the Northern New York **Community Foundation** for their support. If for some reason we have missed the name of one of our donors, that error rests squarely with me for which I apologize. We have tried diligently to keep an accurate record of our supporters, all of those whose generosity allows the Copley House to continue as our Community Center.

Thank you from the entire Board and the Lyme community.

Paul Carr

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Library Hours & Information

Monday - 10AM to 4PM Wednesday - 10AM to 6PM Tuesday - 10AM to 8PM Friday - 10AM to 8PM

Saturday - 10AM to 4PM

August 12th

Our Annual Book Sale!! 9AM-2PM

(Free 10ft x10ft Spaces for Artists, Crafters & Authors! Two space max. Please call the Library to register.)

Silent Auction at the Library!

Quilts, Pictures, Handcrafted Tables, Quilted Wall Hangings and more! Auction ends August 12th at 2PM. *Stop in and place your bid today!*

15 Raffles to benefit the Library!

Wine, Yoga, Clayton Basket (includes 1 yr. family membership to the Boat Museum), Michael Ringer Books, Christmas, Gardening, 3 kids baskets, Summer Fun, Pilates, The Lake and more! Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawing will be held on August 12th at 2PM after the book sale.

Astronomy Classes presented by John Rusho

Tuesdays in August. Attendance at all 4 sessions is *not required*. Ages 12 and over.

Class Time for each session: Indoors 7 to 8 pm at Lyme Free Library. Optional Outdoors 8:15 PM at the Rusho Home.

August 1 - Astronomy Intro & Overview - Earth, Moon, Constellations, Sky Motions, Solar & Lunar Motions, Seasons

August 8 - Brief History of Astronomy, Classical Greeks, Aristotle, Ptolemy. Renaissance: Copernicus, Tycho, Kepler, Galileo. Solar System: General, Terrestrial, Jovian Planets.

August 15 - Binoculars & Telescope Designs & Mountings: Viewing Planets & Deep Sky

August 22 - Astronomy: The Stars & Our Galaxy, The Stars – Properties and Distances. Stellar Patterns – H-R Diagram, Nearby & Bright Stars. Our Galaxy – The Milky Way.

Registration Required - Call the Library to register.

Make and Take Essential Oil Classes

Learn about and experience the power of essential oils with us in a fun and relaxing environment. August 22^{nd} – Make & Take a Back to School Immune Roller & Focus Blend \$10. All sessions begin at 7 PM. Call the Library to sign up.

In Remembrance

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of our dear friend Foster Holcombe.

Foster shared his love of glass blowing with our summer reading participants for many years. Foster & Theda gladly welcomed



us into their glass blowing studio on Point Salubrious where we were able to watch an amazing work of art being created that was donated to our silent auction each year. We appreciate the kindness offered to us each summer and our memories of the glass studio will always be remembered fondly.

Alcohol Ink Class

Inked Paintings, \$45.00, August 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. All materials supplied. Book online at stolenmomentsart.com

Can and Bottle Drive

September 1st to 11th. Please place Cans & Bottles in the trailer in our parking lot.

Thank you for your support!

Story Times

Please call the library to register for all Programs. Parents/Guardians MUST stay at the library during the programs

Weekly - Wednesdays - Ages 3-5 - 11 AM **Mermaid Story Time** - Ages 4-10 - 2 PM - August 2nd

Music Box Presentation

Join Judy Rusho for a display and discussion of her music box collection. August 25th at 2PM. Please call the Library to register.

Trivia Night

Join us on August 17th at 6:30PM at The Crescent for a night of Trivia to benefit the Library!

100 Year Anniversary Fundraiser! Northern New York Community Foundation Endowment Fund Match

What could be better than making a gift to support your community? How about getting that gift matched for double the impact? Make a donation to the Library's Endowment Fund, & The Northern New York Community Foundation will match it! Please send donations to 12165 NYS RT 12E, Chaumont, NY 13622

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The Lyme Free Library Is 100 Years Young!

The Lyme Free Library is celebrating a very special birthday this year. During our 100th anniversary year, we hope to recognize what the Lyme

Free Library has represented to all our neighbors throughout the years, as well as what it will continue to evolve to be during its exciting future. Several events and activities are in the works to help celebrate. We will **ANNIVERSARY**

keep you posted!



We hope you enjoy this fifth in a series of Lyme Light vignettes regarding the library's history - from its early beginnings - to the modern and invaluable community resource it has become today. We would like to recognize and thank the Lyme Heritage Center for graciously supplying the resources used in compiling many of these vignettes.

#5 - Volunteers Bring Continued Success

As we entered the 1980s, community support kept on growing along with LFL. Friends of Lyme Free Library, a volunteer support group, was formed in 1981. To this day, dedicated volunteers continue to support the Library by donating countless hours wherever and whenever needed. Their tasks include shelving books, leading children's story hours and craft sessions, helping with fundraising initiatives - and so much more. We can't thank them enough!

In 1985, North Country Library Systems (NCLS) awarded LFL their Continuing Excellence Award. The Library's Summer Reading Program began in 1990. In 1991, noting its ongoing commitment to community service, LFL was awarded the NCLS Library Improvement Award. It was also in 1991, a beautiful blue spruce tree

was planted on the Library grounds. Again, volunteers from the Lyme Garden Club continue today to keep our gardens beautiful and bountiful. We are indebted to them for all their hard work and diligent efforts.

To celebrate the Library's 75th anniversary, an Open House was held on December 5, 1998. Twenty-five years later, we're celebrating our 100th year! Please join us in celebrating this momentous occasion at several upcoming events.

Library Director Patti Hughes at the Ice Cream Social event on July 14th to celebrate the Library's Centennial.



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Lyme Heritage Center

The 12,500 Before Us:

The Native American Story In Our Region's Evolving Landscape

A Lyme Heritage Center Presentation

The retreat of the glaciers that shaped our region's terrain left a massive glacial lake covering much of our landscape. From the time of that lake and its demise some 13,000 years ago, Native peoples called our region home. They witnessed and adapted to massive, nearly unbelievable challenges coming with the intensive post-glacial changes to this landscape.

On Sunday, August 20th archaeologist Ken Knapp will give an overview of the history of our region's 12,500 plus years of Native American peoples and the remarkable



evolving landscape. The program begins at 2 PM and is free.

Please visit the Lyme Heritage Center to learn more about our town and your family's local history. We're open this summer every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 AM-12 PM as well as on Fridays from 1-3 PM.

Martha Horton: Point Salubrious Pioneer

In 1806 Martha Horton and her husband James became the first white settlers on Point Salubrious, which was then a frontier wilderness. The following remembrance was published after her death in 1862, and it recalls some of the difficulties she and other early settlers faced.

Excerpt of the article "Mrs. Martha Horton" published in The New York Daily Reformer (Watertown, NY), January 9, 1863:

People of the present day can hardly appreciate the dilemma of being without fire -- clear away from any human habitations but their own. If they had been provided with flint, steel and tinder (it was before the day of matches), such as most of the people in the backwoods settlements knew how to use for such purposes, they might have produced fire; but they had none. Mrs. Horton remembered that a log-heap

on a part of their clearing had been partially burned some time before and had gone out. She went with her little boy to make a critical examination. There was no smoke visible, neither any sensible heat about the blackened and charred remains of the log heap. She would be very sure that there was no spark of fire anywhere before she abandoned the search. One of the logs lay up a little from the ground in one place, and she directed her little boy to crawl under and examine the underside, which seemed to have been burned more than the upperside. He was provided with a knife to pick off the black coals. Her joy can be better imagined than described by words, as the little fellow at length sung out, "Fire! Fire! Mother, ain't you glad? Ain't you glad? She was not only glad, but gratified.

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In the fall of that year, after they had got some wheat harvested and threshed, they went, with others, to Sackets Harbor to mill, carrying their grain in a small open boat, and taking with them only about one full day's provisions. The mill was a small one on the mouth of Mill Creek, which empties into Black River Bay, at Sackets Harbor. On their return the wind was contrary and they could not "double the point" called *Bull Rock*, which is at the extreme end of Pillar Point, in the present town of Brownville.

It was more than a week that they were thus "wind bound" on the south side of Pillar Point, where there were no inhabitants but some straggling Indian

Martha Horton - con't on the next page



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parties, from whom they procured fire. They mixed up some of their flour with the water of the lake, and baked it on a flat stone "hoecake" fashion. This constituted their "bill of fare" only as they may have made slight additions to it with roots and berries, which in their season were found in great plenty in some places. It was a time of anxiety and trial for Mrs. Horton and her little ones. There was no way to solve the uncertainty which hung like a pall over the fate of the milling party -- whether they had ever reached the mill or whether they had undertaken to return in the night and had been driven by the opposing wind to some of the islands in the open lake; or had been "swamped" in their effort to round Bull Rock point, and were now sleeping "that sleep which knows no waking" in the bottom of the lake. All was a dark and painful uncertainty, and which required all her abiding faith in God's universal providence to endure.

The families at home were also on "short allowance" during all these long days of watching -- almost without hope. The milk of one cow was the only supply for the anxious mothers and the hungry children.

It looked as though they had "come into this wilderness to die there," and to try them and see what stuff they were made of. But at length the long watched for boat was descried, as soon as ever it came around the end of Point Salubrious, and by signals each of the parties signified to the other the fact of a joyful recognition. In due time the boat containing the faithful husbands and fathers, together with their precious freight, was safely moored to the shore, and the willing hands of the wives and mothers were engaged in preparing a sumptuous repast for the two families.

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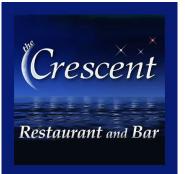


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The Lyme Food Pantry is our option that may be of assistance to those in need. It is open to any resident of Lyme for any individual or any size family.

Call the Pantry on Wednesdays for an appointment to pick up your food order on Thursdays. Other arrangements can be made if necessary.

For those who would like to help monetarily with donations and with non-expired items, fresh garden vegetables, cleaning supplies, and toiletries, all are always greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all for your support as always.

Harriet's Angels

Lyme Food Pantry Contact information
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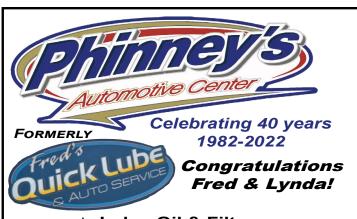
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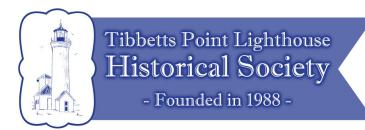
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The Sale only (no food or purses) will be open Friday, August 18th, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

We hope to see you there!

Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Historical Society Events



Jean Cougler Day Ice Cream Social Sunday, August 13th, 1 PM-4 PM

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Lyme Central School update

Greetings to all!

As we anticipate the opening of a new school year, we reflect on the wonderful end to another successful year at LCS! We said goodbye to our 27 graduates and wish them well as they embark on their future endeavors. We also said goodbye to two longstanding members of our instructional and support team. Mrs. Karen Jessman, our Elementary Special Education teacher, retired from the district after serving our students for 16 years and Mrs. Rickett, a Teacher Aide and clerical support, retired after a total of 20 years of service to the district. Mrs. Tammy Ditch, our elementary teacher, will begin the school year but will be retiring in early Fall with 24 years of service. We wish all of our graduates and retirees the very best.

We are very excited to begin the new school year by welcoming three new staff members. Please join me in welcoming:

Mrs. MaryAnne Bailey, Secondary ELA teacher Mrs. Katie Shultz, Elementary Resource Room Teacher Miss Brightlynn Sharlow, Elementary Teacher

At the close of last school year, our students in grades Pk-12 were charged with coming up with a name for our school mascot. Each grade level presented a name and our students voted on their favorite. The winning name for our mascot is Ontario Laker or Rio for short. We are happy to report that our new mascot is currently in production and we can't wait to unveil Rio in the coming school year! Rio will be making appearances at many school and hopefully, community events to show the combined support of our beautiful school and villages of Chaumont and Three Mile Bay.

As we open the new school year, we would like our community stakeholders to know that you will notice a significant change to our school website. We hope that visitors to the website find it much more user friendly. Please visit our school webpage at www.lymecsd.org. We are in the process of adding the final touches so please let us know your thoughts on our new design! We appreciate your feedback!

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Pat Gibbons, Superintendent

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Chaumont – Three Mile Bay Chamber of Commerce 2023 Amateur Photo Contest - submissions due August 21!

- 1. Photos must be developed to a 4"x6" or 5"x7" size, no mat needed.
- 2. Photos must be taken in the Town of Lyme
- 3. On the back, please place a short description/ location, as well as your name, address, and phone number.
- 4. Limit of THREE pictures per person.
- 5. Photos become property of the Chamber of Commerce and may be used by the Chamber.
- 6. Photos may be submitted by being dropped off at the Chaumont branch at Gouverneur Savings and Loan in Chaumont by August 21, 2023.
- 7. Winner will be announced at the Annual Chamber dinner on August 28, 2023 (please note it is EARLY this year!). Dinner is open to everyone.

Registration form (use this or the one at GS&L):						
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Description/Location where photo was taken:						

For more information, email: chaumontchamber@yahoo.com

AUGUST 2023								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		LCC - 8 AM Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah	LCC - 10 AM Pilates - Maria LFL - 11 AM - Storytime LFL - 2 pM - Mermaid Storytime	LCC - 8 AM Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah	Submissions for the Sept-Oct '23 Lyme Light are DUE! LCC - 11 AM-5PM Farmers' Market LFL - 5:30-7:30 PM - Inked paintings	LCC - 8 AM Bootcamp - Mary 5		
6	LCC - 11 AM - 7 Off for Aging Lunch OBI - 5:30 PM - 8PM - Annual Gathering LCC - 7 PM - Bridge	LCC - 8 AM Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah LCC - 11:30 AM - Lunch Bunch	LCC - 10 AM 9 Pilates - Maria LFL - 11 AM - Storytime	LCC - 8 AM 10 Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah	LCC - 11 AM-5PM 1 1 Farmers' Market	LCC - 8 AM Bootcamp - Mary 12 LFL - 9AM - 2PM - Book Sale, etc.		
LCC - 8 AM Bootcamp - Mary Tibbetts - 1-4 PM Jean Cougler Day Ice Cream Social	LCC - 7 PM - 14 Bridge	LCC - 8 AM 15 Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah	LCC - 10 AM Pilates - Maria LFL - 11 AM - Storytime	LCC - 8 AM Total Body - Mary 17 LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah LCC-630PM - BUNCO LFL - 6:30PM - Trivia @ The Crescent	LCC - 11 AM-5PM 18 Farmers' Market PCC - 9 AM-3PM Sale LCC - 6PM Guiding Lights Gala	LCC - 8 AM 19 Bootcamp - Mary PCC - Lot-O-Purses Town-wide Yard Sale Days		
LHC - 2-4 PM - 20 Native American Story in our Region Town-wide Yard Sale Days	LCC - 11 AM - 21 Off for Aging Lunch Ch/TMB Chamber - Photo contest DUE! LCC - 7 PM - Bridge	LCC - 8 AM 22 Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah LFL - 7 PM - Essential Oils	LCC - 10 AM 23 Pilates - Maria LFL - 11 AM - Storytime LCC - Lymies on the Loose	LCC - 8 AM 24 Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah	LCC - 11 AM-5PM 25 Farmers' Market LFL - 2 PM - Music Boxes	LCC - 8 AM 26 Bootcamp - Mary		
27 LCC - 7 PM - Bridge	LPAC - 6 PM - 28 Ferguson & Rogers LCC - Dance Performance Ch/TMB Chamber - Annual Dinner	LCC - 8 AM 29 Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah	LCC - 10 AM Pilates - Maria LFL - 11 AM - Storytime	LCC - 8 AM 31 Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah Village - Brush dean up				

The calendar of events listed here is a general guide. Please check with the respective organization in regards to possible changes in dates and times. Please note - sometimes not all activities are listed due to space considerations. To submit events for the calendar, please send them to **lymelightnews@gmail.com**. Thanks! - Lyme Light News editor

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Monday Music on the Lake LPAC

6 PM at the Bicentennial Park, Chaumont.



The Monday Music on the Lake concert series is made possible with the support of a grant from the Northern New York Community Foundation.

August 28 - FERGUSON & ROGERS

With a combined 110 years of music experience, Paul Ferguson (keyboard/bass/vocals) and DJ Rogers (drums/ vocals) play "the music you grew up with" including classic hits from the '50s, '60s and '70s.

The Lyme Performing arts Council is dedicated to providing live performances by skilled artists for the residents, both permanent and seasonal, of the Town of Lyme and surrounding communities.



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