

The Lyme Light



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Town of Lyme, NY.

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Village Notes

Seasonal Brush Pickup

Brush pickup will take place on the last Thursday of each month, now through October 31st. Please limit brush to 4 ft. lengths and no larger than 3 in. diameter. We kindly request consideration on the amount of brush you put out to the curb. No professional tree service removal. Please place brush out only on the last week of the month – this eliminates the safety hazard of debris blowing into the street.



Water Service Line Inventory

The Village of Chaumont will be conducting an upcoming water service line inventory to provide needed information for oversight and reporting to EPA. This inventory will provide essential information to help our water system comply with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions requirement by October 16, 2024. Please be on the lookout for a survey with your next water bill to help our Department of Works staff complete this important task. In conjunction with historical records, building permits, and water maintenance reports, your cooperation and input in identifying the customer-owned section of service line material will be an immeasurable help toward compliancy for the Village of Chaumont. We thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

Town Update

On April 9, 2024, the Town of Lyme held a Public Referendum to vote on the Bond Resolution to borrow funds to build a new Town Highway Garage. 250 Town Residents voted in the special election. Of those Town Residents, 96 voted against the proposition and 154 voted in favor of the proposition. Thus, the proposition was approved, and the Town Board will take the steps necessary to move forward with the project. We appreciate the residents for participating in this referendum.

From the President

The eclipse has come and gone and with it hopefully the end of chilly spring weather. With the approach of summer the LCF is excited about the upcoming events in our community. Along with our annual town events, the village of Chaumont will celebrate its 150th year. Come and join us for an ice cream social at the Copley House to kick off this exciting celebration.

Please keep a weather eye out for info on the 2nd annual Summer Gala, remembering Billy Patterson. Last year's successful event helped the LCF to partner with Lyme CSD and the Food Pantry as well as helping families in need in our community. We look forward to a bigger and better event on June 7th. If you are unable to attend please consider a donation to enhance our school scholarships and community programs.

See you this summer!

Chris Rowland
Lyme Community Foundation President

*Do you have an announcement for the community you would like to have published in the **Lyme Light**?*

Deadlines for each edition's submissions are listed on page 9.

Farmers' Market
 At the Lyme Community Center
 12030 State Route 12E, Chaumont, NY
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Lyme Community Center Programs

The Lyme Community Center is your gateway to a fun future! If we don't have an activity that suits you, check out our calendar on the Lyme Community Foundation website. It 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:

Date of Meal:	Reservation due by:
May 6	May 3
May 20	May 17

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

Maria White's **Pilates** classes are at 10 AM on Wednesdays. Contact Maria at 315-778-3233 or mrosewhite@yahoo.com prior to attending your first class.

Mary Clark's **Total Body Workout/Cardio** classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 AM, at the Copley House. Please contact Mary at ltmac727@gmail.com or 315-405-5653 for more information.

Cindy Babel's dance classes for children will end with a performance at a date and time to be announced. If you are interested in attending a summer camp program, please email Miss Cindy at fabfeet2@yahoo.com for more information.

Lunch Bunchers and **Lymies on the Loose** will meet for a very special event this month.



We will celebrate with our dear friend, **Ellen Jeffers**, as she '**rings the bell**' after her final chemotherapy session May 28th at **SUNY Upstate in Syracuse**. Afterward, we will head to the **Mill House Market** in Pulaski for a joyful dinner honoring Ellen. We love new people and welcome you whether you know Ellen or not! Times for the bell ceremony as well as dinner are TBA. Contact Beth by text at 315-955-4876 if you are interested..

Thursdays at 2 PM, the Lyme Community Center becomes the place to play! Join us for **Bunco** on the **Third Thursdays**. You don't need to know a thing about Bunco to play!

All other Thursdays of the month, also at 2 PM, please join us for community games of **Mahjong**. Anyone who wants to order a Mahjong Card for 2024 can do so by calling Sue Kelso at 212-246-3052. Feel free to bring a snack to share (BYOB-adults only)

Bridge will begin for the summer on Monday, June 10th, at 7 PM at the Copley House. For more information, call Catherine Carr 315-222-4439.

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

Summer Sailing Programs

Sailing programs for Youth to Adult!
All abilities are welcome!

No previous experience required!

What/When:

- **PBJ:** Saturday Mornings for our youngest Sailors (Ages 4-6)
- **FULL DAY SAIL CAMP:** Ages 7-17
- **RACE TEAM:** Wednesday/Friday Evening Ages 8-18 (previous sailing required, no racing needed)
- **ADULT:** Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Evenings (16 & older)

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Lyme Free Library

May 2024 315-649-5454 www.lymefreelibrary.org

Library Hours & Information

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



Victorian Tea

Please join us on May 19th from 1 to 3 PM to enjoy Teas, Canapés, Tea Sandwiches and Desserts! We are selling a limited number of tickets, so please reserve yours soon by

calling the Library. Tickets are \$32. All tickets must be prepaid to ensure proper quantities of food and door prizes. Please feel free to wear your finest Victorian outfit!

Lyme Free Library Kids' Club

Join us for activities, stories, & crafts! Presented by Heidi Heisler, childhood educator.



All ages welcome! Please call the Library to register.

May 18th at 10AM - **Connecting With Nature** – Participants may bring nature items from home.

June 15th at 10AM - **Frog Fun**

Story Times

Weekly Story Time sessions will be held in the Children's Room on Wednesdays at 11 AM. Sessions focus on for children ages 3-5, but all are welcome. Please call the library to register.



Parents/Guardians MUST stay at the library during the programs



LEGO Club is held on the last Wednesday of each month at 5 PM.

Hosted by Encompass Recreation and Lyme Free Library. You bring the creativity, we'll supply the bricks!

Under the Sea Tiny Art Show

You are invited to participate in this year's Tiny Art Show. We can't wait to see the creative ways participants interpret this year's theme "Under the Sea". You can pick up free grab-and-go kits containing a 4"x4" mini-canvas, paint, & a paint brush during the Month of June. Paintings are due back at the library by July 1st, and will be on display through August.



Build & Fly Your Own Rocket!

Preflight Information & Rocket Building Session – June 7th at 6:30 PM, at the library. Rocket Flying - June 8th at 9AM. Town of Lyme Athletic Field between Three Mile Bay & Chaumont. You must have attended the Preflight Information and Building session to attend the flying session. Presented by John Rusho. \$10.00 fee. Please stop in or call the library to register. Ages 9 to 16.



Book Sale Donations

Book donations are currently being accepted during regular business hours for our Book Sale on August 10th. If you have a large number of books, please call us ahead of time and we will open the shed for you. No text books or encyclopedias will be accepted.



CRAFT FAIR!

Free Spaces for Artists, Crafters & Authors

Book Sale & Craft Fair August 10th 9AM to 2PM. Up to 2 10'x10' Spaces for Free! Call the Library to hold your spots.

May Story Walk

Stop by for a fun Story Walk and then come in the library to do a related craft! The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle will be on display from May 22nd to June 5th.



Can & Bottle Drive to Benefit the Library

May 24th to 31st

Please place items in the trailer in our parking lot.

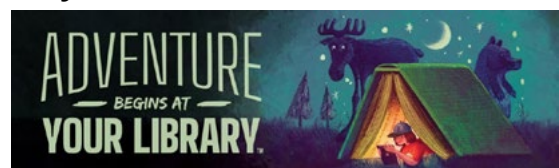
Summer Silent Art Auction & Raffles

Raffle Baskets & Auction items will be on display and ready for bids beginning in late May.

Items include handcrafted wooden signs and coat racks, quilted table runners, hooked rug and more!

Summer Reading 2024

Keep an eye on our website for details!



Lyme Central School update

Greetings All!

We wanted to bring to your attention some important events that will be occurring in the months ahead. Please mark your calendars for the following happenings here at Lyme Central School:



Spring Music Concert Dates

- ✦ **Elementary Spring Concert:** Grades Pk-6, May 7th at 6 PM in the Gymnasium.
- ✦ **Secondary Spring Concert:** Grades 7-12, May 14th at 6 PM in the Gymnasium.

School Budget Important Dates

- ✦ **Annual Budget Hearing May 9th, 2024 at 6 PM,** at the school.
- ✦ **Annual Budget Vote & BOE Member Election, May 21st, 2024,** at the school. Polls will be open 7 AM through 8 PM.

We look forward to seeing you in the months ahead. These final months of the school year are always an exciting and celebratory time.

Please continue to visit the school webpage for more information and updates.

Respectfully,
Pat Gibbons - Superintendent

Lyme Alumni Banquet Update

Watch the mail for the upcoming Lyme Central Scholarship newsletter which will provide banquet information and contact numbers for you to call for the Banquet reservation cards.

Please also note....

The Lyme Scholarship committee will be holding a basket raffle during the Wellness Fair on May 21st. All proceeds from the raffle will go directly to the Scholarship Fund for future scholarship awards. For more information on the scholarships available, please contact the guidance office at Lyme Central School.

Watercolors by Jim O'Reilly



Local watercolor artist, Jim O'Reilly, has created over 50 paintings of many popular local scenes.

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You can view them there or on their website:

lymefreelibrary.org.

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Lyme Heritage Center

The Bedford Journal: 1810-1840

The Lyme Heritage Center sells fascinating books covering the history of the Town of Lyme. One of our most popular is **The Bedford Journal**, John Wiley Bedford's memoir about life in this area between 1810 and 1844.

John Wiley Bedford was born near Picton, Ontario in 1810, but moved to Grenadier Island as a toddler; Grenadier Island was a part of Lyme until 1849. He begins his memoir telling about this move in 1815. (*What follows has retained his original grammar and spelling.*)

As soon as the War of 1812 closed my father hastened to leave the Yankee-hating "Canucks" and go to live with his own countrymen. I was about four and a half years old at that time. We moved by water in a small boat called a skiff, across the lower end of Lake Ontario, a distance of about 40 miles. This is the first time that I remember of ever being on the water. My mother sat in the stern of the boat holding her baby, my brother Alexander, about two years old. My father sat in the centre of the boat and rowed it, and myself in the bow on a bundle of bed clothes. I spent most of that day looking into the water. I thought it a great curiosity to see the boat glide over the water, but it was a long day to me. We landed at my grandmother Bedford's on Grenadier Island. My grandmother and two of my father's brothers, Jacob and Andrew, kept a hotel on this island. They had settled on the island before the war.

Grenadier Island is about two and a half miles long and one and a half miles wide and contains 1400 acres of good tillable land situated in the town of Lyme, Jefferson County,

State of New York. It is about one mile from the mainland in the nearest place. There is a beautiful harbour at the east end of Grenadier which is formed by the wash of gravel and sand that are worked along by the surf from the lake storms which form parallel points, each on opposite corners of the island. The beautiful harbour is completely landlocked by the mainland on the north and Fox Island on the east. The water is deep enough for any vessel that sails the lake and large enough to hold all of them.

This island became noted as the headquarters of General Wilkinson's Army of 10,000 men for nearly a year during the War of 1812. The army devastated all improvements on the

island, killed all the cattle and hogs and poultry and even horses for fresh meat, destroyed fences and out houses although the officers forbid and ordered them not to meddle with anything that did not belong to them. So there was an account kept of the property destroyed and the bill presented to Congress which was allowed and paid which partially made up for their losses.

The camp disease or epidemic broke out among the soldiers, of which many died. My grandfather took this disease, of which he

died. Long since that time I have seen rough coffins of the deceased soldiers laid bare in pasture fields where the cattle had pawed the dirt off of them and I have looked in and seen their skeletons. I have picked up many pounds of leaden bullets along the shore of the Harbour. I have found axes and picks and shovels and many other relicts of this army.

Bedford goes on to relate many other interesting stories about the earliest days of Jefferson County. The Lyme Heritage Center sells **The Bedford Journal** for \$25, plus \$4.50 shipping and handling. Please contact us at lymeheritagecenter@gmail.com to place your order!



John Wiley Bedford, in an image found on Ancestry.com



Lyme Food Pantry

Lyme Food Pantry has experienced some sad happenings this past winter. Two very long time volunteers and a patron have suddenly passed.



Shirley Smith had been with the Pantry since its beginning in 1986, taking on any job that was needed to be done. Her latest job was writing thank you notes, gathering mail at the post office and depositing monetary donations.

Mary (Olenhouse) McIntosh was instrumental with her helpers in gathering children's toys and clothing for the Pantry's Christmas Give-away. She contacted families to be sure they signed up for their Christmas wishes, and wrapped the presents.

In honoring Shirley and Mary:

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Someone who kept folks going.

Someone people felt lucky to have in their lives.

It's no wonder you both are so sincerely and deeply loved and missed.

(from Woman's World 11/19/21)

A long time customer, Dorothy, also recently passed. She loved to bake, and we always gave, in her food order, baking ingredients. She, in turn, would often bring in samples of the finished product.

Presently, we are helping a family of five who lost their rental home by fire. They need to find a long term home by the end of June in the Clayton, Cape Vincent, or Chaumont areas. Please call the Pantry (315-649-2424) for any leads that could be passed on.

Easter brought the Pantry donations of Easter baskets, Country Store gift certificates, and lots of food, hams included. ***Thank you one and all.***

As you start your vegetable gardens, the Pantry would love for you To plant extra produce to be harvested and donated this coming summer. Fresh, healthy foods help with healthy bodies.

The Pantry continues to be completely funded by community donations of food and money and is totally run by volunteers.

No person should go hungry.

Harriette's Angels

Lyme Food Pantry Contact information

Contact info:

Phone:
315-649-2424
(please leave a message)

Mailing Address:

Lyme Food Pantry
PO Box 176
Chaumont, NY 13622

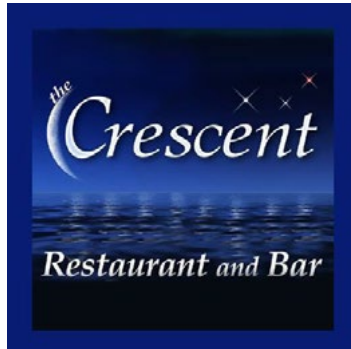
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Sunday, May 26th at 9 AM

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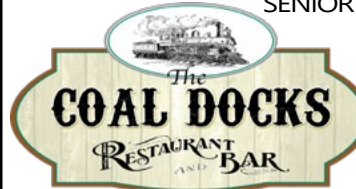
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July 2024

August 2024

Sept/Oct 2024

Article submissions

Friday, May 10

Friday, June 7

Friday, July 12

Friday, August 9

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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Monday Music on the Lake

LPAC

6 PM at the Bicentennial Park, Chaumont.

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June 24th - MORRIS AND THE HEPCATS

This popular band from Syracuse is led by acclaimed guitarist, Morris Tarbell whose middle name could be "versatile!" The Hepcats repertoire includes 50's & 60's, Rockabilly, Blues and even Surf guitar standards!

July 22nd - THE UNDEFEATED

This band of siblings from Lowville, NY brings its youthful high-energy performance of a mix of classic and contemporary rock standards and highly acclaimed originals. They are an award-winning under-20 band who has performed throughout the Northeast at numerous festivals.

August 19th - THE NELSON BROTHERS

From the Rome NY area, this band plays contemporary and classic country music. With deep, pure and smoky vocals that are undeniably country-flavored and deft instrumental skills, it's easy to see why this band has become very popular throughout the Mohawk Valley and CNY.



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

Follow us on @LymePerformingArtsCouncil

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.



TAS CRU BAND 3:15 PM

THE RON SPENCER BAND 1:30 PM

at the Chaumont Fire Hall, 11385 State Route 12E - 1 to 5 PM

CHICKEN BBQ - MUSIC - VENDORS

Sunday, September 8, 2024

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A Lyme Performing Arts Council Event

MAY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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16	LCC - 7 PM - Bridge	LCC - 8 AM Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah	LCC - 10 AM Pilates - Maria LFL - 11 AM - Storytime	LCC - 8 AM Total Body - Mary LCC - 9 AM Gentle Yoga - Leah LCC - 2 PM - BUNCO	21	22
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To submit events for the calendar, please send them to lymelightnews@gmail.com. Thanks! - Lyme Light News editor

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Save the Date!!

Lyme Community Foundation's Second Annual Guiding Lights Gala

Please join us for an elegant evening featuring live music, a silent auction, cocktails and appetizers in memory of Billy Patterson.

June 7th 6-9PM at Copley House

For ticket purchases go to Lymecommunityfoundation.org

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Billy's Closet

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Boots, hats and mittens for local youth

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