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Bicentennial Birthday Blast!

By Lyme Light Committee

After months of preparation, Lyme celebrated 200 years since its founding in 1818. The weekend included concerts, free ice cream, carnival rides, a parade and fireworks.

Throughout the celebration, which began on Friday evening with a concert and free ice cream social at the Three Mile Bay Fire Hall, hundreds of town residents attended the events.

The festivities coincided with the annual Lyme Community Days, which showcased crafts and local businesses on the Copley House Lawn in downtown Chaumont, on Saturday. The 16th Annual Classic Car & Vendor Show took place at Chaumont Fire Hall. Both events attract several hundred visitors to the town each year.

Bicentennial events on Saturday included the dedication of Bicentennial Park, town land just south of Barnes Bay Cemetery near the Chaumont Beach. Assemblywoman Addie Jenne was present to present a proclamation in honor of the town's 200th. Ms. Jenne also presented the Chaumont and Three Mile Bay volunteer fire departments with a proclamation honoring their long hours of service during the shoreline flooding in 2017.

Saturday evening saw bands The Arrhythmias, Tas Cru, and the 10th Mountain Division Band



Bicentennial Celebration Fireworks, July 28, 2018

(Photo by Margaret Brennen)

take the stage. At 9 pm a spectacular fireworks display capped off the evening.

Sunday's parade, consisting of floats, local elected officials, law enforcement agencies, local businesses and community organizations, started at Lyme Central School at 1pm and made its way to Main Street, where it headed west to the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department. Some highlights included the Lyme Free Library's float, pulled by a 1949 Ford tractor driven by Marilyn Peters, Lyme Central School's float with teachers and students in costumes from 1818, 1918 and 2018, as well as vintage convertibles carrying **(continued on page 2)**

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Assemblywoman Jenne, Lyme's own Miss Ireland 2018, Brightlynn Sharlow, and French Festival Queen Leah Hagelin, and our own town officials who organized many of the events.

After the parade, scores of residents, many of them children, flocked to the rear lawn of the Chaumont Fire Hall. There, several rides, rented from Scotty's Jump'n'Fun, homemade games, a dunking booth, concessions and a petting zoo had been set up. The carnival lasted about three hours.

"Can we have a bicentennial every year?" one youngster was overheard asking his parent. Milestone birthdays don't come around every year, but that young man wasn't alone in hoping that we have another celebration like this one sooner rather than later.

More photos can be found in this month's insert, and at www.lymecommunityfoundation.org.

Park Referendum Vote Passes 266-221

By Terry Brennen

The Town of Lyme reported the final tally of the Referendum vote, which took place July 17th. Total vote tallies, including absentee and affidavit ballots were: 266 votes for yes, 221 votes for no. The question was "Should the Town of Lyme acquire Town of Lyme Tax Map Parcel Number: 61.51-1-42.1 to be used as Recreation and Park Land at an estimated cost not to exceed \$336,000?"

Local residents took to Facebook to voice their opinions prior to the vote, with some expressing excitement over a park in the center of the Village of Chaumont, while others were concerned over the tax consequences.

After the final tally, Town Supervisor Scott Aubertine stated through his staff that he was pleased with the voter participation, and was satisfied that the town provided a comprehensive amount of information to town residents via a mailing and on its website www.townoflyme.com.



Petting zoo at the Bicentennial Carnival, courtesy of Lucky Ring Farms, Don & Betsy Ring



Hope Johnston, Lyme Garden Club, lines up before the parade. (Photo courtesy Tammy Sharlow)

Heritage Center August Programs

Thanks to all who took our bus tour on August 4th! Upcoming Programs:

August 19th - At 2pm: Stained glass restorer, David Martin of the "Historical Restorations Foundation" will be at the **Chaumont**

Presbyterian Church to talk about the history of stained glass windows in this area & the history of the church. There will also be a bake sale at the church the same time.

The Center will be open each Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 12, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 3, or anytime by calling 315-778-5180 to make an appointment.

LCF Awards 2018 Scholarships

By Lynda Carney, Awards Chair

This year's LCF scholars are Hannah Slate and Nyckolas Seery! Hannah and Nyckolas have had great success throughout their high school careers and have noble expectations for their futures. Both focused on commitment to family, school and community in their essays. School faculty and staff continually referenced their fine character and achievements.

In a small school teachers and staff observe students, not only in class but throughout the year in a variety of situations. This provides unique opportunities to get to know a student. Each letter was a glowing tribute to the character and accomplishments of these students!



Hannah, the valedictorian of the class of 2018, plans to attend Mohawk Valley Community College. She then hopes to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design and Photo-graphy at the Pratt Institute. Hannah has used her skills to design

posters, logos for T-shirts, and advertising for local businesses. She has volunteered for a variety of church activities and many community functions. Responsible, dependable and honest were used to describe Hannah!

Nyckolas' great pride in his work as a Volunteer Fireman has fostered an understanding of the importance of helping those in need and how one person can have a profound impact on



another's life and property. He realizes the value of lending a helping hand to elderly neighbors and people in the community.

Nyckolas has demonstrated a great appreciation for music in the school marching band, instrumental and vocal ensembles. He also sings the National Anthem at Memorial Day Services and is proud to honor our military! Responsible, kind, and helpful were used to describe Nyckolas. He will attend Jefferson Community College in the fall and then complete his education at ESF with a degree in Environmental Biology.

We applaud each applicant! We commend families, friends, teachers, mentors, and all who have guided, taught, inspired, and loved these young people! We wish them only goodness and success in their futures!

As a long time resident of Lyme and a former faculty member of Lyme Central, I was personally moved by the thoughts and comments of these amazing young people. We all benefit from having them as part of our community!

END OF SUMMER PIG ROAST!
Saturday August 18th, 4pm
The Blue Heron 12050 NYS 12e Chaumont
\$15 - Proceeds Benefit Lyme Community
Foundation (tickets sold at The Blue Heron)

From the President...

What a beautiful summer we have had! After such a terrible spring it is so nice to have the sun and warm temperatures. If you are like me the temperatures were a little too hot at times but I am not going to complain because we all know the dreaded cold winters will be here before we know it. Ok, some of us are already watching the Christmas in July movies on The Hallmark Channel. Enjoy the sun and warm weather we currently have and soak up every last day of summer you can!!

We would like to welcome our two newest members to the Lyme Community Foundation board. Kathie Carr and Mark Ahlheim joined the board in July and we are grateful to have two new (continued on page 4)

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board members who already volunteer and do so much for our community. They will be wonderful additions to our board.

I would like to wish the Lyme Community Foundation a Happy 20th Anniversary. 20 years ago, when I joined the original board, I never could have imagined all of the events, programs and special activities that would happen at the Copley House over the years. I also never could have imagined how a house that was falling apart back then could be transformed into such a beautiful building that has become the centerpiece in the Town of Lyme. This transformation was made possible by the financial support and generosity from all of you in the community. Thank you for supporting us and helping us to make the Lyme Community Foundation and the Copley House what they are today. We are forever grateful!!

Deanna Lothrop, LCF President

Town of Lyme Food Pantry

Food for thought for our Summer Residents...

Instead of lugging canned goods and personal products back to the Sunny South, why not leave them in our Food Pantry boxes, located in both Three Mile Bay and Chaumont Post Offices? Plus, we have a gray box next to the red door of the Pantry located in the Chaumont Presbyterian Parking lot.

Call 315-649-2424 if you need our assistance. Speak slowly, leave your number and someone will return your call as soon as possible. Should you not hear from us after a few hours, please call again. Maybe we didn't hear your number correctly.

Our Mailing address is: P.O. Box 176, Chaumont, NY 13622.

Since the first of January 2018, we have been able to assist 41 Families. This amounts to 170 Individuals. As always, we thank you for your continuing support.

- Harriett's Angels



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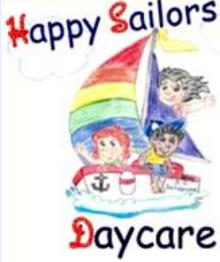
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Program Director Needed

Lyme Community Foundation is looking for a dedicated volunteer to coordinate our programs. If you have artistic talent and are a good organizer who knows the local art and entertainment scene, this position would suit you perfectly.

The Copley House offers a wonderful venue for all kinds of art and craft classes, dance and music lessons, theater programs, and entertainment.

Did you know that there's a beautiful art studio upstairs complete with an overhead mirror for demonstrations?

We also have a stage in the backyard that would be perfect for performances by our local, talented entertainers.

The expansive lawn is an inviting place for outdoor concerts and gatherings.

The programs would occur in the spring, summer and fall for both adults and children.

If you're interested please contact Deanna Lothrop: dlothrop2@gmail.com or 315/456-8702

Lyme Garden Club Notes

Wild Parsnip (*Anthriscus sylvestris*) and Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) can cause great harm to people. Great care should be taken to avoid skin contact with the toxic sap of the plant tissues by wearing gloves, sleeves and long pants.

Wild Parsnip looks like yellow Queen Anne's Lace. The juice of wild parsnip in contact with



skin in the presence of sunlight can cause a rash, blistering and skin discoloration or phytophotodermatitis

similar to poison ivy but more like a bad sunburn. Control is achieved by pulling or mowing the plants before seeds have set.

The nastiest plant is Giant Hogweed which causes significant harm to people. If sap from the plant comes in contact with moist skin and the skin is then exposed to sunlight, severe burns, blistering, painful sores, and purplish or blackened scars can



ensue. Do not attempt to remove Giant Hogweed. If you see this plant, take photos and note the location and number of plants. Contact

NYS DEC at ghogweed@gw.dec.state.ny.us, or call the Giant Hogweed hotline at 1-845-256-3111.

Both plants can grow up to 5 ft. in height (or more in the case of the Hogweed), and have thick stems.

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Rules of Thumb for Watering:

With the dry weather we are having this year, gardens have depended on judicious watering for survival. The best times of day to water are either in the morning or late in the day – out of the direct sun and highest temperatures. Always strive to water deeply to strengthen the roots and keep water off of leaves. Frequent shallow watering just encourages shallow roots that are less resilient. Irrigation systems are a really good way to water. It keeps leaves dry, which helps suppress diseases. A nice layer of mulch also keeps the soil moist and helps suppress weeds. For additional information on proper watering, please refer to

www.gertens.com/learn/Shrubs-Vines/proper-watering.html.

The Lyme Garden Club will have more activities throughout August and September. Please watch us on Facebook for up to date plans.



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CLEAN YOUR BLOCK

The Lyme Improvement League is pleased to announce the **“Clean Your Block”** program in partnership with the **Keep America Beautiful** national organization.

Keep America Beautiful is founded upon the principles of making towns and villages in America look their best through a comprehensive program of litter cleanup, garden installation, and improving communities with volunteers working together.

As you all know this year will mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the town of Lyme. Let’s all work together as a community to make sure our town looks its best for our celebration and always.

Now is the time to get rid of those piles of junk, trash, and non-operable cars etc., that are eyesores in our beautiful town.

How about those brush piles and garbage bags littering your yard? Time to say goodbye to those too.

If you need help either cleaning up your property or hauling away your unwanted items please contact Karen Fitzgerald at villageofchaumont@gmail.com.

Secretarial Position:

The Chaumont-Three Mile Bay Chamber of Commerce is seeking a local individual to fill the position of Secretary for our organization.

This position will be a paid part-time position with flexible hours determined as time progresses.

Responsibilities include:

- 1) Acting as Secretary on the current Chamber Board;
- 2) Attend and document minutes at monthly Chamber meetings;
- 3) Establish member data bases for correspondence with current membership; and
- 4) Monitor and update Chamber Social media.

For details, contact Chamber President Terry Petrie, tpetrie103@gmail.com

Lyme Free Library



Annual Book Sale

August 11th 9am to 3pm

Authors & Artists – Free Spaces

Local authors and artists are invited to register for free spaces (limit of 2 10 x 10 foot spaces) at our annual book sale on August 11th. The sale runs from 9am to 3 pm.

Call 315-649-5454 to register.

Book Donations

Due to lack of storage space, we can only accept books for our annual book sale from August 1 to August 11.

Books on the Bus - Where Education Starts the Moment Students Step on the Bus

Lyme Free Library is pleased to announce that we are a recipient of a grant from The North Country Library System to establish a Books on the Bus program at Lyme Central School. Books on the Bus is a program that brings the joy of reading to students during their commute to and from school. Each bus will receive a tote full of books that are appropriate for students in grades Pre-K to 12.

Summer Reading Program

Participants choose a selection of books that interest them, keep track of what they read, attend at least 4 of the 5 sessions, and earn a Barnes & Noble Gift Card! The program is for children entering grades 1 to 6. This year our summer reading program will begin on July 10th. All sessions begin at 10:30am. Please register by July 2nd by calling 315-649-5454.

The Chaumont-Three Mile Bay Chamber’s photo contest is coming in October. We would like to remind you to take lots of photographs of the Bicentennial events, also any of your special summer fun activities.

Fly Tying Workshop



Local resident Don Tedford will present an instructional program on basic fly tying techniques on August 13th at 1pm at the Lyme Free Library. Participants will have an opportunity to tie a “Woolly Bugger” a basic pattern used to attract a broad variety of game fish. All tools and materials will be provided. Advanced sign up is preferred. Don is a lifetime member of Trout Unlimited and serves as a volunteer with the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) Fort Drum Chapter. This organization provides instruction on fly tying, fly casting, rod building, and guiding disabled retired and active duty service members on fishing excursions in the Northern New York region. Please call 315-649-5454 to register.

Astronomy Classes at the Library! Presented by John Rusho

Class times: Indoor 7 to 8:00 PM at Lyme Free Library, followed by an outdoor session from 8:15 to approx. 10:00 PM. Class is intended for 12 years and older. Please call 315-649-5454 to register. Class dates: August 3rd; August 10th, August 17th and August 24th. Contact the Library at the number above for more information.

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Your story lives on...

Acte II Opening Soon!

After undergoing extensive repair work, Acte II will open its doors on Thursday, August 9th. Volunteers from the Lyme Community Foundation board along with hired contractors have given the shop a much-needed makeover. Beverly Glerum, formerly with Nordstrom in Los Angeles, sorted and arranged the shop's clothing and accessories -- handbags, shoes, scarves, jewelry, and hats with professional flair.

Please stop in on August 9th to see the terrific assortment of gently worn women's fashions, curated in our beautiful boutique.

Citizen of the Year Award

Please forward the names of an individual or group from Lyme who you feel is worthy of recognition for their service to the community. Award will be determined this fall. Email your nomination to: lymecommunityfoundation@gmail.com

Doing a little closet cleaning? Clothing donations are always welcome. Stop by during open hours, or contact Lynda Carney, (315) 649-5224 or Beverly (bglerum7@gmail.com).

Do you love clothes and helping people? If you have a couple hours per week to spare in support of Acte II, come join our volunteer staff. Shifts are available Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 1-3 p.m. New associates are welcome at our nearby destination for fashionable finds.

Act II Summer Hours:
Thursday-Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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