



# The Lyme Light

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to inform the people of the Town of Lyme

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## Haunted House Resurrected

By Lyme Light Committee

The Copley Haunted House event will live again in October 2018, but the event will need fresh blood of local volunteers to help dream up the themes, build the sets, and carry out the scares. The event will take place October 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. A matinee will be offered the afternoon of Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Last fall, hundreds of thrill-seekers survived a visit to **The Copley Asylum**, which also ran for three nights and a Saturday matinee. Although the event staff and community volunteer group is currently skeletal, the group hopes to flesh itself out with many student and community volunteers.

This year's theme is "80s House of Horror", which will include many of that decade's horror movie icons.

To volunteer or to offer sponsorship, please contact [lymecommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lymecommunityfoundation@gmail.com), or call 315-649-2200 and leave a message.

### LYME LIGHT DUE DATES

Please send any articles, news items, events, etc to  
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**October 2018** issue: by Wed. Sep 19  
**November 2018** issue: by Wed. Oct. 17



## "Lyme Through the Lens" Bicentennial Photo Contest

The Chaumont-Three Mile Bay Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Bicentennial photo contest this year, the bicentennial year of the Town of Lyme. First prize will be \$100; second place will be \$75; third place will be \$50.

All photos must have been taken in the Town of Lyme, and there is a \$2 entry fee.

The deadline for the contest is Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, with judging to take place at the Annual Chamber Dinner, on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Pick up entry forms at Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent in Chaumont.

For more information, contact Lynn Chavoustie at 315-767-7512.

## From the President...

It is that time again when college students return to school and our local schools open their doors to begin a new school year. It is always an exciting time of year but also sad when we realize that our lazy days of summer are over. Please take the time to slow down as the children are walking to school so we can keep everyone safe.

The Lyme Community Foundation would like to thank everyone who came out to the first annual Pig Roast hosted by Cari Green and The Blue Heron. It was amazing to see so many people come out to eat, purchase tickets for the Chinese auction and also buy 50/50 tickets through the evening. We had many wonderful items donated by many local families and businesses. It is times like this that we realize how great it is to live in such a small and supportive town. It was a beautiful night and we look forward to next year already.

With fall coming it is time once again for the Lyme Community Foundation's Annual Haunted House. This year's theme will be 80's House of Horrors. We are still looking for volunteers to help us during the month of October prepare for the event and also people who can volunteer to help us during the weekend of October 25-27. If you are interested please contact us at [lymecommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lymecommunityfoundation@gmail.com) or call 315-649-2200 (leave a message) to be added to our list.

Enjoy the last days of summer and get ready for a very busy season of local soccer and football. Come out to support Lyme Central homecoming games with the girls soccer team playing on September 6 at 7:30 under the lights and the boys varsity soccer team on September 7 at 7:30 under the lights. Both games will be held at the Lyme Central soccer fields. We hope to see you all there!!

*Deanna Lothrop*, LCF President

## Lyme's New Golf Camp

By William Brennen

Lyme has a new golf camp for kids.

The camp was every Saturday from 3 pm to 4 pm at Bay Breeze Golf Links, 11390 Cheever Road in Chaumont.

The instructors were Butch Cullen, Sandy Forbes, Eric Heath, Tom Revelle, Charlie Reynolds, Camille Stevenson, and Kris Smith. Lorraine Revelle instructed and organized the camp.

Mrs. Revelle started the golf camp. "I read in the paper that the Lyme Golf Team was having a losing streak. I decided to set up a golf camp to teach young kids to play golf and have fun with it." Lyme's record for the 2017 season was 1 win and 8 losses.\*

I went to the camp myself and we practiced driving, putting and other golfing skills (continued on page 3)



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Golfers, Charlie Reynolds and Butch Cullen

### New Golf Camp (continued from page 2)

For kids who want to get outside, the camp was fun and a chance to be in nature and get fresh air. You don't need your own clubs. Bay Breeze owners Kris and Bob Smith let me borrow some youth clubs a couple of times.

After each day, Mr. and Mrs. Smith gave us free ice cream sandwiches. We also drank some water, chatted and the instructors corrected some of the tips that they gave us on the course.

"I feel like the kids had fun and learned a lot," Mrs. Revelle said.

I was surprised at how complex golf is. I learned a lot, and I am looking forward to doing it again next year.

\*Source: Watertown Daily Times, May 4, 2018, page B1 "Golfers relieved to get on course month after scheduled start..." by Dan Mount.

## National Registry

By Kathleen Carr

You may have noticed bronze plaques on some buildings in Chaumont and Three Mile Bay. If you've ever wondered what these plaques mean, they signify a structure is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. In order to qualify, a property must have a significant quality such as architecture, history, provenance or a cultural contribution.

Next time you visit the Alexander Copley House in downtown Chaumont, notice the National Registry plaque next to its front porch's door. Our local gem earned the prestigious honor for its classic Greek Revival architecture as well as its namesake family, who played an important role in establishing Chaumont and its town of Lyme for generations. (continued on page 4)



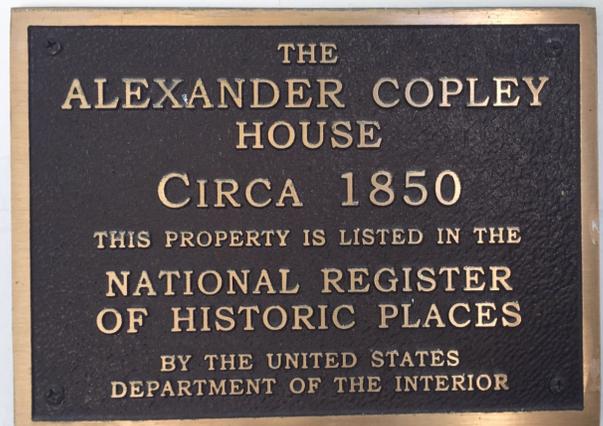
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### National Registry (continued from page 3)

The Copley House is owned and operated by the Lyme Community Foundation (LCF), a nonprofit organization that provides a community center, cultural enrichment programs and events for our town. Having received a grant from the State Office of Historic Preservation in 2001, LCF must follow strict historic preservation measures whenever the Copley House is renovated or maintained. Therefore, we must always ensure our plans meet the agency's historically accurate requirements to keep our much-needed grant.

If you're thinking about doing any work on your historic property, it can't hurt to inquire about local preservation laws before starting the job. Your generous foresight will preserve a piece of our history for future generations. Who knows — you just might have another gem and qualify for your own commemorative bronze plaque and grant funds to preserve and maintain its original integrity. It's worth investigating.

### Town of Lyme Food Pantry

Call 315-649-2424 if you need our assistance. Speak slowly, leave your number and someone will return your call as soon as possible. If you don't 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.

In 2018, we have been able to assist scores of families, amounting to hundreds of individuals. As always, we thank you for your continuing support.

- Harriett's Angels

### Program Director Needed

The Lyme Community Foundation is *still* looking for a dedicated volunteer to coordinate our programs. Artistic talent, good organization who knowledge of the local creative scene would be assets useful to the position.

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

A beautiful art studio upstairs, complete with an overhead mirror for demonstrations, a stage in the backyard are a few of the features that could showcase local artistic talent.

The expansive lawn is an inviting place for outdoor concerts and gatherings in spring, summer and fall.

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

### Al Crouse Donation Recognized

By Warren Barkley

On July 9, 2018, Shane Sanford, Director of Boldt Facilities, recognized Alan Crouse of the Town of Lyme transfer site, for donating an antique ice shaving appliance to Boldt Castle. Al, who has a sharp eye for valuable reusable items dropped off at the transfer site, thought this item might be useful as a period piece for the Castle. Indeed it was. Mr. Sanford stated in his thank you letter that the antique ice shaving appliance, after some cleanup, has been placed in the Boldt Castle kitchen. From Al's lending library of used books, to his helpfulness for all taxpayers in the Town of Lyme at the Transfer site, this is a well deserved recognition. Thank you Al for all you do.



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## A Tribute to Kim Burns Wallace

By Deana Lothrop

The Town of Lyme has lost another beautiful member of the community. Kim Burns Wallace passed away on August 7th after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Everyone who came in contact with Kim fell in love with her because she made everyone feel special. She hugged everyone she met and always told people she loved them. Her smile was contagious and she went out of her way to make others happy. As the Town Clerk she came in contact with so many people from Lyme and other communities. She lived life to its fullest and we are all better people for having had her in our lives.



At Kim's funeral the church was so packed they had to open up an additional room, which demonstrated how many lives Kim has touched. People in the church had an opportunity to share their memories of Kim and the stories had everyone laughing and crying at the same time.

One of the most heartwarming stories came from Lynda Carney, Kim's kindergarten teacher at Lyme Central. Lynda shared stories of Kim and ended with a beautiful reminder to everyone to do what Kim would do and "Be kind to each other". What a wonderful tribute to Kim. We pray for Dick, Mariah, Rikki and baby Blake and we hope you know that Kim truly was one of a kind and she will be missed by so many.

## Lyme Garden Club Notes

By Lyme Garden Club

The Lyme Garden Club was very sad to have canceled the Tour this year. Along with the grounds work underway at the Copley House, we did not feel that we had enough gardens to highlight. But just so you can see what we all missed, the two pictures accompanying this article are the gardens of Peggy Giles and Lynette Bucci. We hope they will be available for us all to visit on June 29, 2019, next year's Garden Club Tour date. Additionally we have two other gardeners who have indicated an interest in showing in 2019. However we want more gardens to include. Please contact the LGC Steering Committee at [lymegardenclub@earthlink.net](mailto:lymegardenclub@earthlink.net) to let us know of your interest.



We wish to thank our garden (and pot) design chairs, Kathie Carr and Judy Killmer for all the hard work they do throughout the summer. We value their commitment and expertise highly. Also many thanks go to dedicated members who water and deadhead the pots and gardens throughout the summer season. The design committee is already at work planning the flowerpots for 2019.

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### **Lyme Garden Club (continued from p. 5)**

The Lyme Garden Club will be holding its Fall dinner later in September at the Crescent Yacht Club. Members, spouses and friends are invited to attend. Information about date, time and cost will be sent out to members in the next few weeks. Hope to see you all there.



## Town of Lyme News

By Scott Aubertine, Town Supervisor

It is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Town Clerk Kim Wallace. Her kindness, joy and spirit will be missed at the town office and by all of us in the town. We will also miss Deputy Town Clerk Jo Morrow, who submitted her resignation to the Town Board.

With these two significant losses, creating an emergency situation, Supervisor Aubertine and the Town Board accepted the gracious offers of former Village Clerk Paula Radley and former Deputy Town Clerk Suzann Cornell to fill the voids left by Kim and Jo until a new Town Clerk can be elected. We thank them for stepping up to help our community and ask our residents to have patience and understanding when doing business in the town office. This is a trying time for us all and we are working hard to ensure our residents are taken care of professionally and efficiently. We are confident this will happen.

With the Town Clerk vacancy, a replacement will

be voted on in the November election. Each local town political party (Democrat, Republican, Conservative etc.) will decide who will be on the ballot representing their party. The local party nominating meeting will take place after the Primary Election on Sept. 13, 2018. The last day to file the Certificate of Nomination with the Jefferson County Board of Elections is Sept. 20, 2018. If there is more than one person that would like the position, the local party members will vote at the meeting for the individual to be nominated. This is a party Nomination and the local parties will file Certificates during the same period of time.

There are several people who have already expressed an interest in running and we have notified their local parties. Although this article may be published too late to meet the deadline to be on the ballot, any person interested in being Town Clerk, can still run a write in campaign. If the article is out in time, please contact Supervisor Aubertine if you are interested and he will inform you of who to contact at the local party level.

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## Remembering the Old Party Line

By Suzann Cornell, Lyme Heritage Center

We're not talking about politics here, we are talking about the telephone party line. Do you remember it? Many years ago the telephone was a way to socialize at a time when speaking to a person face to face was not always possible. It also was an important way to carry on business. Country folk especially counted on the telephone.

In many small towns the phone headquarters was located in a building along Main Street. Sometimes it was above the bank or grocery store. In Chaumont it was located in Jaquay's General store. In Three Mile Bay it was in the A.D. Curtis store. Out on Point Peninsula, it was in the L.H. Collins store. (continued on page 7)

## Party Line (continued from page 6)



The telephone number assigned to a home corresponded to a specific ring. For example, a series of two 'shorts' and one 'long', or one 'short' and one 'long', or a 'long' and two 'shorts', etc. The party on the other end would listen for their ring.

I remember our ring was two shorts and one long. The rings were heard on all the phones on the party line. You had to listen closely for your particular ring before you answered the phone.

There was a great chance that when you picked up the phone you heard voices on the other end. Sometimes you may have asked politely for the people using the phone to let you use it. It would work just the opposite also; sometimes people on the party line would ask you to get off so they could use it.

It seems that there was always one person who would hang on the line to listen in to others conversations. You would mention her by name and saying, "Bessie is listening in again," and then you would here a slight click and Bessie would hang up.

When you gave the operator the number of the person that you were calling, you would use a code consisting of a prefix and then the number. In Chaumont, you would say Midway and then the number. The Watertown prefix was Sunset and for Cape Vincent it was Oldfield, and so on.

There was a certain procedure that had to be followed to use the phone. When I was a small child, I can still remember turning the crank to call the operator.

I recollect my Uncle George had a wooden box mounted to the wall in the home that was roughly

15 inches wide x 24 inches long. To make a call you lifted the receiver from its cradle on the left side and put it to your ear. You stood up to speak into the mouthpiece mounted on the front. If you knew the number of rings it took to reach someone on your party line, you turned the little crank on the right side for the family you wanted.

If you have similar memories and what to share them with the Lymelight. Let us know. Perhaps we can start a new column.

### 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.**

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## Share Your Thoughts

By Terry Brennen, Interim Editor

After our very successful bicentennial celebration, we received an email from David Smith, a Three Mile Point summer resident who objected to the selling of confederate flags on the bicentennial weekend, during the parade on Sunday, 7/29.

In Mr. Smith's opinion, this was "an affront to those locals who fought and died in the Civil War." He went on to say that the town "should have had a booth selling Chaumont bicentennial commemorative gear, CYC gear, junior division gear, and gear of any other group marching in the parade to help those groups raise funds."

In a response from the town to Mr. Smith, a town official noted that the town itself was not involved in selecting or approving vendors who set up at the barbecue/parade.

While some southern states and towns still use the flag in their emblems, the confederate flag has also seeped into popular culture as a symbol of rebellion, helped by television shows and by some musicians. However, it truly was created as an overt racist symbol when it was promoted in 1863 by the racist confederate journalist William T. Thompson

After the Civil War, confederate leaders themselves asked of the confederate flag "that when it shall no longer be the common flag of the country, it shall be folded up and laid away," and "not set between contending brothers." That was written by Jefferson Davis in 1881.

Similarly, Robert E. Lee in 1865 called for southerners to avoid provoking animosity and "obliterate the marks of civil strife" for the good of the United States.

What do you think? Should it be laid to rest?

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# Lyme Free Library

A special thanks to all who helped to make our book such a huge success! We appreciate all of the donations of books, pies and goodies, as well as the the artists, authors, and crafters and volunteers who worked so hard to make it all come together.



## New This Fall! Books on the Bus - Where Education Starts the Moment Students Step on the Bus

This fall Lyme Central School students will have the opportunity to access books provided by The Lyme Free Library on their bus rides to and from school. Many thanks to The North Country Library System and Lyme Central School for their support!



## Autumn Chalkboard Painting Class at the Library!

Join us this fall for a unique chalkboard painting session with Lynette Lundy. You may pick your choice of "Maple Leaf Pumpkin" or "Bittersweet Vine Pumpkin." We pre-sketch the designs so there is no stress! \$45 per painter includes all supplies and refreshments. Your choice of big 24" and 20" chalkboard canvases. All painters must register and pay in advance with PayPal to reserve seats. No walk-ins. September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Visit [www.sipandpaintaway.com](http://www.sipandpaintaway.com) to register.



## Fall Paper Clay Workshop for Kids of all Ages!

Artist/Instructor Tracey Jean will guide participants through the process of creating a sculpture with unique features and personality. This is a two part workshop. Participants will sculpt with paper clay on October 12th and return to paint them on October 19th. Both sessions start at 6pm. Cost: \$15 per person for both sessions. Payment must be paid in advance at the library by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please call 315-649-5454 to register.



## New Lego Table!

Stop in and see our new Lego table set up on the second floor of the library. If you have Legos or Duplos you would like to donate, we would be happy to add them to our collection.

## Essential Oil Classes

September 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm - Essential Oil Basics  
September 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am - Fall Into Wellness  
October 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Cooking with Oils  
Free. Please call 315-649- 5454 to register.



## Card Making with Char

Char Dwyer will be offering adult card making classes on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM. Each participant will create 2 high quality cards for \$5.00 per session. All materials will be provided Please RSVP at least 1 week before the class date to the Library at 315-649-5454.

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September 18<sup>th</sup> – *Lincoln in the Bardo* by Saunders  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – *The Last Runaway* by Chevalier  
November 20<sup>th</sup> – *Everyone Brave is Forgiven* by Cleave



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## Chaumont's Most Famous Fish Bouncing Back

~ Chaumont Bay home to the last U.S. reproducing population in Lake Ontario ~

By Margaret Putnam Brennen

*"30,000 ciscoes were caught at Chaumont recently, at one haul. Every barrel in the vicinity was brought up and the storage was then insufficient. The balance of them were put in a large vat and sold out to farmers, the price going up from 30 cents a hundred to three shillings. The cisco trade at Chaumont is an institution."*

- New York Reformer (Watertown), November 23, 1865

*This is Cisco Bay*

*We hail from old Chaumont*

*Habitat of the cisco;*

*Down where the lake winds blow*

*From Ontario*

*We're sailormen, fishermen, happy and gay.*

*Ciscoe Chasers are we,*

*We sing at our work, and make our work play.*

*For cisco Chasers are we.*

- "Song of the Cisco Fishermen," quoted in an article by Rowena Peterson Babcock in Folklore Quarterly, Summer 1948

It would be hard to over-state the importance of the cisco in the history of Lyme. Chaumont Bay was once famous for these fish (sometimes called lake herring) -- Chaumont was referred to in local newspapers often simply as "The Cisco Village" and its residents as "the cisco chasers." For a time the cisco industry was huge and lucrative.

It would have been unthinkable in the 19<sup>th</sup> century that Chaumont Bay would ever be without ciscoes, but by the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century the fish had disappeared. The species could not endure the over-fishing, the pollution from farm run-off and poor septic systems in waterfront cottages, the slow warming of the lake water, and the onslaught of invasive species. Though a declining population of ciscoes always remained in Lake Ontario, they had stopped spawning in Chaumont

Bay and other bays on the American side. All cisco populations in New York's inland lakes -- including those in the Adirondacks and the Finger Lakes -- have disappeared.

Lake Ontario pollution levels peaked in the 1960s and 1970s. Growing environmental concerns led to passage of The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendment of 1972, The Clean Water Act of 1977, and the Water Quality Act of 1987. As a result of these measures, the Lake has made a slow recovery.

About fifteen years ago a Chaumont fisherman told officers of the Department of Environmental Conservation that he'd caught ciscoes in Chaumont Bay. The news was a welcome surprise, as ciscoes were believed to be extinct from the bay. Research followed, and by 2013 the DEC, the U.S. Geological Society, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Cornell researchers were able to confirm spawning in Chaumont Bay. Ellen George, a PhD student in the department of Natural Resources at Cornell University, is leading the ongoing research on our bay (with financial support from the Nature Conservancy). Ms. George was kind enough to speak with me at length for this article.



Ciscoes can only live in cold, clean water. Adults come into Chaumont Bay in late November to late December to spawn, after which they normally return to the cold depths of the lake. The Fish and Wildlife Service researchers have caught ciscoes (continued on page 11)

**(Ciscoes, continued from page 10)**

and implanted them with acoustic transponders so they can follow their movements around the lake. They were surprised to see that some ciscoes chose to linger in Chaumont Bay throughout the winter. Their eggs hatch when the water begins to warm and the ice breaks up, around April.

The intense interest in researching the ciscoes is due to their importance in the natural food webs of Great Lakes fish. Ciscoes eat zooplankton in cold depths. Ciscoes are a nutritious prey fish to native species such as lake trout, northern pike, walleye, and Atlantic salmon. The introduction of invasive species such as alewife and rainbow smelt has thrown the food web into disarray: invasive species eat the zooplankton which would normally support the ciscoes, and the Atlantic salmon have turned to invasive fish as a food source. With a much lower level of thiamine than ciscoes, the salmon that eat them have nutritional deficiencies that lead to reproductive problems, and as a result, a decline in their population.

The researchers will be returning to Chaumont Bay after Thanksgiving to observe spawning. Look for them in bright orange outfits as they work near Johnson Shoal, Herrick Shoal, and Middle Shoal. We're working on setting up a public information session so they can share more about their important work.

Although the commercial market for Lake Ontario ciscoes long ago collapsed, Lake Superior, the coldest and least polluted of the Great Lakes, has a healthy cisco industry. Their ciscoes are sold smoked as "lake herring" and their eggs are collected as "Bluefin caviar" and marketed in Scandinavia.

If you happen to catch a cisco, the researchers would love to hear from you. Please contact Ellen George at [emg239@cornell.edu](mailto:emg239@cornell.edu). More information about cisco research is also available on her Twitter account, [@greatlakescisco](https://twitter.com/greatlakescisco).

## Sources:

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**Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> at dusk**, the Lyme Community Foundation presents

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Tim Burton's Classic Comedy Horror

Join us on the lawn (bring your own chair) and we will offer hot dogs, nachos, candy and soda for reasonable prices, all to support the Lyme Community Foundation. **Free** ice cream sandwich for anyone who shows up in costume!

## Help Build Our Programs

By Programs Committee

The Lyme Community Foundation seeks your help in bringing more arts programming to the Copley House. This year, our offerings have been limited due to many improvements on the interior and improving the outdoor drainage.

Gary Walts' music lessons will continue with classes offered after school instead of mornings. With our improved drainage and reseeded lawn, we will have a Summer Movie: *Beetlejuice* on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

However, we would like to offer more classes and other activities that encompass arts and crafts, dance, photography and more.

If you have an idea for a program or class for any age group, please contact the foundation at [lymecommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lymecommunityfoundation@gmail.com). Don't be shy to share your talent!

### **Lyme Community Foundation**

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## Editor Position Still Vacant

By Terry Brennen, Lyme Light Committee Chair

The newsletter you are reading would not exist if local residents did not send article and news items to [lymelightnews@gmail.com](mailto:lymelightnews@gmail.com) each month. After that happens, a person compiles the text into a readable format, arranges graphics, etc, until it becomes The Lyme Light. I have been filling in since Karen Donahue completed three years as editor. Before Karen, Christine Sharlow served three years in the position. Before that, Ann Sellers founded and edited for about 12 years.

Now it could be your turn. Ideally, the editor will have enough time to devote to compiling the newsletter – that part takes several hours per month. Luckily there is a committee who helps with editorial questions, proofreading and overall production and online publishing.

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