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From the Chair

June will be here by the time you read this, and we hope you all got this far safely. I want to thank Cari Greene and compliment her on the massive efforts she has been making to show how great a community can be when people step up, and I am sure the folks who have benefited by those efforts are grateful also. I am sure others are doing similar things, and she obviously has support, so thanks to them too. A group also set up a free food giveaway one recent Saturday on the Copley House grounds, which was quite successful. We are pleased to be able to assist in these ways to reach the community members.

Also, a fund has been established by the Northern New York Community Foundation to help non-profit agencies respond to community needs during these difficult times. Information is available from Kraig Everard, Community Foundation director of stewardship and programs at (315) 782-7110, or kraig@nnycf.org. The Lyme Community Foundation applauds efforts such as these.

During these difficult times, the size of the Lyme Light has to be limited to eight pages rather than twelve, which narrows the space for articles. Our sponsors are critical to the success of this publication, and also critical to the smooth functioning of our area. We ask that in instances like these that articles and submissions remain within our length guidelines. Often a longer piece can be carried into the next issue without loss of meaning. Please help us make the Lyme Light as successful as possible given our constraints of space and costs. Thank you.

No events are being planned yet, some of the usual goings-on which require a lot of planning have been postponed for the year, but there are still lots of ways to enjoy yourselves until the pandemic threat has subsided.

Please continue to be considerate of your fellow community members by honoring the guidelines.

Be Safe!

Ed DeMattia - Lyme Light Newsletter Chair

Programs at the Copley House

The LCF Programs Committee is eagerly awaiting word that we can set dates for the myriad of opportunities we have been busy preparing for you. Some of the programs on the horizon include:

1. Crafts including floral arranging, painting, felting arts, and repurposing furniture
2. Dance camp for children
3. Cooking and sewing classes for kids
4. Boater's Safety for children
5. Local history classes
6. A tour of the LeRay Mansion at Fort Drum

The Historic House Tour that was in the works for July is cancelled. This was going to be a fabulous event – we are so fortunate to have such an array of unique homes in our town as well as generous owners who are willing to share their retreats with the community.

We always welcome suggestions for what you would like to learn – or teach! Our goal is to ensure the Lyme community has opportunities to grow in ways that are relevant and meaningful. Your input makes this possible.

In the meantime, there are so many opportunities available online for us to gain a new skill or keep us entertained. From classes on learning to speak

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The Free Food Drive on April 25th in front of The Copley House.

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Cherokee, to cooking via Zoom with Food Network stars, or even strategizing to eliminate procrastination, a quick internet search demonstrates that educational organizations across the globe are doing their part to help us stay sane as we continue to stay safe!

Submitted by Beth Wagenaar

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A Message from the President

I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. These are such unprecedented times and if you are like me you find it hard to keep track of the days and the schedules and routines we had have been totally disrupted. To top it all off we then get snow in May and we feel that we are just being tested yet one more time. I am trying to embrace this down time and remind myself to stop and see all the positive that has come out of this unfortunate situation. I don't know about you but I find myself crying more than usual but it isn't because I am sad- it is because there are so many wonderful things happening and it makes me proud of the community that I live in. Here are just a few that have really made my heart full:

1. The line of cars that went from The Blue Heron to the Chaumont Bridge when the community came out for the chicken BBQ to support The Chaumont Fire Department and The Blue Heron.
2. The distribution of free food on the lawn at the Copley House organized by local community members. (photo on 1st page)
3. The porch project where local photographers go out and take pictures of families on their porches and then donate the money to local food pantries and school backpack programs.
4. The *Adopt A NNY Class of 2020 Senior* page on Facebook where families adopt a local senior and shower them with their favorite gifts.

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5. Families celebrating birthdays, baby showers and other special events by having drive by parties.
6. When I see all the hard work our teachers and school staff are doing to teach our students remotely and provide free meals each week. You didn't learn how to do this in college but you have gone above and beyond for your families.
7. When I see how hard parents are working to home school their children while at the same time many of them are also working from home. **You parents rock!!!!**
8. When I see how everyone is doing their best to recognize our essential workers.
9. When I see families still visiting their elderly relatives in nursing homes but only through the window.
10. When I see families embracing their time together by cooking together, playing games, creating Tik Toc videos, being outside and just making memories.

I do hope that we will all soon be able to get out and see each other again. Remember when this is all over that we should all continue to support our local businesses and thank them for being there for us during this difficult time. We are so fortunate to live where we do and before you know it we will all be out on the lake enjoying the summer days. Hang in there and we will all get through this together!!!

Deanna Lothrop

Lyme Community Foundation President



More pictures from the Free Food Drive outside of The Copley House on April 25th.



Lyme Free Library Events

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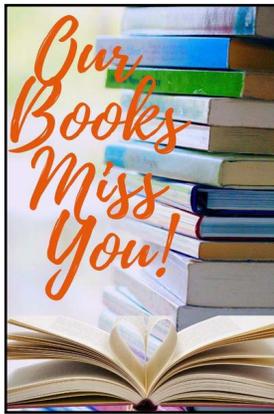
School & Library - Vote



In an effort to keep New Yorkers safe during COVID-19, Governor Cuomo has issued an executive order delaying school board elections and budget votes statewide until June 9, 2020. This includes the library vote. The election and budget votes will all be conducted

by mail and all qualified voters will be sent an absentee ballot with return postage paid. We appreciate your continued support.

Who knew when we shut our doors in March that we wouldn't see our patrons for over two months? This has made us realize how much we miss seeing you. We miss our conversations about the latest books and what's happening in your lives and the community. You make the library come alive with community spirit. Please know that we miss you all very much - and when we see you again, it will be a moment to celebrate!



We have been busy developing a Disaster and Pandemic Policy that protects both the staff and patrons based on guidance from state and health agencies. There has been a great deal of discussion about what will work, how to keep people safe, and what needs to change to have appropriate physical distancing. We are coordinating with the North Country Library System to ensure all libraries open at the same time and offer the same services.

With expectations that social distancing will be necessary for an extended period of time and lingering concerns about the spread of COVID-19, reopening the library will likely happen in phases.

Phase One will be limited to front porch pick-ups and drop-offs of requested materials. Books will be collected, cleaned and sealed in plastic bags and placed on the porch for pick up at scheduled times. Lists of our newly acquired materials will be on our web site and Facebook page for viewing. Patrons will be able to place holds through the NCLS catalog, or can call the library with requests. The building will remain closed to the public during this phase. There will be no physical contact between staff and patrons.

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We ask that all patrons using our front porch services adhere to social distancing and PPE guidelines.

Phase Two will see the circulation desk area of the library open. Procedures will be the same as in Phase One, but pick-ups and drop offs will take place at the circulation desk. Sneeze guards have been installed for protection of both the staff and patrons. Staff will locate requested items and bring them to the desk for check out. The number of people allowed in the library may be limited. We ask that you follow social distancing and PPE guidelines. Computers will not be available for use during Phase Two.

Further phases will see the opening of the children's play area and boat, allow computer use, and will let patrons browse for their own materials. We are considering specific hours for protected groups and special hours for children. Social distancing will be in place as required.

Programs will be rescheduled as social distancing allows. Until then, we are looking at ways to offer programs in new ways. Online programs and pick up packets are being considered for Summer Reading. Presentations and classes will be offered online when appropriate.

Wi-Fi – Our Wi-Fi connection has been and will remain active to the public 24/7. Patrons may use the front porch, lawn or parking lot. We ask that you adhere to social distancing and PPE requirements when using our connection.

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Simply start at: lymefreelibrary.org, and follow the links.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

The results of the 2020 Census will help make decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal

funding to communities across the country for the next ten years. Funding for hospitals, fire departments, schools, libraries and other critical programs and services will be determined based on the number of people in living each community. Your response matters!



Lyme Garden Club

"One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides." - W.E. Johns

Well-fed plants are healthier, more productive and more beautiful. According to the Gallup Gardening Survey, less than half of the country's home gardeners use any kind of fertilizer on their lawns or gardens. What is unfortunate about this statistic is that it means gardeners aren't getting as many flowers or as much produce as they should. They are probably also struggling with disease and insect problems that could be avoided.

Plants need to be fertilized because most soil does not provide all the essential nutrients required for best growth. As your plants grow, they absorb nutrients and leave the soil less fertile. By fertilizing your garden, you replenish lost nutrients and guarantee that this year's plants have the food they need to thrive.

There are a few things you need to know when it comes to fertilizing. On any fertilizing product you will see three numbers on the packaging. This is called the "fertilizer analysis" and it refers to the fertilizer's formulation of three macronutrients referred to as NPK. "N" is the first number listed and corresponds to the amount of nitrogen in the mix. Nitrogen is important because it promotes foliage growth and it helps plants make the proteins they need to produce new tissues. "P" stands for phosphorous and it is the chemical that stimulates root growth in plants. It also helps the plant set buds and flowers, improves vitality and increases seed size. "K" stands for potassium which is important for adequate cell function and overall plant health. It helps the plants make carbohydrates and provides disease resistance.

There are chemical and there are natural fertilizers. A chemical fertilizer is defined as any inorganic material of wholly or partially synthetic origin that is added to soil to sustain plant growth. Organic fertilizers are substances that are derived from the remains or byproducts of natural organisms which contain the essential nutrients for plant growth. Natural fertilizers include compost, mulch, fish emulsion, bone meal, kelp and soybeans and contain lower levels of N-P-K. Natural fertilizers depend on various organisms and elements in the

environment to help break down these natural byproducts. It's important to remember that all fertilizers-chemical and natural-rely on balanced soil to make nutrients available to plants, and high levels of organic matter in your soil are vital to the healthy growth of all plants.

Please check Lyme Garden Club's Facebook or your email for updates. Contact lymegardenclub@earthlink.net if you have any questions.

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Lyme Heritage Center

The Church Fight of 1895 - Historical Notes from the *Lyme Heritage Center* - By Phyllis Putnam

The Lyme Heritage Center remains closed for the foreseeable future. We're hopeful that we'll be able to open in time for our first scheduled programs of the summer: on June 14th we will have a lecture on Penet Square by Judge Clarence Giles, and on July 19th Bob Uhlig will discuss local stone houses.

In our collection we have many histories, photographs, family files, and documents. We even have a small collection of diaries and memoirs, including one by Minnie Ryder Getman Horton (1880-1979). Minnie grew up in Chaumont and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. When she was a girl, the pastor was Rev. William Cleveland, whose brother Grover was at the time president of the United States. The President had very few fans in his brother's congregation, and the Reverend Cleveland's career in Chaumont suffered as a result.



Minnie Ryder Getman Horton

In her memoir, Minnie recounted the story of what she calls "The Church Fight," which came to a head in 1895:

"We had a dear old pastor, William Cleveland. He was the brother of Grover who was younger by many years. William had helped educate Grover.

My father always contended that if Grover hadn't been elected to a second term (Harrison between terms) there never would have been the church fight. But victory of the Democratic party was more than the Republicans of the church could endure. Leading the oppositions were Homer's [Minnie's husband] relatives or connections, the Van Dorens. The poor man was removed by the Synod or Assembly, all Republicans to a man, including the Reverend Allen Macy Dulles of the First Presbyterian Church of Watertown, father of Allen, John Foster, and Eleanor. Mr. Cleveland and his delicate wife, who soon died, had to go. They had expected to end their days in our peaceful little village. In truth, he had been a good friend of Mr. Abram Van Doren. A contributing factor was Anita Cleveland, the wife. She had a lovely voice and with her attractive Cuban

ways was much beloved, but this interfered a bit with the choir, made up of some Van Dorens, and you know the choir is the war department of the church.

All of us Democrats and a few Republicans left the church for many years until we were united again under another beloved pastor."

Please join us to browse Minnie Horton's memoir, or other resources in our collection, when we re-open!

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Lyme Food Pantry

No one in Lyme should be hungry. The Lyme Food Pantry is alive and well, and open as usual. THANK YOU for the generous donations of food items and monetary contributions from year round residents and snow birds. The pantry is ready to serve all that may find themselves in need of assistance.

During the first four months of 2020, the pantry has been able to provide a good variety of food, toiletries and cleaning supplies to 27 families totaling 104 adults, children and senior citizens. In addition 48 hot Blue Heron meals from an anonymous donor were provided.

To donate or become a customer: just call (315) 649-2424 or use the Lyme Pantry's address at P.O. Box 176, Chaumont, N.Y.

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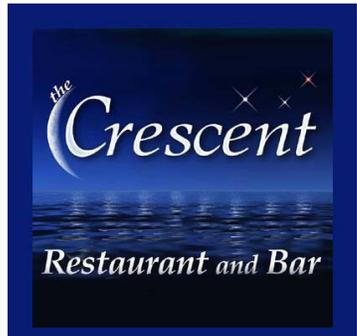


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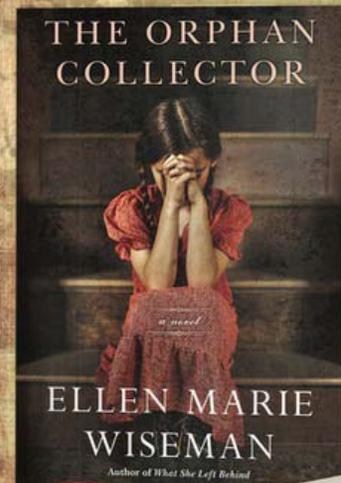


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A message from OBI Land Trust

Hello! This is usually the time of year when OBI Land Trust is announcing our various events and activities scheduled for the year. In these unprecedented times, the near future is uncertain, but we do want let you know we are thinking of all of our OBI community, and hoping all is well.

All of OBI's events will be suspended until the end of May. As the situation changes, we will evaluate activities for the remainder of 2020. Be sure to check in on our website (www.obilandtrust.org), Facebook and Instagram pages for the most up-to-date decisions regarding our activities. The well-being and safety of our members is our priority.

Additionally, OBI Land Trust will be making a donation to the COVID-19 Community Foundation Community Support Fund, which was recently established by the Northern New York Community Support Fund to respond to the urgent needs of those in the north country affected by the coronavirus outbreak. Individual members of the OBI Board of Directors will be matching this donation. These contributions are in honor of all of you who support our land trust and our work in the shoreline communities of Jefferson County. During this time, we encourage you go out to enjoy

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our trails such as Downybrook Nature Reserve in Brownville, while practicing the all-important safety guidelines for social distancing. The natural beauty of the north country can be a source of strength and comfort in uncertain times. We continue to be grateful for all of you who support the conservation mission of OBI Land Trust and look forward to when we can all gather together again.

Jim LaPlant - OBI Land Trust Chairperson

OBI Land Trust 2020 Events

The health and well-being of OBI supporters is our priority. Therefore, scheduled events may be cancelled or dates may be changed due to concerns with the Coronavirus outbreak. Please view our website or call OBI Land Trust at 315-649-6045 for the latest updates.

Birdsong at the Preserve - Saturday, 6/6/20, 9:30 AM

Enjoy a tour of a private nature preserve on the shores of Lake Ontario. Nesting and Birdsong will be at its peak as we identify birds and their communication. Due to the location, participation is limited, so please reserve your spot by calling or emailing OBI.

An Evening at the Barrens - Thursday, 6/18/20, 6:00 PM

Meet at White Caps Winery located on Pt. Salubrious, Chaumont for a carpool to the nearby Barrens. It promises to be an exciting and fun evening of exploration of one of the areas most unique and fascinating ecosystems, Chaumont Barrens. Lee Ellsworth, OBI Land Steward, will lead the tour and answer questions along the way. (7:30 PM return to White Caps for a light meal and White Caps Winery wine)

Ecology Tour at Downybrook Sunday, 6/14/20, 9:30 AM

Join Lee Ellsworth, OBI Land Steward, as he leads us through the wonders of scenic Downybrook Nature Reserve. Downybrook is home to various habitat areas and recognized as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Bring your binoculars!

Mindful Nature Walk through Downybrook

Thursday, 7/16/20 @ 6:30PM & Sunday 9/27/20 @ 11:00AM
Join us in a mindful meditation walk and learn how to incorporate awareness and presence into your nature walks. This experience will be led by Nova Schenk, an experienced registered Yoga Teacher and Reiki Level II Practitioner. Currently, Nova leads classes and series related to mindfulness, mei, and movement at Shanti Shala, a private Yoga Studio in Watertown and with Pivot.

Annual Friendraiser - August (To Be Announced)

Join us for our summer gathering! The annual event helps us fund operations for our all-volunteer land trust and continues the tradition that brings together

OBI Land Trust friends, supporters and those looking to learn more about conservation along the shoreline communities of Jefferson County.

Nature Photography - Sunday, 9/27/2020

Join Lee Ellsworth, Nature Photographer and OBI Land Steward, for a walk through Downybrook. Lee will work with a small group to explore photography in nature. Participants should bring their camera and expect an exciting personal experience!

Tripods are suggested but not required. Space for this photography event is limited. (Please note: Cameras should have controls for exposure and focusing (not just AUTO) No phone or small "point and shoot" cameras. More information regarding camera gear is available by emailing Lee at leeellsworth@icloud.com as event date nears)

Space for this unique event will be limited with priority to Friends of OBI Land Trust.

Not a friend of OBI? It is easy to become one! Just visit www.obilandtrust.com. and make a minimum \$25.00 donation to OBI Land Trust.

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A Message from Ellen Wiseman

Dear friends,

As the release of my fifth novel approaches, I'd like to once again express my sincere gratitude for your amazing support and, because so many of you have shown an interest in my publishing journey, to share my latest news with the community.

But first I'd like to say that I truly hope this finds you and your loved ones staying safe and healthy. I'm beyond grateful to live in a place where everyone has pulled together, supporting our small businesses, our school, and those who find themselves in need. It's hard to believe how much the world has changed in such a short time, isn't it? To say it's surreal is an understatement. And for me, having just written a novel set during the deadly 1918 Spanish flu, it's difficult to explain what all of this feels like. For two years I researched and was fully immersed in the lives of people living through a time when more Americans were dying in our nation's streets and homes than on the battlefields of WWI. Needless to say, when I finished writing THE ORPHAN COLLECTOR last year, it was inconceivable to me that another powerful virus would bring the world to its knees. I thought the issue of immigration would be the most talked about aspect of my fifth novel. And yet, here we are, living through COVID-19, an eerily similar disease in many ways.

Releasing a novel about the Spanish flu in the middle of the Corona pandemic is, well, an experience. I have this wonderful news that feels insignificant due to a terrible situation that is so much more important than my next book. And yet, writing is my career, so talking about my work is a must. At least I know I'm not alone. With bookstores closed, national and international book events cancelled, conferences postponed, release dates delayed, and print runs reduced, authors and publicists across the publishing industry are scrambling to find other promotional opportunities amid uncertainties about when, or if, things will return to normal. For me, it's like learning to launch a book all over again. I was supposed to go to NYC in April for dinner with booksellers and to speak at an Open Book Event

at Penguin Random House but the event was held online. It was fun and I was able to present my work to about 600 people, but it certainly wasn't the same as traveling down to the city and meeting everyone face-to-face. Even more disappointing is the fact that my publisher was going to send me on a multi-city book tour this summer. Now my publicist is scrambling to replace all of those in-person events with virtual events, while also making sure everyone involved can get copies of my books. Trust me when I say it's a lot more complicated than it sounds.

Unfortunately, with all the changes, this also means my signing at the Lyme Library will need to be held online, (date & time to be determined) which breaks my heart because seeing all your smiling faces has always been one of my most favorite parts of launching a book!!! I will never, ever forget the way you always supported me by filling our little library to the rafters!!! Hopefully by the time my sixth book comes out we can all get together again.

In the meantime, let me tell you a little bit about my fifth book, which comes out on August 4th.

A Message ... continued on the next page

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THE ORPHAN COLLECTOR is set in the Philadelphia tenements during the deadly Spanish flu pandemic of 1918. It's the story of a young German immigrant, Pia Lange, who loses her mother to the virus and must take care of her twin baby brothers until her father returns from the war. But with no food at home, Pia is forced to venture into the quarantined city to search for supplies, leaving her brothers behind. It's also about a woman who uses her hatred of immigrants as an excuse to tear families apart when they're at their most vulnerable.

In other news, I just finished signing 8,500 pages that will be added to the final copies of THE ORPHAN COLLECTOR for Target. I also had an opinion piece "What 1918's "Forgotten Pandemic" Can Teach Us About Today" published in Vanity Fair on April 24th. Here's the link if you'd like to check it out: <https://www.vanityfair.com/style/2020/04/1918-flu-pandemic-lessons> It's still boggles my mind that anyone would care what a small town girl like me has to say, but it's pretty cool that someone does! And as some of you may know, my publisher has rereleased my first three novels with beautiful new covers and an excerpt of my next book. I loved my old covers, but the new ones really blew me away. Oh! And you can also get a sneak peek of THE ORPHAN COLLECTOR on your Kindle right now for free!

With all that being said, as I struggle to reconcile my happiness about THE ORPHAN COLLECTOR with the difficult times we're all going through, I can only hope that if you choose to spend time inside my next book, you will be drawn to Pia's resiliency, courage, and determination in the face of impossible odds, even when shame and fear threaten to swallow her whole. I also hope Bernice's story will remind us that empathy for others, no matter their race, nationality, or religion, is always the right choice.

And I will continue to hope for a world where hospitals have lots of empty beds and protective gear for medical personnel, where tests, vaccines, and cures are easy to come by, where people can hug and gather in groups of tens, hundreds, thousands without fear, where a book release counts as big news. Most of all, I'm praying hard that by this time next year we'll have come out on the other side of this together, more resilient,

more compassionate, and stronger than ever.

Thank you again to the Lyme Light for allowing me to share my news, and to all of you for reading my books, for coming to my events, for cheering me on, for leaving reviews on Amazon and Goodreads, and for spreading the word about my work. None of this would be possible without your support, so thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Please take care and stay safe.

Ellen Wiseman



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The Spanish Flu

A contribution by Ellen Wiseman

The Spanish flu pandemic that swept the world in 1918-1919 infected one third of the planet's population and killed an estimated 50 million people over the course of two years. Some believe it killed twice that many. Approximately 675,000 citizens of the United States died and 28% of the population was infected. That's more than all the deaths of American soldiers in the 20th century combined. More U.S. soldiers died from the 1918 flu than were killed in battle during WWI. Many of the men who came home from the war found their families dead.

The first wave hit in the spring of 1918 and was generally mild. The sick experienced typical flu symptoms, usually recovered after several days, and the number of reported deaths was low. But a second, particularly cruel and highly contagious wave hit in the fall of that same year, killing victims within hours or days. People would be fine one minute and incapacitated and delirious the next, with fevers rising to 104 to 106 degrees. Death was quick, savage, and terrifying. The virus resurfaced in November when people gathered to celebrate the end of the war, then lingered into 1919.

No other pandemic has claimed as many lives, not even the Black Death in the fourteenth century or AIDS in the twentieth century, yet the Spanish flu is seldom mentioned. 1918 is often called the year of forgotten death.

The Spanish flu did not originate in Spain, though news coverage of it did. It most likely started in Kansas in March 1918, when U.S. soldiers and civilians around Fort Riley rapidly became ill. The Spanish, meanwhile, believed the virus came from France and called it the "French Flu."

The New York City health commissioner tried to slow the transmission of the flu by ordering businesses to open and close on staggered shifts to avoid overcrowding on the subways.

Despite warnings from the city's health officials to avoid crowds, the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, brought 200,000 people together on the city's streets on September 28, 1918. Over the next six months, more than half a million people contracted the virus and more

than 16,000 perished.

Hospitals and morgues quickly became overcrowded in some cities, with bodies piling up by the dozens, and many left for days on sidewalks and front lawns. Carts traveled the streets, their drivers calling for people to bring out their dead.

People used folk remedies to protect themselves from the Spanish flu. They tied garlic around their necks, ate extra onions, and sucked on sugar cubes soaked in kerosene. They took formaldehyde tablets, morphine, laudanum, and chloride of lime, and gave whiskey and Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup to babies and children, despite the fact that it contained morphine, alcohol, and ammonia. The American Medical Association called the syrup a "baby killer" in 1911, but it wasn't removed from the market until 1930.

Wartime restrictions on communication had deadly effects during WWI, including in the United States. President Wilson's Committee on Public Information and the Sedition Act passed by Congress both limited writing or publishing anything negative about the country. Posters asked the public to "report the man who spreads pessimistic stories, and newspapers refused to print flu warnings from medical professionals. To maintain morale and hide additional loss of life from their enemies, wartime censors curtailed early reports of the Spanish flu and mortality in Germany, Britain, France, and the United States. But newspapers in Spain were free to report the

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epidemic's effects, creating the false impression that Spain was especially hard hit, leading to the nickname Spanish flu.

Philadelphia was the American city with the highest, most rapidly accumulating death toll. The death toll in St. Louis, Missouri, which immediately closed schools, churches, movie theaters, factories, and banned public gatherings, was one-eighth of Philadelphia's. In many cities, trolleys forbid anyone not wearing a mask to board, funerals were not allowed, and libraries put a halt on lending books. People were also advised to avoid shaking hands and to stay indoors.

The Spanish flu infected Walt Disney and Woodrow Wilson. It also killed Donald Trump's grandfather.

At first people blamed the Germans for the epidemic, claiming they were spreading poison clouds, or that Bayer, a German owned company, had infected their aspirin.

To fight the Spanish flu, medical professionals advised patients to take up to 30 grams of aspirin per day, a dose now known to be toxic. It's now believed that many of the October deaths were actually caused or hastened by aspirin poisoning.

Some newspapers reported that influenza posed no danger because it was as old as history and usually accompanied by foul air, fog, and plagues of insects.

The Board of Health advised people to ward off the virus by keeping their feet dry, staying warm, eating more onions, and keeping their bowels and windows open. Phonographs were advertised as machines guaranteed to drive away influenza because listening to records you'd never know you had to stay in nights.

Posters went up that read: "When obliged to cough or sneeze, always place a handkerchief, paper napkin, or fabric of some kind before the face," or "Cover your mouth! Influenza Is Spread by Droplets Sprayed from Nose and Mouth" and "Spitting Equals Death". Some cities ordered all citizens to wear gauze masks in public. Signs read: "Obey the laws and wear the gauze, protect your jaws from septic paws." In San Francisco, people without masks were fined \$5.00 and were called "mask slackers."



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Village of Chaumont updates

THE VILLAGE DPW NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Village DPW is requesting that all residents on the Village municipal sewer system discontinue flushing baby and personal hygiene wipes down the toilet. Although these items are purported to be flushable, they are not flushable or biodegradable. They are clogging up the sewer pumps resulting in numerous malfunctions and alarms.

DISSOLUTION STUDY

The Dissolution Committee announced that a Dissolution Implementation Plan has been developed and presented to the Village Board of Trustees for their approval at their May Trustee's meeting. The Plan is the culmination of a twelve month study that the Village undertook to determine the impacts of dissolution on tax rates and service delivery. The Village will hold a public informational meeting to present the plan to the residents in July. The Dissolution vote will be included on the general election ballot on Election Day, Nov. 3, 2020.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

The Village Dog Law requires all dog owners to scoop up after their pets. Please respect your neighbors and "*SCOOP THE POOP*".

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