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Lyme Garden Club ROCKS!

By Karen Donahue

Dedicated and dependable, that is the hallmark of the volunteers who are known as the Lyme Garden Club. Ever wonder who provides and tends all the beautiful gardens throughout the Lyme community? It's our local Garden Club. Their efforts provide us all with nature's beauty to admire. Stop by the Post Office, Copley House or see the numerous garden spots and pots along our streets to see their handiwork. They also organize garden tours and events that provide enjoyment to fellow gardeners throughout our area. Their monthly column in this publication gives us all interesting tips and information about gardening in our area, too.

So the next time you are about town and notice the golf cart converted into a watering truck and see someone meticulously watering the many garden spots that line our street...STOP and say thank you. Better yet, consider joining the club. Your volunteer efforts will be greatly appreciated, you will make new friends and have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped make our town a lovely place to spend time and live.

The Lyme Garden Club is busy each year raising funds, planning and planting pots and gardens. Here are some of the projects completed this Spring of 2017.



Urns, Rail Container and Gardens at the Lyme Community Foundation Copley House



Twenty-seven Pots that line Main Street, Chaumont and Three Mile Bay plus smaller pots at the Town Office .



Kiosk and Bench Pavers next to the Post Office (Bench was underwritten by the Lyme Improvement League).

*Thank
You*

Editor's Corner

Dear Reader,

In this issue we are pleased to extend appreciation to some of our community members who may have "flown under the radar" otherwise. Look for some interesting articles and heartfelt thank you notes on our pages. Have you noticed the "Book Nook" located in front of the Jones residence on Rte. 12E, Chaumont, two doors down from the Presbyterian Church? What a cool idea...bring one of your books to the Book Nook and trade for one of the offerings on the shelf of this little book house. Enjoy, repeat! Thanks you Mr. Marty Jones, Sr. for providing this delightful opportunity for our summer reading pleasure. Stop by and take a look, you will be glad you did.

Karen Donahue, Editor



Belated Appreciation to Bill Trainham

The Lyme Community Foundation would like to thank Bill Trainham for helping out to restore the floors at the Copley House. In the article written about the floors in last month's Lyme Light Bill's name was not included but he also spent many hours to help with the floors to get them to where they are today. Thank you so much Bill for all your hard work and please accept our apologies for the error.

Farewell and Thank You!

The Lyme Community Foundation would like to express our appreciation to Pat Guldenpfennig for her years of dedication and service to the Lyme Community Foundation. Pat was the chair of the programs committee and worked hard to get many local artists to share their work at the Copley House. Pat also volunteered for the Holiday House Tour and many other events at the Copley House. Pat recently sold her home in Chaumont and moved to Watertown but is still involved with programs at the Crescent Yacht Club. It will be nice to keep in touch. Thanks again Pat and we wish you the best of luck in your new home.

LYME LIGHT DUE DATES

Articles are due to the Editor...

August 2017 Issue: July 19

September 2017 Issue: August 23

*Please forward text and photos to our email address:
lymelightnews@gmail.com*

From the President

Wow, it looks like summer might have finally arrived. It was a rough spring and with all the water problems many of us wondered if we would ever get our boats in the water for the summer. My family took a ride a few weeks ago and it was almost eerie. There was not even one truck or boat trailer at the boat launch when we put our boat in. Then we had to wade through water to even get to the dock to put the boat in. Once we finally got the boat in we headed to Cherry Island to just hang out and relax. We were there for over three hours and never saw one other boat on the lake. Ok, it was really windy and rough getting out there but that never stops the diehards of summer. I know my family really enjoyed our first time on the lake and are looking forward to many more "fun day Sundays" to come, hanging out at the Red Neck Yacht Club.

I hope many of you were able to attend our Open House on June 29th to take a tour of the Copley House and learn about all the exciting things happening at the Lyme Community Foundation and with our local agencies and programs. Thanks to everyone who participated and our local community groups who joined us to share their programs and events. If you missed the Open House, feel free to stop by Thursday through Sunday from 11-3 when Acte II is open to learn more about our offerings.

Have a wonderful 4th of July. We look forward to seeing you at the exciting events that the Lyme area is offering during the summer.

Deanna Lotthrop, President



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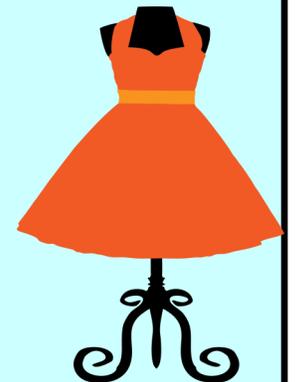
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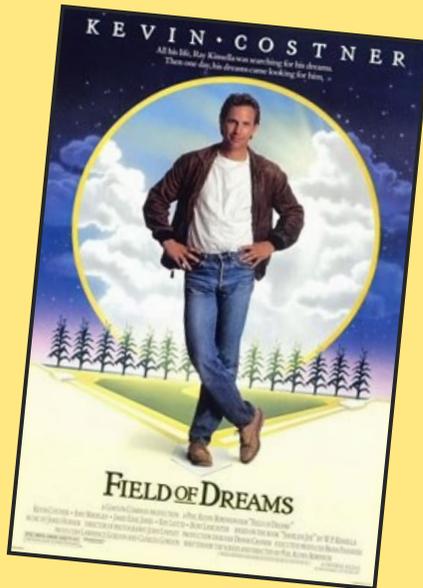
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11:00-3:00 pm



**July 21,
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Summer
Movies in
Chaumont:*

*"Field of
Dreams" @
Copley House,
dusk.*



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Walt Putnam Memorial Scholarship



It is with great pleasure that the Lyme Parks and Recreation Committee announces that Hannah Smithers is this year's recipient of the Walt Putnam Memorial Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior who has exhibited commitment to their community through volunteerism, selfless acts of kindness and a general passion for making our community a better place.

Hannah exhibits all the traits of an interested and committed community leader. Congratulations, Hannah, for your desire to improve our community and your effort to make it a better place for all. Best wishes for a bright future!

The Lyme Parks and Recreation Committee

Relay for Life Paddle for the Cure is back!



In Memory of Jeanne Rhines and her brave fight.
When: Saturday, July 15th Registration: 8:30-9:00 am
Where: Launch from Chaumont Beach, Chaumont, at 9 am
Cost: \$20.00 per paddler
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Lyme Food Pantry News

The H&H Food Pantry is open to anyone living in the Town of Lyme. We are located behind the Presbyterian Church, 27532 Main Street, Chaumont, NY. Look for the little white building with the red door. Our mailing address is: PO Box 176, Chaumont, NY 13622

Although we do help in emergencies, our normal distribution day is every Thursday. In any event, we do ask that you PLEASE call before Thursday, speak slowly and leave your name and phone number. We will return your call as soon as possible. We will have your food ready and waiting for you at the agreed time.

CONFIDENTIALITY is important to the Food Pantry. Only the person taking the calls in her home will know your full name and contact information. We use first names only at the Pantry.



Feeding the Community

Since January 1st of 2017, we have served 23 families (79 individuals).

Donations may be left in box at the local Post Office or may be left in gray box outside the Pantry Door.

Your Food Pantry & Harriet's Angels thank you for your donations.

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Lyme Heritage Center News

If you would like to browse your local history, or your family history, visit the Lyme Heritage Center which is open on Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 12 and on Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 3. Or for an appointment call Julie Gosier at 315 - 649 5452.



We have two fun programs coming up. On Sunday July 16 from 2 to 4 we will have "Reminiscing with the Elders" at the Heritage Center in the old Grange Hall, Three Mile Bay. We will invite some of the experienced Elders to talk about life in the old days. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear these stories. Come to learn, or to participate, but do come.

Then we will have our third annual trivia night on Wednesday July 19th at the Three Mile Bay Fire Hall at 7:00. There will be refreshments and prizes. Bring your own team, or come alone, either way this is a lot of laughs. Mark your calendar and watch for posters.

Town and Village News

By Terry Brennen

Lake Ontario average water levels have decreased slightly --currently 248.55 feet above sea level--down about 4.5 inches from the recent maximum of 248.92 feet. That is still high enough to keep the town in a state of emergency, which Governor Cuomo extended on June 1st for an additional 30 days. An added precaution is a 5 mile per hour speed limit within 600 feet of shore.

Town and village residents with questions on property damage insurance or access to state funds can look for the Emergency Response Mobile Command Center, which are periodically at the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department. Call the Town of Lyme offices at (315) 649-2788.



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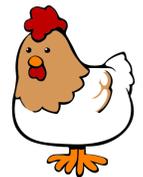
CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER

July 19, Aug. 16

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A Lyme Time Line, Part 3: 1836 to 1900

Historical Notes from the Lyme Heritage Center

By Phyllis, Margaret, and Julie Putnam



(photo: Lime kiln on Pt. Salubrious)

The Town of Lyme will be 200 years old in 2018. Our timeline of historical events is so extensive that we couldn't fit it all in one issue of the Lyme Light; parts 1 and 2 appeared in earlier editions. Next month we'll wrap it up with installment 4.

1838: The Methodist Episcopal congregation was founded in Three Mile Bay, but had no permanent home yet.

1838: Four Lyme men were hanged at Fort Henry, Kingston, Ontario. The British had captured them during the disastrous Battle of the Windmill at Prescott, Ontario. The battle was part of the Patriot "War," a series of skirmishes between civilians and the British colonial government in Canada. At least five other captured Lyme men were deported on a prison ship to a penal colony in Tasmania, Australia.

1840: The Baptist church, the first house of worship in Three Mile Bay, was constructed at a cost of \$2,500.

1845: The population of Lyme (which then included all of what is now Cape Vincent and a part of Clayton) was 6,018.

1845: The Point Salubrious "End of the Point" School (also known as the Little Red School) was built.

1849: The northern half of Lyme split off to become the new Town of Cape Vincent.

1850: The population of Lyme was 2,925.

1850: Gaige and Hamblin's saw mill in Chaumont was one of the first in the county to use the revolutionary new circular saw blade.

Mid-19th Century: Before the Civil War, Lyme housed at least two stops on the Underground Railroad, ushering slaves to freedom in Canada. One was a house on the east side of Three Mile Point and the other was near the isthmus on Point Peninsula. (There may have been others, but no documentation of them survives.)

1850: Chaumont Masonic Lodge No. 172, F. & A. M was chartered. The original lodge stood on Main Street across from the Depauville (Evans) Road.

1851: The railroad was extended from Watertown to Chaumont and Three Mile Bay.

1853: Chaumont contained 50 houses, five stores, several warehouses, four saw mills, one gristmill, two schools, a Presbyterian church and a railroad station. (No count of taverns was given).



1861-1865: At least 252 men from Lyme participated in the Civil War. Fatalities included William Breadsell, Sylvester Brougham, Frederick Vernum, Frank Armstrong, Walter Ryder, Miller Klock, and brothers Eugene and George Herrick (aged 16 and 21). (There were certainly other casualties, but these are the only ones we have found records of.)

(Photo: Riley E. Horton, Civil War Soldier from Lyme, NY)

1867: Lawrence Gaige, J. W. Moak, and Addison Day, erected a \$3,000 lime kiln in Chaumont. It was considered the best of its kind in Northern New York.

1868: Chaumont's first Catholic mass was celebrated in a private home.

1873: The Cedar Grove Cemetery Association was formed.

1873: The Point Peninsula Oil and Mining Company was incorporated with \$5,000 for the "search for oil, ore, salt, coal and other minerals on Point Peninsula." The company failed, but did find enough natural gas to light L.D. Collins' house for a long time thereafter.

1874: Incorporation of the Village of Chaumont.

1874: A Methodist Episcopal Church was erected on the site of the present Masonic Temple.

1875: A Diphtheria and Typhoid Pneumonia epidemic killed at least 50 in the village of Chaumont alone, mostly children.

1875: The population of Lyme was 2,241.

1876: Rogers Brothers Seed Company was established in Chaumont; it stood near the railroad tracks behind where Mostly British is now located.

1878: The Three Mile Bay Union School was erected. It remained open for the next 90 years.

1880: The first Chaumont High School was built. It was a wood frame building on the site of the current brick school.

1880: A Methodist Episcopal Church was built on Point Peninsula.

1881: On July 15th most of the buildings on Mill Street in Chaumont burned down in a huge fire. All of the church bells were rung to alarm the village of the quickly-spreading blaze. The fire was so huge that a telegraph was sent to Watertown requesting help; a train rushed 25 Watertown firemen and one of their water wagons to the scene. The fire left 16 men unemployed and destroyed property valued at \$25,000.

1885: There were three telephones in town. They were called "telephone toll stations". Point Peninsula's phone was in L.H. Collins' store, Three Mile Bay's phone was in A. D. Curtis' store, and Chaumont's phone was in E. Jacquay's store.

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The Second Annual Halloween Haunted House

The Haunted House Committee is hard at work planning and defining new scares for this year's event. The Committee has grown and new talent has added extra excitement to the developing plan. Bi-monthly work meetings begin in July, and by mid-August will become weekly. As plans are finalized the Committee will be looking for volunteers to help with building, prop development and the transformation of The Copley House to The Copley Asylum.... Lists of needed items for donation include medical uniforms, heavy black plastic, pallets, old area rugs and runners. As the event gets closer we will be asking for candy donations as well. This donation list will grow and be shared as further needs are known. Donations may be left at the Blue Heron Restaurant.

It is our goal to make The Second Annual Haunted House bigger and better than last year and to provide a fun and friendly Halloween experience for the Town of Lyme and surrounding areas! The Haunted House will be operational the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Halloween again this year. The Saturday matinee with "Trick or Treating" will again be offered for kids and people with special needs. It is also expected hours will be extended to accommodate the influx of visitors. Check the Lyme Light each month for more updates!



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Reservations requested by August 1, 2017, but walk-ins are welcome.

Join us for a dinner, silent auction and a program by the New York State Zoo at Thompson Park. All monies will benefit the works of Ontario Bays Initiative, Inc. your Chaumont-based land trust.

For more information, please visit www.obilandtrust.org or www.facebook.com/OntarioBaysInitiative/

We welcome your questions at
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We look forward to seeing you there!



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Lyme Free Library

Let's Get Creative! Summer Reading Program

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, Lyme Free Library is able to offer a Summer Reading Program for children in grades K through 6. Sessions will be held on July 11th & 25th, August 8th & 22nd. Sessions to include making clay fish bowls with Serena from The TI Arts Center, painting with Tracey Jean and making wind chimes. We will also visit the glass blowing studio of Foster Holcombe & Theda Hansen. Participants that attend 4 of the 5 sessions and keep a reading record will earn a gift card to Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Call the library at 315-649-5454 to register. Children must be accompanied by an adult. A special Thank you to: Watertown Savings Bank, Citizen's Bank, Becker Cleveland Home, Stewart's Shops and The Price Chopper GOLUB Foundation. Please call the library to register before July 4th at 649-5454.

Raffles at the Library!

Nine baskets to choose from - Star Wars, Dory, Lotto Tickets, Summer Fun, Harmony Soaps, Wine & more!
Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 - Drawing September 1st.

Ellen Wiseman's New Book *The Life She Was Given*

From acclaimed author Ellen Marie Wiseman comes a vivid, daring novel about the devastating power of family secrets - beginning in the poignant, lurid world of a Depression-era traveling circus and coming full circle in the transformative 1950s. Release date July 25th - Preorder your copy today. Book Signing at the Library on July 27th at 6:30.



Book Sale, Bake Sale, Artists & Authors, Silent Auction,
& Raffles. August 12th 9 to 3

Free Spaces for Authors & Artists

Lyme Free Library is currently taking applications for our annual book sale. **Spaces are Free** for authors and artists - 2 spaces max. You must supply your own tables and weather protection. Advanced registration is required. August 12th - 9 am to 3pm - Rain or shine! Please call 315-649-5454 by August 1st. The earlier you sign up, the more exposure you will get through our advertising!

2017 Participants to Date: The Lavender Lady, Bottles by Joy, Hepler Soaps, Story Teller Regi Carpenter, Lyme Heritage Center, Julia Gosier, Author Margaret Nagel, Artist Tracey Jean, Author Scott Keen, & Artist Dawn Vincent.

PLEASE NOTE - The library will only be able to accept book donations from August 1st through the 12th due to storage restrictions. We will not be accepting text books, magazines, VHS tapes, encyclopedias or books in poor condition (mold...).

Silent Art & Antique Auction

Stop in and place your bid and support the Library!
All items donated by area artists and community members.

Items Currently on Display & Ready for Bids!

This year the library is offering an amazing variety of items donated by area artists and community members.

Last bids taken at 2pm on August 12th. There are pictures of all items and the latest bids on our Facebook page.

Artist Showcase - Wine and Cheese Reception for Local Artist James O'Reilly at the Library!

Jim is a self-taught artist and photographer who finds the inspiration for his paintings from the beauty of Chaumont, the Coast of Maine and country scenes.
Sunday, September 24th 4 to 5 pm.

Pulled Pork and Barbecued Chicken Dinner to Benefit the Library!

Pulled Pork, Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Salt Potatoes, Salads & Dessert! Sunday, September 24th. - 4 to 6pm.

Advance tickets available at the library. - \$25 per person. Held at The Crescent Restaurant, Chaumont.



It's a Monster!

Summer Sculpting Class for Kids

Join us for our Kid's Sculpting Class with local artist Tracey Jean. Kids of all ages (with parent's assistance for the younger ones) will sculpt monsters of their own making using paper clay and sculpting tools. We sculpt on July 19th, and return on July 26th to paint. Both classes run from 1 to 2 pm. \$15 per student covers both classes and all supplies. This is a popular class - It fills up quickly! Reserve your spot today - Call 649-5454.



O'Reilly Prints - Local Scenes

Lyme Free Library is offering prints by Local Artist James O'Reilly for just \$20. Prints feature Sawmill Bay, The Cape Vincent Lighthouse, The Copley House, The Chaumont Hardware Store, Cove Cottage, the Cape Vincent Lighthouse, and more! See all of the prints on Facebook!



Yoga Hula Dancing & Musical Theatre!

Yoga Basics Friday July 14, 10:30 - 12. Heather Miner. Ages 10+. \$10. Bring the kids, relax and enjoy an introduction to the basics of yoga!

Hula Dance Wednesday July 19, 4:00 - 5:30. Ezra Gonzales. \$10. If you have ever wanted to learn how to hula or have previous experience, please join us for this summer workshop at the Lyme Free Library! You'll feel comfortable learning hula and the Spirit of Aloha.

Musical Theatre Friday July 21, 10:30 - 12. Ages 6+. \$10. – Use your imagination, sing, dance and have fun! Rhonda Foote studied theater at Hartwick College as a theater arts and dance minor. She spent a semester in London, studying theater. She has owned and operated a local dance studio for 30 years and has choreographed numerous local musical theater productions, including Watertown Lyric Theater's recent production of White Christmas. **Please call JCC at 786-2385 to register.**

Library Board Meetings

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



Book Talk *noun* (buk) (tawk)
 1. A conversation about a book that one's read, infused with joy and emotion. Best if done daily.

Book Talk, our book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Open to all - Please join us!
 July 18th – *Station 11* by Emily St. John Mandel
 August 15th – *H is for Hawk* by Helen MacDonald
 September 19th – *Inside O'Briens* by Lisa Genova



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

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



Sail into Reading Story Time

Lyme Free Library Story Time is a fun learning experience that parents and children can share together. Sessions include stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts for children. Please join us on Wednesdays at 11 am.

Lyme Food Pantry News

Anyone in the Town of Lyme in need of food assistants is welcome to our services. Call 315-649-2424 Speaking slowly, leave your name and number, we will get back to you. If by chance you don't hear from us within 8 hours give us another call. Maybe we didn't get your number correctly. Please call early in the week. Are normal days for pick-up are every Thursday. In emergencies arrangement will be made.

Since the first of 2017 until June 15th, we have served 40 Families and 162 Individuals. We only use first names in the Pantry for confidentiality.

We are thankful for all donations. Nonperishable food and personal care items may be left in box at local Post Offices or in the gray box outside Pantry door, (the little white building with the red door behind the Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Chaumont). Our P.O. Box is 176, Chaumont, NY 13622.

Enjoy Summer and Thank You

Harriett's Angels



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Wednesday	9-4
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Friday	9-1
Saturday	9-4



Chaumont – Three Mile Bay Chamber of Commerce News

2017 Lyme Community Days Annual Craft Fair Saturday July 29th, 2017 10AM-4PM



Art, Antiques, Crafts, Bake Sale, Food, Music, Wine & more! Don't miss out on this fun, annual event on the grounds of the beautiful Copley House. Stop by, visit with old friends, make new ones and find some wonderful treasures for holiday gift giving. Vendors, please note: 10X10 Spaces \$10, Outside on the Copley House Lawn, 12030 NYS RTE 12E Chaumont . For more info please contact us at Chaumontchamber@yahoo.com or TEXT Amanda Miller 315-778-1191 .

Village of Chaumont

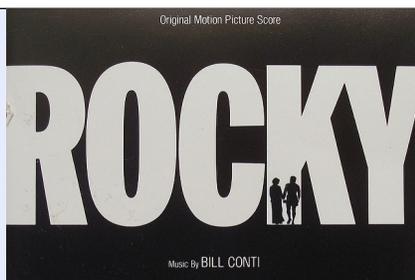
The new website for the Village of Chaumont, www.villageofchaumont.com continues to offer more content, with the current Water Use Law available in the site's Document Center tab. The local Sewer Law is coming to the site soon, among other codes, rules and meeting minutes.

A new local law covering fences is now in effect for Village residents, after the regulation was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees and filed with the New York State in April. The rules, and the entire zoning law for the village, can be accessed on the village website (click: government > departments > zoning, then download the zoning law). A fence permit will be required for erecting, altering or replacing a fence or a retaining wall within the Village of Chaumont, and will cost \$10. Village Clerk Karen Fitzgerald requests that applicants contact the Village Office at 315-649-2900 with any questions or to apply for a permit.



Summer Movie at
Copley House—
August 18th,
Dusk

FREE Family Fun



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1886: Between 60 and 75 men were employed in the town's stone quarries.

"A Lyme Time Line– Part 3" (continued from page 6)

1888: Lyme had 16 school districts, each with its own schoolhouse.

1891: "The" Chaumont telephone was moved into the post office.

1894: The first cottage was built in Chaumont's Schermerhorn Park.

1896: All Saints Catholic Church was built. The original building stood until 1930, when it was destroyed in the second huge Mill Street fire.

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Osprey: Now Our Most Common Summer Hawk

By Gerry Smith for the Ontario Bays Initiative



Not so long ago, the Osprey did not nest in the Thousand Island region. Between World War II and the early 1990s this “fish Eagle” was only an uncommon migrant passing through our region. A victim of the excesses of DDT, they only began to recover a decade after the banning of this environmental toxin. The term recovery hardly does justice to the population explosion that brought the Osprey back from

the brink of local extinction. They are now the most obvious and arguably the most common large raptor in our area from April through September.

A major population limiting factor for Ospreys are nest sites that are safe from ground based predators and away from places where a Great Horned Owl may surprise the female or young at a nest. Since many Ospreys readily tolerate human presence when they are nesting, our structures make ideal substrates for their bulky nests. From utility poles to navigation markers, and even occasionally rooftops of houses, this adaptable species finds many locally suitable nest supports. This species has been greatly aided by human development activities that have increased available nest sites.

From the time adults first arrive from their mostly tropical wintering grounds in late March, to when most abandon nests in early September, these sites are a beehive of activity. If nests survive the winter, they are quickly renovated and made ready for the current season’s use. Nests occupied for many years often become so large that they are mistaken for Bald Eagle abodes. As a large bird young, Ospreys that hatch in May are usually not ready to undertake their first migration until late August. A fun activity is watching a nest where growing young are developing. Numbers of young produced per nest vary, but experienced parents usually raise two and sometimes three or even four to flight stage.

By early September many young raised here are headed south to their wintering grounds. Most immature Osprey will remain along tropical coasts until they are entering their third year. When these “teenagers” first return North they are rarely successful in raising young. Nests built by such pairs are poorly constructed and easy to spot since they often incorporate materials like cornstalks and plastic. When they return the following year, however, they are ready to become successful parents. As young and adults are mostly gone by early October their nurseries will remain unoccupied until next spring.

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

Chaumont-Three Mile Bay Town wide Yard Sales

Registration taken until August 16th

Saturday, August 19th and Sun August 20th--- 9am to 5 pm--- throughout the communities. Over 50 sales expected!! Interested residents must register to be included on the map. Registration fee \$2.00. Register your sale at CITIZENS BANK OF CAPE VINCENT, Chaumont Branch. Also, the Chamber would like to know if you would prefer to have the sales advertised for Friday & Saturday instead of Saturday & Sunday. For more information or suggestions, please call Karen at 649-2900.

Please register your sale

Jefferson County SPCA

“Doggy Paddle” Event—August 19



Come to the Jefferson County SPCA fund-raising event on August 19, 2017 at the Adams Chaumont Bay Marina, 11599 Circle Drive, Chaumont, NY. The Doggy Paddle participants will be paddling up the Chaumont River from the marina and back to the marina. Registration begins at 8:00 am at the marina and paddling begins at 9:00 am. There will be manned stations along the way to identify distances. This is not a race so you may paddle any of the distances you wish. Prizes will be awarded at the marina at approximately 1:30 P.M. All participants have a chance to win some great prizes. Individuals may pre-register at the SPCA at 25056 Water St., Watertown, or on line at www.jeffersoncountyspca.org Participants will receive a pledge sheet to raise funds for their paddling adventure. A minimum pledge of \$35.00 is required per person. Anyone that enjoys paddling is invited to come and meet new friends. Come join us and have fun. All participants must wear an approved PFD.

Lyme Central Varsity Free Throw Challenge



The Lyme Varsity Boys Basketball team will host its team wide Free Throw Challenge on July 29. During this event each athlete will shoot 100 free throws. We are looking for sponsors to make a pledge for every MADE free throw. You can pledge anything from .25 to \$10 dollars per basket made or make a one-time donation. If you would like to make a pledge or a donation please visit the following website for more information.

<https://www.givingzone.com/project/dtDJ1TBg1y/lyme-central-varsity-free-throw-challenge>

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!! THANK YOU!!!

- Community Events, July 2017 -

Sat July 8 Crescent Yacht Club Junior Div. Car Wash, Main St. Chaumont

Tue July 11 Summer Reading Program (K - 6th) @ Lyme Free Library, call 315-649-5454 to register

Wed July 12 Town Board Meeting @ Town Offices, 6:30pm

Sat July 15 Relay for Life Paddle for the Cure, Chaumont Beach Register 8:30, Paddle at 9:00 am. Call: 315-408-4010

Sun July 16 "Reminiscing with the Elder", Heritage Center, 2 pm

Tue July 18 Lyme Youth Commission Summer Rec. begins call 315-783-9864 for info

Village Board Meeting @ Town Offices, 6:30pm

Wed July 19 **Deadline for August Lyme Light Submissions**

Trivia Night at TMB Fire Hall, 7 pm

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner @ TMB Methodist Church, 4pm

Fri July 21 **Summer Movies in Chaumont: "Field of Dreams"**
@ Copley House, dusk

Tue July 25 Summer Reading Program (K - 6th) @ Lyme Free Library, call 315-649-5454 to register

Thu July 27 Ellen Marie Wiseman book signing @ Lyme Free Library, 6:30pm

Sat July 29 Lyme Varsity Basketball fundraiser @ Lyme Central School (outside courts)

July 29-30th Lyme Community Days @ Copley House, 10am

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