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Then and Now: Historic Church Buildings of Lyme

Historical Notes from the Lyme Heritage Center By Margaret Putnam Brennen and Julie Putnam Maitag



Baptist Church, Three Mile Bay, N. Y.

First Baptist Church of Three Mile Bay

The Town of Lyme was established in 1818. Twenty years later, citizens of the town had built 3 taverns, but no churches.

In 1840 the Baptist congregation erected Lyme's first house of worship on what would become known as Church Street in Three Mile Bay. The structure cost \$2,500. The congregation had been holding regular services in various buildings around town since organizing on Point Salubrious in 1816. With over 200 years of worship, the Baptist congregation is the town's oldest continuous religious gathering.



PRESBYT'N CHURCH
CHAUMONT, N. Y.

Chaumont Presbyterian Church

Lyme's Presbyterian congregation formed at Chaumont in 1831 with 18 members (11 of whom were named McPheon). Before they had a permanent home of their own, they gathered to worship in a stone school house which used to stand on the corner of Main and Washington Streets (where the Hunt family's house is now). In 1844 Solon and Alatheia Massey donated land for a new church; the building was completed in 1845. One of the early ministers in the new building was the Rev. William Cleveland, who took the pulpit in 1890. Cleveland was the brother of Grover Cleveland, the only President of the United States to serve two non-consecutive terms in office (1885-89 and 1893-97). After Grover Cleveland was nominated for a second Presidential run, political tensions in the church flared. Republican members of the church chafed at Rev. Cleveland's Democratic associations. The feud spilled out into the village and made headlines; the Watertown Daily Times reported that "Chaumont was rent in twain" by fighting Republicans and Democrats. William Cleveland finally resigned his position in 1896 and left Chaumont for Cleveland, Ohio.

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Editor's Corner

Dear Readers,

Hoping your holidays are bright and full of joy!

Karen Donakue, Editor



The Chaumont -Three Mile Bay Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who participated in the ***Lyme through the Lens*** photo contest. Thank you for entering your spectacular photographs, taken in our town of Lyme. Here are the winners of this year's contest.



First Place

Dog and Fawn
by Diane
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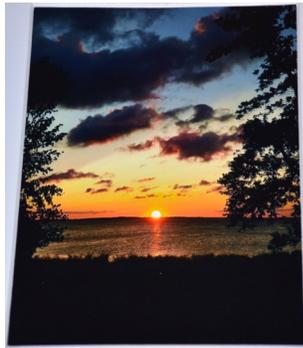
Second Place

Kayaking with friend
by Linda Denny



Third Place

Sunrise
by Diane Wilson



LYME LIGHT DUE DATES

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From the President

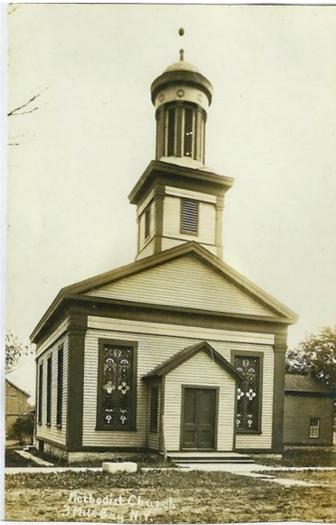
Each year I like to take this opportunity to think back to 2017 and everything that has happened for the foundation and the community. Each year I am reminded that we have all been very busy giving back to our community in many ways. Here are some of the things I found:

- The Thousand Island Snowmobile Club held snowmobile safety courses at the Copley House
- Portraits of Alexander and Lucy Copley were donated to the foundation.
- Trevor Weston, a local teen, was diagnosed with "Acute Myeloid Leukemia" and the entire community came together to provide multiple fundraisers to help support the family. Trevor returned to Lyme Central in the fall to play Varsity soccer.
- Lyme Central held a dance "Dancing Through the Decades" at the Copley House.
- Hundreds of volunteers helped fill over 80,000 sandbags to help save multiple businesses and homes suffering from severe flooding.
- The Seaway Trail Outdoor Storyteller panels were installed in Chaumont
- The floors at the Copley House look beautiful after being refinished down to their natural wood.
- David West, a family member and friend to many in our community, passed away at the age of 46 from a heart attack. Rest in peace Dave. You are missed!!
- The Lyme Community Foundation held an Open House in June.
- When it wasn't too wet our summer movies continued on the front lawn.
- Foundation board members participated in cleaning up our local roadway on Rt. 12 E.
- The foundation recognized Chaumont and Three Mile Bay Fire Departments as "Volunteers of the Year" and recognized Kent Wiley as "Citizen of the Year"
- Glenn Dodge turned 100 years old and was recognized by the foundation with a "Lifetime Achievement Award"
- In October the 2nd Annual Haunted House "The Copley Asylum" was held with over 90 volunteers coming together for three nights to raise money for the Lyme Community Foundation. What a wonderful community event this was. Thank you to all!!

Wow what a year it has been. The foundation is truly blessed to have such a supportive community. Thank you all for your support of the foundation and we look forward to working together with all of you next year.

On behalf of the Lyme Community Foundation we hope you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Deanna Lothrop, President



#65 Methodist Church, 3 Mile Bay Oct. 17, 1913

Three Mile Bay United Methodist Church

A Methodist Episcopal congregation formed in Three Mile Bay in 1838, but was not able to build a church until 1854. The building cost \$5,000 to construct. Asa Wilcox, renowned Three Mile Bay shipbuilder, may have been the master builder of this church. (During repairs to the steeple in 1932, his name was found chiseled into the timbers.) Wilcox gifted the church with a bell for the belfry. Wilcox's newly-installed bell had a tragic christening – it was rung for the first time for his son Byron's funeral. The elaborate steeple was removed in 1953.



St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Chaumont

Chaumont's original Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1874 on land donated by Hiram Copley. (The Masonic Temple now stands on the spot.) After that building burned down on May 8th, 1897 the congregation decided to re-build on Washington Street. The new building was dedicated on December 21, 1897, just in time for Christmas services. The congregation and its funds dwindled until 1941, at which point it merged with, and began meeting at, the Presbyterian Church on Main Street. The Methodist Church building subsequently housed several different congregations. It is currently owned by the Agape House Fellowship Church of LaFargeville, but stands vacant.

All Saints Catholic Church, Chaumont

Lyme was 50 years old before a Catholic mass was said in town. That first service, in 1868, was a funeral mass held in a boarding house on Water Street, where a railroad worker had died. A Father Hogan traveled to Chaumont from St. Patrick's Church in Watertown to perform the mass.

The original All Saints building was built on Madison Street in 1896. That building stood until 1930, when it was destroyed in the second huge fire on neighboring Mill Street. The current building was constructed almost immediately after the fire, and was built in much the same style as its predecessor.



#46 Chaumont Catholic Church



Help of a Stranger Saved My Life

By Terry Countryman



It was another beautiful day in August on Three Mile Point. My wife and I had taken the day off from work to spend time with our five grandchildren. Three of which live nearby and two who were visiting for the week from Auburn. We spent the day in Alex Bay, taking the boat tour, shopping and having a meal. The next morning, August 11, 2016 about 7:15 am, I bun-geed my briefcase to the backrest of my motorcycle and was feeling good about my 18-mile ride to work in LaFargeville. My normal route was to take the Depauville Road (County Rte. 179) from Chaumont, then take the Underbluff Road to LaFargeville. I turned onto County Rte. 179 and was soon following another motorcyclist. I had never seen another motorcycle on my route in the 5 years that I had been taking that route. I stayed behind him a safe distance and continued to cruise along at 45 to 50 mph.

I began motorcycling as a young man in the 70's and have owned many different motorbikes over the years, but as I got older there was never time to ride. I helped my father-in-law get his license back in the 70's, too. After many years of riding he decided it was time to give it up and he wanted me to have his motorcycle. I kept the bike in good repair and started loving my summers riding to and from work. When you are on a motorcycle you are acutely aware of the road, the wind and the smells of the pasture, woods or water nearby. It's an in the moment feeling that's hard to describe.

Well on that morning, August 11, the rider in front of me disappeared around a curve a short distance from the village of Depauville. I lost sight of him and a few seconds later something hit my body hard from the left side. The impact left me unconscious. When I came to briefly, I found myself on my back in the middle of the road. A man I didn't know was standing over me, I was holding my side because it hurt. When I looked down I could see my left leg was in a very unnatural position. The man asked me my wife's name then he said she wanted to talk to me. I said "tell her I'm fine". That was the last thing I remember, except for a moment in an ambulance when someone called my name. I woke up a couple days later in the trauma center at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. My injuries were life threatening, I had broken all my ribs, except for one, in multiple places, on my left side. My left lung had collapsed and left lower leg had multiple compound fractures. I also had multiple contusions and road rash. The Clayton ambulance service took me by helicopter to Samaritan Hospital in Watertown. Once I was stabilized they flew me to the Trauma Center at Upstate Medical Center.

I have many heroes to thank for keeping me alive that day and for putting me back together: The Clayton ambulance crew, helicopter crew, doctors and nurses at both Upstate and Samaritan Medical Centers.

The person that saved my life, so the others could keep me alive, was the man riding in front of me that day. He had noticed that I did not come around the curve behind him. He turned around and came back to look for me. He could have simply not noticed, assumed that I had turned into a driveway, or said to himself why get involved. Instead he called 911, called my wife, stayed with me and after the ambulance had taken me away, went home to get his trailer to haul my broken motorcycle to my house. I had never met this man before, but I now hope that I will have the presence of mind to know when someone needs my help and offer my assistance. The only reason I was able to survive and can spend more time with my family is due to the integrity of one man.

I have now met him and he is an active volunteer and resident in our very own community. If you happen to see him, please thank Ed DeMattia for me and for all his contributions to our community.

(If you're wondering what hit me that morning it was a deer. I never saw it, I never had the chance to hit the brakes. The deer did not survive).



Glenn Dodge Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

On the occasion of Glenn Dodge's community party celebrating his 100th birthday, Lynda Carney, representing the Lyme Community Foundation, made a very special presentation: "Each year the Lyme Community Foundation recognizes an outstanding volunteer in our town. This year we chose to recognize the Chaumont and Three Mile Bay Volunteer Fire Departments for their phenomenal job during the high water crisis. We also recognized Kent Wiley for his years of commitment to our town. However, we wanted to help celebrate today's special occasion!! The Foundation created a new award, "The Lyme Community Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award". We all know of Glenn's commitment and service to country, community, students in his classroom, the fire department, family and friends. I think that his crowning achievement is that he is here today to celebrate, with family and friends, his 100th birthday! He greets each day as a blessing and embraces all that is good in life. He remains an inspiration to all of us! I am very happy to present the first Lyme Community Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award to Glenn Dodge."

Town of Lyme News

By: Scott Aubertine, Town Supervisor



Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays !! With the passing of Halloween comes the season of giving thanks, peace, joy and wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We at the Town of Lyme wish all of our residents a happy holiday season.

The Town Board adopted the 2018 Budget at the November meeting. The total appropriations increased 2.4%, however, the total amount to be raised by taxes increased 1.5%, which kept us under the recommended State Tax Cap of 1.8%. The largest percentage increase will affect our Three Mile Bay Street Lighting residents. This fund will see a 17.8%, or about a nine cent increase, from last year. If you remember, we changed the billing system last year from a per assessment charge to a charge split equally between all users in the Lighting District. When preparing the budget, this fund is basically a guessing game, as we are never sure what the National Grid rates will be from year to year. We must simply look at the total end of the year costs and try to guesstimate the next years figures. If the amounts raised create a savings, we will use that fund balance to lower taxes the next year. Therefore, please be aware that these appropriations could possibly see year to year fluctuations.

Another increase in the budget is in the Town Development Fund. With 2018 being the Bi-Centennial of our Town, the Town Board has appropriated additional funds to assist in a town wide Bi-Centennial Celebration. We would like to schedule an organizational meeting to form a (large) community committee to discuss, decide and plan a celebration for our town, its history and its heritage. We welcome all businesses, organizations, churches, fire departments, committees, the Village Board and residents in our town to volunteer to serve on this committee. I realize that the holiday season is a busy time for everyone, so we will propose a meeting on January 11, 2018 at the Town Office. Everyone is welcome. There is no limitation on the size of this community committee. Whether we plan an enhancement to the Community Days, another event filled weekend or an event filled week, all thoughts and ideas are good ones. Every business and organization should plan to help us celebrate our Bi-Centennial Birthday next summer. We hope to see many people at this meeting.

We have received many questions as to the status of the Magee property acquisition. The Town Board received a proposal from two local businessmen to work cooperatively on purchasing the property. An agreement was reached with the two businessmen and a purchase offer has been drafted by the Town Attorney who has been directed to present it to the owner of the property. The Town Board agreed to hire Elizabeth Martin, a Village of Chittenango Trustee and official grant writer who is the former Program Coordinator for the Oswego County Department of Planning and Community Development, a graduate of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy and the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public affairs. A professional grant writer who has considerable knowledge in not only grant writing, but also property acquisitions, State regulations and planning experience, Elizabeth is also a Town of Lyme property owner and taxpayer who has proposed a very fair and reasonable fee for her services. She has been involved in similar projects in other towns and villages and has offered to work closely with Executive Assistant to the Supervisor Robin Grovesteen in

collecting information which can be used in an effort to inform our residents in all aspects of the acquisition, and its potential implications, so that educated decisions can be made.

The last day of December will mark the end of service for two dedicated town elected officials. Roswell Gotham has served the town in many capacities for nearly four decades. Not only did he serve in exemplary fashion as Town Assessor, Payroll Officer and Bookkeeper, but he has served as a very active member of the Masonic Lodge and the All Saints Church, to name just a couple. In my younger days as the manager of the local fast pitch softball team, I would often call "Roz" and ask him to umpire our games. He never said no and for that I am very grateful. It was not an easy job.

Anne "Boo" Harris will also be ending her time as Town Councilwoman. Boo has served this town for many years, not only eight years as a town board member, but also as a member of the Town Planning Board. Driving through Chaumont and Three Mile Bay will be a constant reminder and memory of Boo's influence as she was instrumental in the planting of the trees that line the main streets. She has annually committed to working the 12k Memorial Day Run and the Lyme Triathlon among many other community events which, we imagine, she will continue to do. It has been a pleasure to learn from, and work with, both Boo and Roz and we wish them both the best of health and happiness and thank them for their fine dedicated service to our town.

The December Lyme Town Board meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm in the Town meeting room/justice court. A public hearing for the 2018 Water Rates will precede the meeting at 6:25 pm. The Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for the same night will be held in the Assessors Office.

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Town of Lyme.



Chaumont-Three Mile Bay Chamber of Commerce

Judging for the Christmas decorating contest will take place on Sunday, December 17th between 5pm – 7pm.

Interested individuals and businesses are asked to register their home or business at Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent-Chaumont Office, prior to Friday, Dec. 15th. Only registered businesses and residences will be considered. Three business prizes and three residential prizes of \$25 each will be awarded.

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Lyme Garden Club News

Holiday season...Gift shopping...Have you ever wondered what you could give to the gardener in your family? Here are a few ideas that might help you.

- ◆ Subscription to a gardening magazine that one can enjoy all year. Examples are Fine Gardening Magazine or Garden Gate. Subscription information is easy to find online.
- ◆ Gardening Books are numerous. One good example is Container Gardening by Pamela Crawford. Hanging Basket Kits from Kinsman Gardens.
- ◆ A Kinsman catalog along with a Gift Certificate would give some fun hours trying to choose from all their wonderful ideas.
- ◆ Gift Certificate for Gardeners Supply Company
- ◆ For the armchair gardener – an Amaryllis plant available at many garden supply departments and in holiday catalogs
- ◆ Favorite garden tools of the Lyme Garden Club which are available by emailing lymegardenclub@earthlink.net - Trowels (\$15), Gardening Gloves – size medium only (\$6), Garden Shovels (\$20) and (the Very Popular and Useful to Every Gardener) Scoops (\$5)
- ◆ Sponsor a Tree for Chaumont or Three Mile Bay – in honor of your favorite person. To activate this, contact lymegardenclub@earthlink.net. We would be pleased to provide you with a Gift Card that you can present to your loved one.

The Lyme Garden Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Scott Aubertine for the work he did pruning the climbing hydrangea on the Copley House. Not an easy job, and we certainly appreciate his contribution.

*Happy Holidays to all our Lyme Neighbors and a
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A Letter From Lyme Central School



Cammy Morrison, Superintendent

There are so many exciting things to look forward to over the next several months at LCS. 2017-18 should be one of our most positive and productive years yet! I'm very pleased to share some of the special things that are going on in our District.

If you have visited our building recently, you may have noticed our *renewed* focus on school pride! Our theme this year is "We are Stronger Together"...a message we hope speaks for itself! We are starting a "campaign" on our website, "WHY LYME?" As part of the "WHY LYME?" Campaign, we will be posting video clips of students, staff, community friends, BOE members, coaches and alumni sharing their (short) stories, or thoughts and accolades about their Lyme Central School District and Greater Community experiences. Please watch for the "video clips" (*coming very soon!*). If you have special memories or thoughts you'd like to share, feel free to contact us! We're showing our pride- look for the LCS Indian logo throughout the building- on scoreboards, windows and rugs. We've added benches for visitors to enjoy while waiting and we are painting, making repairs and thoroughly cleaning areas that are in need of a bit more attention. Our staff remains very proud to serve the students and families of LCS.

Most of you have probably seen our new updates to the gymnasium and stage area. Our next focus is the Sound System. The outdated and malfunctioning Sound System has been a concern for many years. We hope to correct that in the very near future. We have collected quotes and a public hearing will be held at our December Board meeting regarding using the Repair/Equipment Reserve funds to purchase this equipment, prior to our production of **The Wizard of Oz** in March!

We are having work done in a couple other areas as well. On December 11th a Message Board will be installed in front of our building. This is another way for us to keep you updated about important events and activities. Also the locker room floors are being re-tiled over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday breaks due to loosened, broken tiles and slippery spots on the floor surfaces. We are looking forward to having this safety issue addressed in the very near future.

The District is participating in the Smart Watt Energy Conservation Program offered by National Grid. As part of the program, all lighting in common areas and hallways (interior and exterior) will be replaced with new energy efficient LED lighting and lighting equipment. We were very fortunate to qualify for this cost-saving program!

To improve student safety and the efficiency of our current *morning drop off* and *dismissal procedures*, we are organizing a small committee of staff, administrators and parents to look at ways to improve them. Some issues identified: lack of signage identifying "no parking" areas during the loading and unloading time periods, clearly marked "wait" areas, cars parking on both sides of our very narrow streets. New procedures will be shared once the committee develops them. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding!

We are updating our District Strategic Plan. We hope a variety of stakeholders will participate in this important process! **please join me on Monday, December 4, 2017 from 6-7:00 p.m. in the Library** to learn more about the process and the anticipated timeline to develop our Strategic Plan.

Finally, on behalf of the Lyme Central School District Board of Education, staff and students, I wish you and yours the happiest of Holiday Seasons! As always, it is my pleasure to serve as your Superintendent of Schools.



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Lyme Free Library



Books for Christmas

Each year the library collects new children’s books for children ages 1 to 16 to be distributed through the food pantry during the holiday season. All books must be new and dropped off at the library before December 8th. Over 1000 books have been distributed in the past due to the generosity of community members. We appreciate your support of this worthwhile program.



O’Reilly Prints – Great Holiday Gifts! Give as is, or frame for an extra special gift.

Lyme Free Library is offering prints by Local Artist James O’Reilly for just \$20. Prints feature Sawmill Bay, The Cape Vincent Lighthouse, The Copley House, The Chaumont Hardware Store, Cove Cottage, the Cape Vincent Lighthouse, and more! See all of the prints on Facebook! The library also has book bags, histories and Lyme Heritage Center Calendars for sale.



**Story time
every
Wednesday
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Christmas Week Programs for Kids!

Christmas Crafts

December 27th at 11am. Join us at the library to make Christmas crafts. Please call 315-649-5454 before December 22nd to register.

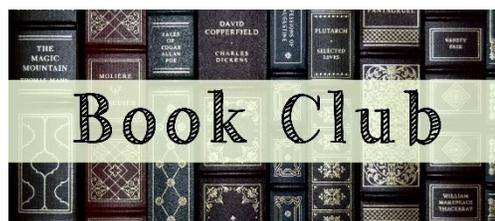
Christmas Slime Fun!

Join us on December 29th to make peppermint slime. You must register for this session. Time will be assigned during registration. Please call 315-649-5454 before December 22nd to register.



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Book Talk, our book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

December – No Meeting

January 16th – *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

February 20th – *On My Own* by Diane Rehm

March 20th – *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Wilkerson

April 17th – *Evicted* by Desmond

Open to all! Please join us!

Library Board Meetings

The Lyme Free Library’s Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm. All meetings are open to the public. Changes will be posted on our website.

lymefreelibrary.org.



Quilting Group

Are you a quilter? Do you want to get out and meet with others who share your interest? Join us every Tuesday at 6:45 to share project ideas and make friends with other quilters. Open to all!

Book Donations

Reminder – The Library will only be accepting book sale donations during the first two weeks in August.



Coloring Club

Drop-in for part or all of this group coloring event for all ages. We'll supply colored pencils, crayons, and pre-printed coloring pages geared toward adults, featuring beautiful mandala patterns, flowers, architecture, etc. Mondays at 1pm.

Library Hours

Monday 10 to 4, Tuesday 10 to 8, Wednesday 10 to 6, Friday 10 to 8, & Saturday 10 to 4.

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New Books for Adults

Unquiet Grave by McCrumb, Love and Other Consolation Prizes by Ford, Romanov Ransom by Cussler, Column of Fire by Follett, Darien by Iggulden, Muskets and Applejack Sprits by Will-Weber, Haunted by Patterson, Lilac Girls by Kelly, Y is for Yesterday by Cornwell, Turtles All the Way Down by Green, Rules of Magic by Hoffman, Deep Freeze by Sandford, House on the Forgotten Coast by Chambers, All the Crooked Saints by Stiefvater, Never Say Die by Horowitz, Little Fires Everywhere by Ng, Pattern of Her Heart by Peterson, Fatal Frost by MacInerney, Echo of Murder by Perry, Killing Season by F. Kellerman, Tigers Prey by Smith, Lilac Lane by Woods, To Be Where You Are by Karon, Holly and Ivy by Michaels, Snow Country Christmas by Miller, Fairytale by Steel, Silent But Deadly Night by Nesbo, Strange Weather by Hill, Rooster bar by Grisham, Member of the Family by Lake, Christmas in Icicle Falls by Roberts, Homegrown Cooking From My New England Roots by Jennings, and Water Will Come by Goodell.

New Non-Fiction Large Print Books

Thanks to a generous grant from The North Country Library System, we have been able to more than double the size of our Large Print Non-Fiction Collection. New titles include: Caregivers Companion by Brent, Jolly Roger Social Club by Foster, Al Franken Giant of the Senate by Franken, My Own Words by Ginsburg, Inside Camp David by Giorgione, Rise of the Rocket Girls by Holt, Endurance by Scott, Once We Were Sisters by Kohler, Radium Girls by Moore, Dog Called Hope by Morgan, Code Girls by Mundy, Vendetta Bobby Kennedy VS Jimmy Hoff by Neff, Eleanor and Hick by Quinn, Dust Bowl Girls by Reeder, Mrs. Sherlock Holmes by Ricca, Books For Living by Schwalbe, Glass Universe by Sobel, and Jimmy Buffet by White. More books will be added in January.

New Movies at the Library

Thanks to a charitable donation from a patron we have added the following titles to our movie collection. Theory of Everything, Me Before You, Danish Girl, Best of Me, Bewitched, Brooklyn, Catch and Release, Cinderella Story, Dear John, Fool's Gold, Hundred Foot Journey, Kate and Leopold, Last Song, Lightkeepers, Longest Ride, Love Actually, Man From Snowy River, Miracles From Heaven, Notebook, Overboard, While You Were Sleeping, Queen of the Dessert, Julie and Julia, Longest Ride, Midnight in Paris Wilde Wedding, and many more.

NOTICE: CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE



The Lyme Food Pantry Christmas sign-ups are on every Saturday, (excluding Thanksgiving week) from November 4th through to December 2nd, at the Chaumont Presbyterian Church, Main Street, from 1 to 3 pm.

Requests after December 2nd: CAPC in Watertown 782-4900 or the Salvation Army 782-4470. Basket distribution will be Saturday, December 16, 1:00-3:00. Call 315-649-2424.

We are able to keep the pantry open because of the generous support of our community. Thank you! *Harriett's Angels*



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houses, is reasonably priced at \$10.

The Center is always looking for old scrapbooks, news clippings and pictures of old Town of Lyme. We can make a copy and return the original to you.

We are asking for the public's help in identifying the monument in the above photo, which apparently stood in front of the railroad depot in Chaumont. A separate photo shows a class of schoolchildren beside the monument, wearing clothing that seems to date from about 1940 or 1950. Was it a monument to WWI or WWII veterans? What was it made of? Where did it go? During what dates was it there? Why was it moved? It stands on a stone or concrete base, where is that?

Please write to: phyllis@putnamfamily.com with comments.

LCF Holiday House Tour

December 9, 2017

It's NOT too late!



Did you buy your tickets for the Annual Lyme Community Foundation Holiday House Tour? Once again members of our community have graciously agreed to open their homes for this terrific event. Join the merriment and stop by and see holiday décor that will warm your heart with holiday spirit. After the tour join everyone for a holiday get together at the Copley House. Food, drinks, music, and merry making are guaranteed to be enjoyed by all. All proceeds go to supporting the work of the Lyme Community Foundation.

For tickets, contact: Deanna at (315)456-8702 or leave a message at (315) 649-2200

Winter Raptors Coming

By Gerry Smith for Ontario Bays Initiative



Red-tailed Hawks, Short-eared Owls and Snowy Owls will spend the winter seeking meadow voles and other small mammals to sustain them. They will hunt from atop utility poles and trees using their superb vision to see small prey from distances of 1/4 mile or more. Their presence will animate the coldest and most severe winters day.

While numbers of these wintering birds varies from year to year, there are always some present. The number of species gathering here is determined by several factors. These include breeding success up north as well as food and habitat quality in our region. In years when many young are produced and if there is a "vole plague" locally, numbers present can be truly spectacular. A couple of winters ago it was possible to find a dozen Snowy Owls within a few miles in northern Jefferson County. In past years I have seen more than 100 Rough-legged Hawks in a day's birding. Such impressive concentrations of these "Mouse Raptors" are among the highest seen anywhere in eastern North America.

The Red-tailed Hawks present in these winter assemblies are different from our summer breeders. While the occasional summer resident will attempt to winter locally, most head south by late October. They are replaced by their cousins, who occupy the Boreal Forest in summer. These northerners have noticeably darker breast bands and seem to be a bit larger on average. They may also be somewhat tame, particularly immatures, as they have had less contacts with humans than birds nesting farther south.

There is evidence that some of these winter raptors may return year after year. For nearly a decade a pair of Boreal Forest Red-tailed Hawks could be found every winter near Branche Road in Cape Vincent. While I cannot prove beyond a shadow of a doubt these were absolutely the same pair, I am pretty sure they were. He was a small male and she a very large female with both possessing some distinctive plumage characters. They would arrive like clockwork in mid-November, depart in mid-March and were always found in the same general area. Clearly these raptorial snowbirds had their winter residence locally for many years.

Red-tailed Hawk Photo by Lee Ellsworth

Ontario Bays Initiative is a Jefferson County land trust based at the Copley House in Chaumont. More information about OBI is available at OBILandTrust.org.

Then and Now: Historic Church Buildings of Lyme

Article Sources: Archives of the Lyme Heritage Center; Archives of the Watertown Daily Times; Archives of the Cape Vincent Eagle; *Chaumont Presbyterian Church History, 1831-2006*, Compiled by Martin G. Jones; *History of Lyme Churches*, a typed document by "C. Angell"

NOTE: The Little White Church by the Lake on Point Peninsula was featured in a previous issue of the Lyme Light News.

~ Community Events, December 2017 ~

Sat	Dec 2	Breakfast with Santa, 9am, Presbyterian Church, Chaumont
Mon	Dec 4	Lyme CSD District Strategic Plan Meeting, @ Lyme Central, 6pm
Sat	Dec 9	Lyme Community Foundation Holiday House Tour, 6pm Copley House
Tue	Dec 12	Hanukkah begins
Wed	Dec 13	Lyme School District Board Meeting @ Lyme Central, 6pm
Wed	Dec 13	Deadline for January Lyme Light Articles
Tue	Dec 19	Town of Lyme Board Meeting, 6:30pm Town Offices
Mon	Dec 25	Christmas Day



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