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Snowmobile Trail

Due to the solar project a section of the snowmobile trail between Morris Tract Road and CR 179 has been closed. The closing of this trail has forced snowmobile operators to find an alternate route to connect to the designated trail. Unfortunately the alternate route is becoming the village sidewalks and this has become problematic for the community and the Village Board.

Village Code 75.12 states that "no person shall drive or operate any motor driven vehicle, including snowmobiles, along any public sidewalk or path intended for use of pedestrians within the Village of Chaumont." This addresses the apparent safety issue.

Village Property Maintenance Codes requires a property owner or occupant to keep the sidewalks bordering their property clear of snow and ice. Snowmobiles operated on village sidewalks impair the condition of the sidewalk making it difficult and burdensome to keep the sidewalk clear. New York State Consolidated Law section 25.03 states "it is unlawful to operate any snowmobile on private property without the consent of the owner." This addresses the adverse impact on the property owners.

However, the Village Board is sympathetic to those affected by the trail closure. Bryan Stumpf, a member of our Village Planning Board, is very interested in pursuing a workout for the village. With his assistance we will be working towards a solution that will hopefully benefit the snowmobilers, our village businesses and village residents. We will reach out to state and local government agencies and the Thousand Islands Snowmobile Association for help in designating a safe connection to the designated trail. We will be organizing a committee and would value any input from our businesses, property owners, snowmobile club members, civic and municipal board members - anyone who has a vested interest in this issue. So much more is accomplished in a shorter time frame when the community's stakeholders consult together.

SPRING CLEANUP HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the reduction in our DPW Department, it has been necessary to cancel spring cleanup this year. The Town transfer site remains open and is operating on normal hours. Any items that you want to discard can be delivered there. Tipping fees may apply for some items. Appliances, electronics, yard waste, trash and recyclables are accepted at no cost.

Moratorium on Residential Water Service Termination

ATTENTION Village residents: Delinquent water & sewer accounts will be re-levied to the June Village tax bill on April 1st unless a deferred payment arrangement is in place. If you are a resident who has experienced a change in financial circumstances due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and would like to request relief from service termination during the 180 days after the COVID-19 state of emergency expires, you must contact the Village Office to set up a deferred payment arrangement for the water portion of your bill. Please contact the Village office by calling 315-649-2900 or via email: villageofchaumont@gmail.com.

Additional information and supporting documentation to confirm a change in financial circumstances from customers seeking to enter into a deferred payment agreement may be required.

Copley House

For the health and safety of our community, Copley House is closed and all activities are cancelled until further notice.

Please check lymecommunityfoundation.org/events for Event updates. Information may also be found on Facebook on the **Lyme Community Foundation** page.

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Town of Lyme Update

Three Mile Bay Ambulance Service

At the regular January meeting, the Lyme Town Board read a letter from the Three Mile Bay Fire Company regarding the present status of ambulance services and the lack of volunteers to operate the ambulance. The letter stated that at the December 14, 2020 regular monthly meeting, the members voted to reduce the level of EMS Care from BLS Ambulance to First Responder. Due to the lack of available Volunteer EMT's and Ambulance Drivers, the Ambulance Service is not meeting response expectations.

The Three Mile Bay Fire Co. Inc. is requesting the Town of Lyme begin the process to research another agency to provide Ambulance Service to the Town of Lyme. Three Mile Bay Fire Co. Inc. will continue to provide Ambulance Service, as best it can, to the Town of Lyme until a new ambulance provider is in place.

The ambulance department has been tracking ambulance incidents over the past four years. Leadership has tried various avenues to increase EMT levels by spending tens of thousands of dollars for training to gain initial certification which included certifications and travel and lodging throughout the state to maintain individual certifications. Multiple committees were formed to look at ways to increase participation; however, all efforts did not change the availability of EMS Volunteers.

In 2020, the Ambulance Service was dispatched for a total of 149 EMS Incidents. Each ambulance call requires volunteers to spend a minimum of 2 hours per call to respond to the incident, provide care and transport the patient to the hospital. This totaled a minimum of 600 hours for an EMT and Driver to commit to meet every request for the Ambulance. The ambulance department believes it will be able to provide the same quality of care to our town using EMT's as First Responders and allow another agency to transport to the hospital. This should cut the required amount of time per incident by one half or more for EMT's, which should gain more EMS providers to respond that can't commit to lengthy incidents.

The Three Mile Bay Fire Co. Inc. has offered to help the Town of Lyme with the search and transition of a new Ambulance provider. On January 19th, a joint meeting was held with the Three Mile Bay and Chaumont Fire companies, the Cape Vincent and Lyme town boards and representatives from the Cape Vincent Ambulance Service, Guilfoyle Ambulance Service and Jefferson County EMS.

A recommendation was made to make an effort to notify our residents of the issue, select a committee from the above mentioned departments and select members from the town of Lyme community. The town board

will discuss these recommendations at the February 10th meeting.

In other news, the town board is currently in the process of interviewing applicants for the second Zoning Enforcement Officer position which was budgeted for 2021. Realizing that our current Zoning Enforcement Officer/Code Enforcement Officer (ZEO/CEO) has been extremely busy trying to do both jobs, the town board decided to hire another person to enforce the town zoning ordinance and the current ZEO/CEO will be assigned to enforce Building Codes. By splitting the duties, hopefully, this will allow for more and better enforcement of the town zoning ordinance. If you wonder whether your next building project requires a permit, please call the town office.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Joanne Galavitz as Secretary to the Planning Board. We thank her for serving her town and welcome her aboard. The town is also pleased to announce the appointment of Tom Strejlau as a member of the Planning Board. As an Alternate Member, Tom has been filling the position of Maria Millington while she was out on medical leave. We thank Maria for her many years of service on the Planning Board and wish her well in the future. The appointment of Tom Strejlau to full time status creates an opening for an Alternate Planning Board member. Please contact the town office if you are interested in the position or would like more information as to what it entails.

Due to the increase in COVID 19 cases locally, the town board meetings will be closed to the public. Town Board meetings will be broadcast live online by going to steveweederproductions.com or by going to <https://livestream.com/swp/lyme>. There is a time during the agenda called "Online Information Time" where questions can be asked or comments made. The town board encourages all residents to watch the meeting live at a later time convenient to them. Planning Board meetings are on the first Tuesday at 6:30 PM and the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are on the first Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Please contact the town office at 315-649-2788 for information on how to view the meetings online and to call in with comments or questions. Also, please check the town website for informational updates at townoflyme.com.

A Message from the President

Well, it has been one year since our lives were turned upside down with the Pandemic. If you had told me a year ago that we would still be wearing masks and working remotely I would have told you that you were crazy. But here we are, and I am still wondering if and when things will start getting back to "normal." I know that for many families who lost family members to COVID their lives will never be normal again. I am truly sorry to each and every one of you, and please know

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that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

If you are like me, it has been quite frustrating trying to get a vaccine. You go on the website and by the time you choose the date and time and begin to complete your information the date is no longer available. Getting the vaccine is definitely a personal choice but I am getting it so that I can once again be able to see my family and begin to enjoy some of the little things in life again. I am also doing it to help the community in hopes that it will provide protection and help save lives.

I saw a post the other day that said, "If the pandemic ever went away what are some of the things you will miss the most?" This really made me think. Some of the things that I have learned through this pandemic are:

1. It is so important to take the time to slow down in life and not sweat the small stuff.
2. Everything we do can have an impact on others.
3. Local small businesses are the backbone of any small community so we must support them.
4. Don't be afraid to learn how to use new technology. It can make the difference in whether or not you are able to "see" family and friends.
5. There are many types of superheroes in our community (teachers, front line workers, emergency personnel, and parents). It takes all of us to work together to get through these rough times.

We hope we will be able to open the Copley House back up soon to hold programs and events. We have missed you all and we appreciate your patience and your support.

Wash your hands, wear your masks and maintain social distancing. Together we can all make a difference!!

Deanna Lotthrop

Lyme Community Foundation President

The United Way & Lyme Central School District

by Jamie Cox

During my 18 months as the CEO of United Way of Northern New York, my role is to intimately understand the socioeconomic challenges of every town and village in the North Country, apply critical thought to create solutions in partnership with community stakeholders, and to enact programs and services to create positive change.

One year ago – my first winter in Northern New York – I received hundreds of emails each week from 32 different school districts in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence

Counties, as they searched for coats, boots, mittens and hats for children whose families were unable to provide these necessities due to financial hardship. "How does this happen in America?" I asked my staff. In 2020, we were fighting the same issues that we had in 1921, when the United Way was founded in this region as the Community Chest of Watertown.

By putting our heads together to understand the unique challenges of each school district, the United Way of Northern New York identified 9 school districts to begin a pilot funding program, where we would provide a no-application grant for \$1,000 to each school, which could be immediately used to purchase coats, boots, mittens, and hats for children.

Lyme Central School District was one of the schools that we chose to fund based on demographic data. Instead of our beloved teachers and administrators digging into their purses and wallets to help every child – which is one of the most courageous acts that happens every day in our schools – the school counselors, teachers and administrators now had a fund that allowed them to take care of our children the moment a problem was recognized.

Smart philanthropy combined with a passion to help others created an agile model that meets the needs of our children with a sense of urgency. The United Way of Northern New York is only able to fulfill our mission because of the generosity of the residents of our community. We are humbled that you have entrusted us with directly improving the lives of the children in the Town of Lyme.

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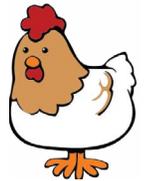
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Take Out Dinners

We would like to thank Cathy Gallagher owner of The Cottage Bakery and Desserts By Design for implementing Take Out Dinners at the Library . The dinners started in October and have been a big hit. This library fundraiser has been a huge undertaking on Cathy's part and we appreciate her hard work and dedication to this endeavor. We also appreciate all of the community members that have participated. Be sure to visit Cathy at The Cottage Bakery on Route 57 this spring.

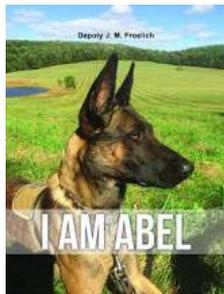
The Blues Dogs Trilogy by Tas Cru AKA Rick Bates



This series chronicles the efforts of Bubba, the Blood-Rhymes-With-Dude Hound in his quest to form an all dog blues band.

Bubba lives the blues and loves the blues and wants to share this music with fellow canines everywhere. His pitch: The blues is like a half-eaten sandwich you find on the sidewalk. Give it a sniff, you might like it! Loaded with fun canine characters, these books are a fun read for kids, blues fans and dog lovers alike!

I Am Abel by Deputy J M Froelich

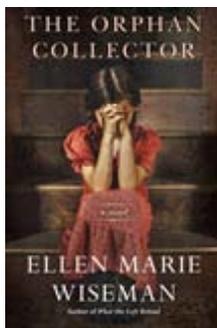


Join Abel, a remarkable, fun-loving Belgian Malinois destined for greatness, on his journey from puppyhood to Deputy Sheriff K-9. Watch as he learns the value of hard work and the true meaning of partnership. You just might learn a thing or two, too! Deputy

Froelich is certified by the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services as a K-9 trainer and loves working with the dogs and the other handlers.

The Orphan Collector by Ellen Wiseman

From the internationally bestselling author of What She Left Behind comes a gripping and powerful tale of upheaval—a heartbreaking saga of resilience and hope perfect for fans of Beatriz Williams and Kristin Hannah—set in Philadelphia during the 1918 Spanish Flu outbreak—the deadly pandemic that went on to infect one-third of the world's population... *"Readers will not be able to help making comparisons to the COVID-19 pandemic, and how little*



has changed since 1918. Wiseman has written a touching tale of loss, survival, and perseverance with some light fantastical elements. Highly recommended." —Booklist



New Local O'Reilly Prints!

Now at the Library – *Chaumont Sunset*, *Prayin' for Chicken & Biscuits* (Three Mile Bay Methodist Church), *Bella's* (Clayton), *Chairs & Channel Markers* (Clayton); *Still Standing*. **\$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.**



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Lyme Garden Club

"In winter, I plot and plan. In spring, I move."

- Henry Rollins

The Lyme Garden Club hopes everyone had a safe and healthy winter. We are hoping to have our opening meeting Tuesday, May 18. Please watch your email or our Facebook page for up-to-date information.

The following guide to attracting more birds is from www.duncraft.com. Duncraft has been helping people enjoy wild birds in their backyards since 1952.

- Place your feeder where you can see it but make sure it is sheltered from prevailing winds, possibly on the south or east side of your home, also place it where there is some shelter (shrubs/trees) from cats and other threats.
- Begin feeding birds in the fall and they will stay with you all winter long and through the rest of the year as well.
- Scatter some seed near your feeder. It is important for birds to sight the seed easily.
- Birds need water during the winter as well as the summer. If it's not practical for you to heat your birdbath with a small electrical unit, Duncraft suggests replenishing the water supply at frequent intervals in cold weather.
- Grit is necessary for seed-eating songbirds to grind up the food they eat. Natural sources are often frozen over in wintertime. You can help out in winter by scattering sand, ground oyster shells or eggshell near your feeders.
- After big snowstorms or icy spells, birds need food the most and find it the hardest to get on their own. Keep feeding the birds until they can forage for themselves.
- Birds love variety in their diet. Suet (in the form of cakes or raw from the supermarket) provides high-calorie nourishment, very welcome especially in winter months. Peanut butter is a rich source of fat and protein. All kinds of fresh fruit, from apples and oranges to grapes and berries, attract colorful summer visitors.
- Keep feeders clean. A monthly cleaning of suet feeders with warm sudsy water and a little bleach helps keep birds healthy.
- Always store bird seed in a cool, dry place. Duncraft recommends using seed within 60 days of purchase and storing in a tight-lidded container.

The Lyme Garden Club is looking forward to seeing its members this spring. Bring a friend to the opening meeting! If you have any questions, contact lymegardenclub@earthlink.net.

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A Stitch in Time Saves Nine!

by Christine Palumbo

My mother always said that phrase. I thought it meant that if something had a little tear in it, you should stitch it immediately so that it did not turn into a big tear. It turns out it was an ancient Proverb meaning if you sort out a problem immediately, it may save a lot of extra work later. Sage advice.

My mother loved to knit, cross stitch and crochet. She made each of us gifts that we treasure—from tablecloths to blankets and hats. These handicrafts have been passed down from generation to generation. Some of us love to stitch and do needlepoint, some knit, some crochet, some still do crewel or make tatted lace. But it is much more than that. It is a way to create something beautiful and memorable. It is a way to knit together friendships that last a lifetime. It is a way to give back and help others. Consider that a group of women at St. Mary's Church in Clayton knit hats, gloves and sweaters for children aided by World Vision; others knit lap blankets for women going through chemotherapy or hats for premature babies. It is a beautiful way to spread love and caring.

How exciting is it that now we will have a yarn shop in Chaumont! We welcome Jacquie Cox with open arms, as she prepares to open the Chaumont Yarn House! It will be a place where we can gather to celebrate our crafts and see new yarns and threads. It will be an inspiration, as we see new ideas and projects that can be done. And it will be a place to gather together to celebrate our community of friends – old and new.

We look forward to re-opening the doors of the Copley House and hosting a Sip & Stitch Party. It will be a chance for everyone to bring their projects – knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, quilting, needlepoint, crewel or lace making. Or you can come and learn a new craft. Most importantly, we will be able to celebrate and welcome spring and the hope the flowers bring! Until then.

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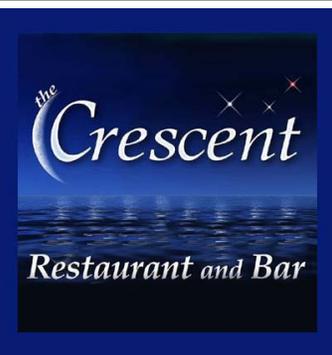
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Lyme Heritage Center - Highways and Byways and Trails Through the Woods

By Julia Gosier, Lyme Heritage Center

This article originally appeared in the Spring 2010 issue of the Bulletin of the Jefferson County Historical Society

"You can't get there from here." A silly old line, but far too close to the truth for many hardy pioneers who started the journey from more civilized regions to Jefferson County.

In 1791 Arthur Nobel and Baron Steuben petitioned the legislature of the state of New York for a road "from the Little Falls on the Mohawk River to the falls on the Black River which runs into Lake Ontario." The legislature favored the idea but nothing appears to have been done until about 1803. An act was passed in March 1803 for opening and improving main arteries of the state to be chosen by a lottery. \$41,500 was set aside for this purpose. The main focus of this project was Northern New York, the new frontier.

These first roads were nothing more than trails cut through the woods. Stumps were cut low enough for wagons to pass over them and hack marks on trees showed the way when it was in doubt. Although it would have been easier to lay these roads on low ground, they often followed the hills and ridges, since that was where the better farm land was. Rivers and streams were a major challenge since no bridges had been built. To overcome this, most moves were made in late winter when ice served as a bridge and a limited supply of provisions would be needed to last until spring.

The first of several corporations was formed in 1808 for the purpose of building a turnpike or toll road through the wilderness. The Oneida and Jefferson Turnpike Company planned a road from Rome to Putnam's Ferry on the St. Lawrence River. The participants were Nathan Sage, Peter Colt, Augustus Sacket, Jacob Brown, David Smith, and Eliphalet Edmonds. 4,700 shares were sold at \$25 each. At least three other turnpikes were built in Northern New York. One by one, from 1826 to 1830 these toll roads were surrendered to the public and toll collecting ceased. These roads, however, were still referred to as turnpikes well into the twentieth century.

In the 1840's and 1850's much of the country resorted to plank roads, the latest in "modern" thoroughfares. One such road stopped abruptly before entering the Town of Lyme, which is the focus of the rest of this offering.

The Town of Lyme, established in 1818, included what is now Lyme, Cape Vincent, and part of Clayton. It also encompassed Grindstone, Grenadier, and Carlton Islands. In 1833 Lyme gave up territory to help form the Town

of Clayton and in 1840 Cape Vincent became a separate town.

A road to the end of Point Salubrious became a necessity in 1814. The men laid plans for it to go directly down to the center of the point and ran their division fences to the bay. Their wives were very indignant that they should be cut off from their water supply. Mrs. James (Martha) Horton, a woman to be reckoned with, so thoroughly inspired the other women of Point Salubrious at a quilting bee, that they abandoned their quilting, armed themselves with axes and shovels and headed to the shore. They tore down fences and cleared brush in preparation for a road along the shore where they wanted it. The men conceded to their wives wishes and finished the road.

At the first Lyme town meeting held March 3, 1818 at the home of Luther Britton, the town was divided into twelve road districts under the jurisdiction of road commissioners Elnathan Judd, John Dayan, and Joseph Rider. Land owners along each road were appointed to keep the roads free of fallen trees and other debris.

Official road surveys began in May 1825 by J. J. Scipio Hasler, surveyor. The original road survey record books at the Town of Lyme clerk's office illustrate the process with entries such as these:

Road survey for 1825: A survey of a road laid out three rods wide by order of the commissioners of highways of the Town of Lyme and is thus particularly described beginning at a point in the N.W.ly line of Gouvell Street in the village of Cape Vincent N 64 degrees - 30 degrees W one chain and thirty-four links from the northeast corner of Richard M. Eselstyn's garden [late deceased] and runs thence N 71 degrees @ five chains and fifty links to an angle thence N 61 degrees W eight chains to a point near the center of Point St. on the bank of the River St. Lawrence as surveyed by me - John Dayan, surveyor



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Field notes of a road commencing at a Maple tree in the center of the Cape Vincent road near the northeast corner of Mr. Boots' lot running south 60 degrees west forty-seven chains to meet the northwesterly corner of Joseph Bay's lot this lays in the center of said road. Surveyed June 1825 by J.J. Scipio Hasler, surveyor

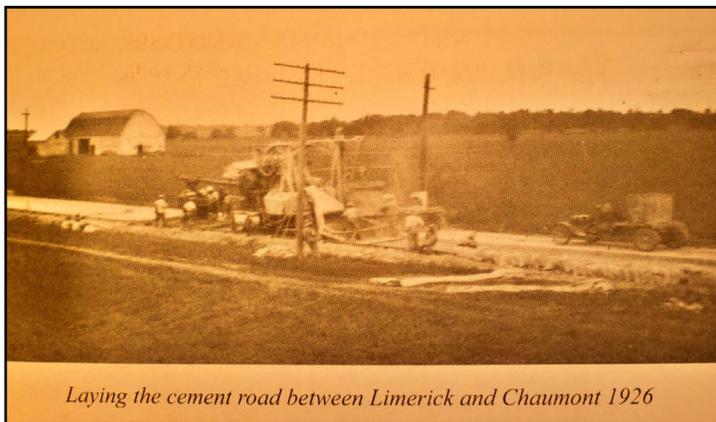
Survey of a road leading from Mr. Britton's stone house at Chaumont through to the burying ground. Commencing at the south side of said house running south 46 degrees west to the shore 9 chains and 5 links. Surveyed June 1827

By 1849, Lyme road districts had increased from the original 12 to 93. Those numbers decreased when Cape Vincent was separated from Lyme. The following is a typical description of a road district:

District No. 16: Commencing at the turnpike at Wm. Estes' corner from thence west to the Liberty Pole thence south east to the School house thence north east to the turnpike. Lyme 27th Feb. 1835.

Roads were still dirt but clearer and more even by 1900. Some bridges and trestles had been built to cross streams and a modern lift bridge spanned the Chaumont River. By now, wooden sidewalks had been added to most village streets, making pedestrian travel safer and cleaner.

About 1926 work began on Lyme's first concrete road, the turnpike, now known as route 12E. Italian stone masons who worked in the Chaumont quarries were a large part of the labor force.



On the Chaumont-Depauville Road, a large building foundation has recently been discovered. This foundation measures 150-by-50 feet and has evidence of a rail spur running into it from the main railroad line. Jack Hentze, recently deceased, told of watching the workmen in this building. Railroad cars carrying cement mix were brought to town on the main line and diverted on this spur into the building. Crushed

limestone was brought by a smaller gauge line into the building from the nearby crusher at the quarry. Powdered lime is highly flammable if it gets wet, so shelter was essential. A water line was run from the Chaumont River and the cement was mixed in the building. Small trucks carried the wet cement mix to the main road where it was spread. These cement roads were a huge improvement in transportation comfort and safety.

Within twenty years paving was being laid over the cement, but many of the concrete roads remain in other communities.

It is difficult to comprehend the travel obstacles our ancestors overcame. Two hundred years of road improvements have completely changed and diversified our North Country.

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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.

Lyme Heritage Center Update

The Lyme Heritage Center remains closed in accordance with state regulations. When we are able to reopen, we will be returning to a building which we now own! Until recently we were renting just the small room which housed our files, book shelves, tables, and desks. We were also hosting monthly programs in that same small space. Now that the entire building is ours, we will be able to expand!

We look forward to the day when we can re-open the building to visitors. In the meantime, if you have questions on the history of the town, or on the genealogy of Lyme citizens, we suggest that you visit our web site at <http://www.lymeheritagecenter.org>. In addition, Terry Countryman (LHC Treasurer) has volunteered to do research for others! Please send your research questions to him via email at tcountry@twcny.rr.com.

We appreciate your support!

Lyme Food Pantry

With a new year, it's time to look back at the history of the Lyme Food Pantry. In 1986 Harriette Hardy saw a need to help those in our vicinity "who for whatever reason were falling through the cracks". She visited Watertown Urban Mission to learn how to run a food pantry. Chaumont Presbyterian Church became the sponsor and Harriette used her own basement for distribution. The first year fifteen families were served.

By the 1990s there was much support from community residents, area businesses, banks, churches, school, scouts, fire departments, and many individuals too numerous to mention.

In August 2010, the Pantry purchased a small shed-like building and located it on Chaumont Presbyterian Church property. Harriette had housed the Pantry for 25 years. This new location added convenience for the workers and distribution and more privacy for both the customers and the Hardys. By this time 66 persons per month were requesting food.

In 2014 Harriet retired due to poor health. She along with her many donors and dedicated volunteers had "let no one go hungry" for 28 years! Joan O'Brien, who had been helping for many years, took over the coordinating until end of 2019. Judy Rusho assumed responsibility in 2020. COVID precautions were soon needed and will continue as long as necessary.

Each Christmas there has always been a huge distribution with food as well as gifts and treats for the children. Many families are helped to have a very Merry Christmas.

The Pantry continues to be completely funded by your donations of food and money. It is totally run by volunteers year round. To donate or become a customer just call 315-649-2424 or use the Pantry's address P.O. Box 176, Chaumont, N.Y. 13622

THANK YOU EVERYONE for helping the Lyme Food Pantry successfully assist those in need.

To contact the Pantry for more information call 315-649-2424.

Have a happy, safe, and hopeful 2021 New Year!

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Pt. Peninsula Birding Trip

The shoreline and fields of Point Peninsula have long been a prime location for birdwatchers, and there's plenty of activity during colder months. OBI Land Trust hosted an exciting chance to witness winter bird life on the point on January 9, 2021.

"At the eastern end of Lake Ontario, Point Peninsula's location and several large grassland habitats serve as a destination for migrating Tundra species. Species include Snowy Owls, and Short-eared Owls. Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Harriers, Red-tailed Hawks and Northern Shrikes," explained Lee Ellsworth, an avid birder who is also land steward for OBI Land Trust. "Grassland birds can include Snow buntings, Redpolls, Lapland Longspurs and Horned larks."



The annual wintertime birding event observed social distance guidelines and was done by car caravan. Lee shared his knowledge and led the group text event, providing informative messages about the species as they were spotted along the way. Participants brought their cameras, binoculars (and face masks, of course) as they enjoyed the driving tour around the Point. It was a brisk but sunny Saturday that included sightings of Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Tundra Swans, Rough-legged Hawk and Red-tailed Hawk. It has been noted that there have been fewer sightings of the ever-popular Snowy Owl, compared with the last few years.

Look for more OBI events for 2021 to be announced in the coming weeks. OBI Land Trust was founded in Chaumont in 1993 and is an all-volunteer organization that is qualified to accept donations of land or easements of land. We are proud to have recently had our name added to the list of non-profit partners on the sign at the Copley House. Learn more about OBI, donate to our organization and join our mailing list by visiting our website, obilandtrust.org



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Friday, April 9

June

Friday, May 7

July

Friday, June 4

August

Friday, July 9

September/October Friday, August 6

November/December Friday, October 8

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

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

To submit to the Lyme Light

The question has been raised -

How does one submit articles or announcements or act as a sponsor for the Lyme Light?

For articles/announcements:

Please send your articles to lymelightnews@gmail.com in accordance with the article submission deadlines listed above. Articles should be about 350 words, maximum. For included pictures, reduce the total words by about 30 words per picture.

For sponsorship:

Please send questions concerning sponsorship of the Lyme Light to Kathie Carr, kacarr140@gmail.com. Sponsors can submit a complete graphic or a graphic can be constructed from their logo and other pertinent information provided to the editor.

Dates to remember:

Planning Board meetings & Zoning Board of Appeals

Planning Board meetings are on the *first Tuesday* of every month at 6:30 PM and the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are on the *first Wednesday* at 6:30 PM. The meetings will be closed to the public, but will be available via live stream at <https://livestream.com/swp/lyme> or at steveweederproductions.com. There will be a time during the agenda called "Online Information Time" where questions can be asked or comments made.

If you have comments or questions, please call the town offices at 315-649-2788

Lyme Garden Club

We are hoping to have our opening meeting Tuesday, May 18th. For more information, please contact lymegardenclub@earthlink.net.

Town of Lyme Transfer Site

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Sunday: 9 AM - 4 PM	Thursday: Closed
Monday: Closed	Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM
Tuesday: 9 AM - 1 PM	Saturday: 9 AM - 4 PM

LCF Virtual Snowman Contest



4 year old Jade Frederick's snowman, built at her grandfather's house, won the LCF Virtual Snowman Contest with 35 likes of the photo her mom, Stacey Frederick, posted for our contest. Jade won a fun prize package of cozy snacks, books, games, and puzzles.

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