



# The Lyme Light



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## VILLAGE OF CHAUMONT DISSOLUTION VOTE - NOVEMBER 3, 2020

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Village Board of Trustees held a public meeting via livestream to receive comments regarding the Village's Dissolution Implementation Plan. At their regular meeting that followed, a resolution was passed to accept the final plan as presented and set the referendum date as **November 3, 2020**. The vote will take place at the same time as the general elections. All Village residents are encouraged to vote. Residents who do not have the ability to vote in person should consider applying for an absentee ballot. Go to **votejefferson.com** or call the **Jeff. Co. Board of Elections at 315-785-3027** to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at 315-649-2900.

## From the Chair

The days are flying by, August becomes September, and soon the leaves turn. I can't slow it down, so I try to enjoy it. I am still quite covid-shy, avoiding gatherings, and missing my usual ways of enjoying summer, but I'm not ill yet.

There have been no substantive discussions about when to open the Copley House back up; I think we will know more this month. There will be virtual activities, details of which elude me at this writing, so our website and Facebook page will be the up-to-date sources for information. The September and October Lyme Light issues will be separate this year to try to stay current.



**Ryan's  
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Thanks to for the excellent job Ryan's Tree Service did for us; the grounds look a lot better now. And if you haven't completed your census yet, please consider all the agencies and programs which depend on accurate population counts when funding is made available. Some of them are school lunch programs, first responders, Medicaid programs, senior services; everyone you know is affected by cuts in these programs, so please reconsider if you haven't sent yours in.

Thank you and help your neighbor if needed.

Warmly,

Ed DeMattia - Lyme Light Newsletter Chair

## SPECIAL EVENT!

### Stop and Listen to the Music

By Laura Oakes

The Lyme Community Foundation is celebrating Play Music on the Porch Day at The Copley House on August 29, 2020 with a free event.

We invite you and your family to join your neighbors on the lawn of the Copley House between 1-5pm on the last Saturday in August to enjoy an array of live music by local talent. Performers are currently being recruited and will be announced on the Lyme Community Foundation website and Facebook page.

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Lyme Community Foundation  
celebrates  
**Play Music on  
the Porch Day**  
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Enjoy free live performances by local talent on the lawn of The Copley House

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According to the official website at [playmusicontheporchday.com](http://playmusicontheporchday.com), Play Music on The Porch Day started out as an idea... "What if for one day everything stopped...and we all just listened to the music?" In 2013 the idea was shared and the first Play Music on the Porch Day was launched. By 2018, thousands of musicians from at least 70 countries and over 700 cities participated. You too can stop, listen and celebrate the Lyme Community.

To keep our community safe all NY State guidelines will be followed, bring your own chairs and blankets, wear a mask when not seated and maintain safe social distancing. Please do not attend if you feel ill or have had close contact with anyone currently in quarantine due to Covid-19. This is a carry-in, carry-out event, please take your trash with you when you leave. Copley House is currently closed to the public and no public bathroom will be available to attendees.

## ***Programs at the Copley House***

Hello Lyme Community! I am so excited to be able to serve you as Program Manager for activities at the Copley House and beyond. I have a long list of possibilities and cannot wait to bring my own spin on the tried and true activities that the LCF Program Committee has worked so diligently to establish.

It has been a glorious summer with many sunny days to have fun. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has drastically limited how we can come together. Although cooler weather is on its way, it is my hope that there will be plenty more sunny days to plan fun and interesting activities for the Lyme community before the snow flies.

Some plans for the future include family activities that can be enjoyed in your own yard such as a Scarecrow Building Competition and Pumpkin Carving Contest with several age groups involved. For those a bit more adventurous, a Digital Family Scavenger Hunt is also in the works. The winter holidays will bring online children's craft workshops with supplies available for pick up from the front porch of Copley House. Along with these activities it is my hope to offer online content of interest to community members of all ages through the website and Facebook page.

Have you seen something another community has

offered that seems interesting to you? Pass those ideas along to me and I will add it to the list of activities to consider. As always, your suggestions are absolutely welcome.

I look forward to providing ways to continually improve the quality of life through learning, culture, and fun in the Lyme Community.

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## The Lyme Light

### Submission & Publication Schedule for **2020**

Publication month	Due dates
October ( <i>note change!</i> )	Friday, September 11
November/ December	Friday, October 9
January/February	Friday, December 4

**PLEASE NOTE: Article submissions should be about 350 words or less (one column). For longer submissions, please check with [lymelightnews@gmail.com](mailto:lymelightnews@gmail.com).**

**Submissions/changes AFTER the due date are not guaranteed to be in that month's newsletter.**

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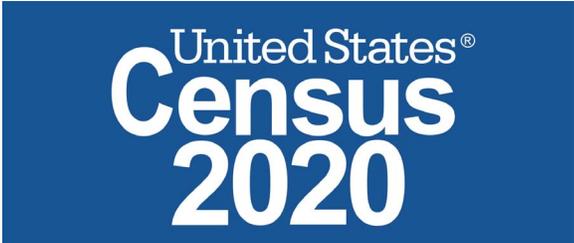
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## Thank You to Nancy Villa

The Lyme Community Foundation would like to thank Nancy Villa for her service to the board. Nancy recently resigned as a board member in July and she will be greatly missed. Nancy put in many hours at the foundation with decorating the house for Christmas, working in the kitchen to help Paul Norton prepare all of the food for The Annual Holiday House Tour, volunteering at numerous events and always being there to share new ideas on how to improve the foundation. Nancy served many years and we can not thank her enough for her dedication and support to the foundation. Thank you again to Nancy and we hope this isn't goodbye but just see you soon!!



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Just a reminder, Enumerators for the United States Census 2020 are out on North Country roads, contacting those people who were unable to email, call, or send in their paper copy of the Census.

Please give them a break, as their cars may make sudden stops for addresses on their list.

If you receive a Notice of Visit, due to an Enumerator stopping by while you were not at home, please complete the questionnaire.

## **Everyone counts!!**

*The Census determines the amount of representation our area has in Congress, as well as how much of our tax money will return to our community for funding libraries, first responders, school meals, senior housing, Medicaid & Medicare, bridges, roads and food pantries.*



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### Preschool Take & Make Story Time

Parents are welcome to pick up monthly story time craft packets on the first Wednesday of each month. Registration is required.

Parents must sign children up at least 1 week in advance for packets to be available for the next month. Please call to register.

### How Does Front Porch Pick Up Service Work?

**Online Holds** – Visit [lymefreelibrary.org](http://lymefreelibrary.org), and search the online catalog for items. Place holds, indicating Lyme Free Library - Chaumont as the pickup location.

**Phone Us** – Library staff will be happy to assist you with placing holds. We can also browse the shelves and let you know what is currently available. Phone: 315-649-5454. Staff will be at the library during regular business hours: Monday 10 to 4, Tuesday 10 to 8, Wednesday 10 to 6, Friday 10 to 8 and Saturday 10 to 4.

**New Materials** – Lists of newly acquired materials will be posted on our website and on Facebook.

**Pickup** – Library Staff will call you to schedule a pickup time when items are available. Items will be wrapped and placed in a locker on the front porch. If you are unable to climb the stairs we will make arrangements to place your books in an area that is accessible. Pickups will be scheduled every 15 minutes to allow for 1 person at a time on the porch. **We ask patrons to respect 6 foot social distancing and NYS mask requirements while on library property.**

**Returns** – Returns may be placed in a box on the porch during regular business hours or in the drop box. Please follow the same steps as above for social distancing. Please do not leave items on the porch when we are closed – we cannot be responsible for their safe return.

**Precautions** – The building will remain closed to the public during Front Porch Pickup. There will be no physical contact between staff and patrons. To ensure the health and safety of staff and patrons, all returned materials will be quarantined for 96 hours and cleaned before being checked in. No overdue charges or fines will be accrued during this time.



### Summer Reading Thank You!

We would like to thank Citizen's Bank of Cape Vincent and Watertown Savings Bank for their generous support of our Summer Reading Program. Participants have taken part in a special take and make program in which they have received books to add to their home collections and crafts to make. In addition, participants are working on meeting their goal of reading 2000 minutes this summer. Participants that meet their goal will receive a \$10 gift card to Barnes & Noble Bookstore.



### The Orphan Collector

New Book by Ellen Marie Wiseman

Congratulations to internationally bestselling author Ellen Marie Wiseman on the publication of her newest book *The Orphan Collector*! A celebration will be hosted by The Lyme Free Library when social distancing allows.



Homeschooling your children this year? Lyme Free Library would like to work with you to obtain the resources you need. Give us a call 315-649-5454.



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## Lyme Garden Club

*"Autumn is a season followed immediately by looking forward to Spring."* - Doug Larson

What better way to look forward to spring than to plant bulbs? When looking for bulbs to plant, you should look for cold hardy bulbs (zone 4). Fall bulbs should be planted when the evening temperatures average between 40°F - 50°F and the ground is cool. This is generally 6-8 weeks before the ground freezes but as long as you can dig and your ground is workable, you can still plant. The cooler weather allows spring blooming bulbs to winter over. This is an essential process that's needed for Fall bulbs to bloom in the spring. (Americanmeadows.com)

Bulbs can be planted anywhere in your garden as long as the soil drains well. Avoid areas where water collects, such as the bottom of hills. Bulbs like sun. The spring garden can be very sunny since the leaves on the trees are not out yet. (Americanmeadows.com) Zone 4 experiences a wide variety of winter weather and summers may be hot and short. To ensure blooming of bulbs in cold regions, it is important to keep in mind the planting depth and the condition of the soil. The Rule of Thumb is to plant the bulb at least 2 to 3 times as deep as the bulb is tall. Deeper planting gives bulbs a blanket of soil to help prevent freeze damage but they can't be too deep to prevent the young sprouts from breaking through the ground. Good soil can help prevent rot and freeze damage while allowing good root formation and the delivery of necessary nutrients. (gardeningknowhow.com) Soil should be loose and workable. If it's not an established garden, the soil could probably use the addition of some organic matter such as compost. Loosen the soil to a depth of at least 8 inches and then add compost, organic matter or a slow releasing fertilizer. After the bulbs are planted, fill the hole with soil, lightly compress the soil but do not pack it. Water once to stimulate root growth. (Americanmeadows.com) Now sit back and look forward to spring! If you have any questions about the Lyme Garden Club, contact us at [lymegardenclub@earthlink.net](mailto:lymegardenclub@earthlink.net).

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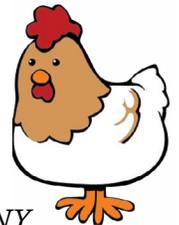
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## ***Lyme Heritage Center - Early Farming in Jefferson County: The Jump Press and How It Worked***

By Julia Gosier, Lyme Heritage Center

*This article originally appeared in the Fall 2012 issue of the Bulletin of the Jefferson County Historical Society.*

When we see a tractor driving through a field with giant bales of hay dropping from a baler behind it, it's hard to imagine making bales of hay without motorized equipment. The jump press was one machine used locally when "horsepower" still meant horse power.

After the railroad came through the Town of Lyme in 1856, commercial farming gradually replaced subsistence farming. Hay for horses in large metropolitan areas such as New York City, Boston, and Albany was in great demand. The new-fangled practice of pressing hay into bales made this a very profitable enterprise.

The earliest record we have of a jump press was that of Charles E. Codman, who manufactured hay presses at his home on the corner of Main and Washington Streets in Brownville as early as 1893. Hay presses were used into the 1950's.

The jump press was used in late fall and winter when farmers were done with their field work. It stood about 12 feet tall and required two wagons to transport it from farm to farm. The press box was transported on its own wagon chassis designed with the right height to allow it to be tipped up vertically, usually just inside the barn door. The "loose load" consisting of the jack, cable, cast iron shives, rollers, two arms, six gudgeons (big pins), a supply of wire, and the scales was moved in a second wagon.

After the press box was set up, the "loose load" was assembled. The gudgeons acted as hinge pins connecting large arms to the follower. The follower was a built-up square of wood that fitted inside the bottom of the press box and was pushed up by the arms when the jack was wound.

The jack was located outside the barn. It was weighed down with heavy stones and iron rods were driven into the ground to further secure it. A heavy brace was placed between the jack and the base of the

press to resist the strain of the cable during the jack's movement. The jack was a winch operated by a team of horses that worked the press by winding up a cable.

The top of the hay press was a hollow wood box with doors on opposite sides which could be tightly latched and a top which could slide in or out. The top had grooves through which baling wire could be threaded. There was a platform or "table" on each side of the press box from which two "jumpers" worked. One side door was opened and a jumper stuffed hay into the box until it was dense enough for the other jumper to leap from the narrow edge of the top of the box and land flat-footed on the hay. When enough hay was in the box, the first jumper would latch the door shut and join his partner in jumping the hay.

As they crawled up to the top, they pulled the lid shut and yelled "Break!" The floorman yelled "Getup!" to the horses and they started to wind the jack. Each time the horses walked the circle around the jack, they had to step over the attached pole. They circled until they couldn't pull any more. Then they stopped and remained steady, acting as a brake.



*Haystacker at the former Wells barn located in Three Mile Bay*

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As the cable wound, the arms pushed up on the bale box and tightly compressed the bale. The press would strain and creak from the pressure. The jumpers would release the door latches on each side of the press box and make sure they were out of harm's way as the heavy doors flew open from the pressure within. The two men would feed the baling wires through top and bottom and hook them around the bale. A wooden shingle was placed under the baling wire. When the jumpers yelled "shoot," the floorman released the pressure in the bottom of the press box. Simultaneously, one jumper gave the bale a mighty kick, forcing it through the other door and onto the fork of the other jumper. This jumper moved it end over end to an overhead spring scale which would weigh the bale.

The weight would be marked on the shingle with a mixture of lampblack and kerosene. This mixture lasted as long as the wood shingle. Farmers and jumpers were paid based on the weight of the bale. Most of these bales were between 200 and 250 pounds. The hay was taken to the rail cars by wagon and shipped far and wide.

During World War I a local soldier named Edmund Purcell, who was tending army horses in France, discovered a hay bale with a shingle marked "Chaumont, NY."

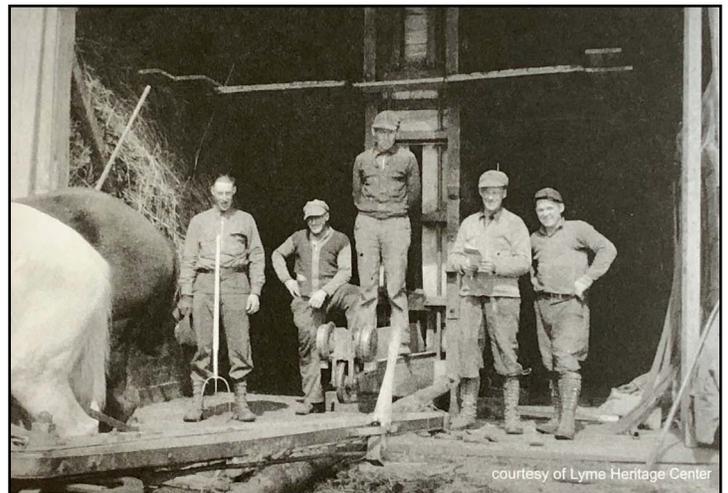
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- William Hewitt & Emilie Cuppernell, Town of Lyme

To become a member of the Jefferson County Historical Society, please visit <https://jeffersoncountyhistory.org/>. To become a member of the Lyme Heritage Center, please send a \$10 donation to P.O. Box 285, Chaumont. We appreciate your support!

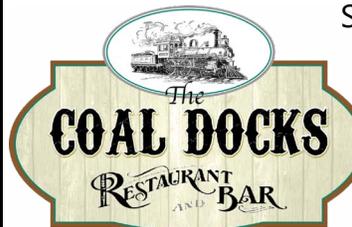


*Phil Merchant's jump press in 1941. Left to right: Ed Turkington, unknown, unknown, Phil Merchant, John Thompson (jumper)  
The jump press was destroyed when the Merchant barn burned in January 1959*

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## Lyme Food Pantry

With summer coming to an end, here's a poem that expresses Lyme Food Pantry's philosophy.

### *There Is Still Time To Plant This Garden*

*Plant row of peas: Promptness, Peace, Politeness, Patience*

*Plant row of squash: Squash gossip, Squash unnecessary criticism,*

*Plant row of turnips: Turn up smile, Turn up help, Turn up enthusiasm*

*In between plant lettuce: Let us be true to ourselves,*

*Let us move forward, Let us respect one another, Let us give love whenever needed*

*(excerpt from Cooperative extension News)*

Anyone needing food in Lyme area please call 315-649-2424 on Wednesday for Thursday morning pickup, unless needed in an emergency, behind Chaumont Presbyterian Church parking lot, corner of Main and Church Streets.

As always, we truly appreciate food, toiletries, cleaning supplies donations left in the outside cabinet or at the post office. Send monetary donations to Lyme Food Pantry, Box 176, Chaumont, NY 13622.

At this time we also welcome fresh vegetables from your own gardens, and any unopened food (unexpired dates) as you close up summer places.

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You may enter by one of two ways. The first is by picking up a registration form and submitting **4x6** or **5x7** inch photos, *no matting needed this year*, at the drive through window at Citizens Bank in Chaumont. The second way to enter is by sending up to 3 photos to our email address [chaumontchamber@yahoo.com](mailto:chaumontchamber@yahoo.com) Please include *your name, address, telephone number and photo location*.

1. Photos must be taken in the Town of Lyme.
2. Please place your name, address, and phone number on back of each photo or include this information when entering through our email.
3. Photos become property of the Chamber of Commerce and may be used in our Chamber Directory.
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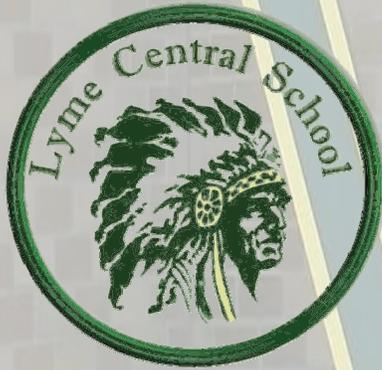
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**Note from the Editor:** All North Country School districts are making their plans for the coming school year, our Lyme Central School District among them.

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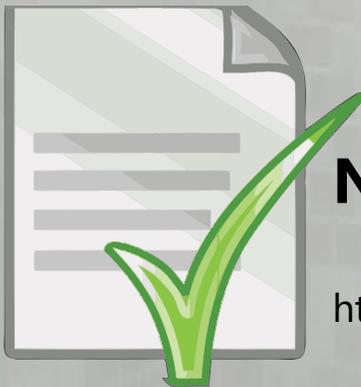
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## **Lyme Central School District**

**Reopening plan** *(links to PDF)* -

<https://sites.google.com/lymecsd.org/reopeningplan/home>



**NYS Reopening Guidance** -

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V U P C O P L E Y M S N C B H K E F  
M R D G Z Z U Y Z A A P K U O L N A  
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