

# THE YELLOW WASP

*Lima Historical Society*

*November 2011*

**LHS GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, November 15th**

**Getting Here:  
A Century of Ruts, Dust and Macadam**

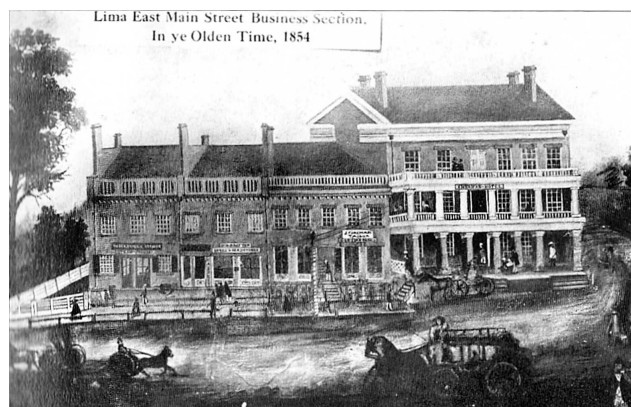
**by Lynne Belluscio**

**Director of Le Roy Historical Society**

Please join us for our next general meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:30 PM at the Lima Court House. Our speaker is Lynne Belluscio, Director of the LeRoy Historical Society Museum and former coordinator of special events at Genesee Country Museum.

Her slide-illustrated talk will focus on the perils of land travel in the 1700s and 1800s in Western New York. Travelers were met with corduroy roads, axle deep mud, and waist deep snow. The program is taken from diaries and first hand accounts of tourists and pioneers. Stories include traveling on corduroy roads and building plank roads, as well as the tragic ending to an folk tale, "Frozen Charlotte." And, learn why Henry Ford was arrested for speeding in LeRoy — and what he did about it.

Tuesday, November 15th : 7:30 PM Open to the public  
Lima Court House on East Main Street Admission Free



*Lima East Main St. Business Section, as depicted in historical postcard. Collections of Tennie Burton Museum.*

**Back By Popular Demand  
LHS Holiday Cookie Trays**

The Lima Historical Society is offering trays of homemade Christmas cookies for sale again this holiday season. Two sizes of trays are available— one with 3 doz. cookies priced at \$12, and one with 6 doz. cookies priced at \$20. Order forms are inserted and available at the Town Hall.



**VINTAGE LIMA**  
*2012 Calendar*



Presented by the Lima Historical Society

## LHS Calendar of Events

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Wednesday, November 9th	LHS Board meeting: 7 PM at Tennie Burton Museum.
Monday, November 14th	Deadline for cookie orders (see insert).
Tuesday, November 15th	LHS General Meeting. <i>Getting Here: A Century of Ruts, Dust and Macadam</i> by Lynne Belluscio. Lima Court House, 7:30 PM.
Friday, December 9th	Pick up Cookie Trays between 3 and 7 PM. Basement of Town Hall.
Wednesday, December 14th	LHS Board meeting: 7 PM at Town Hall.

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### Ice Cream Sundaes & Dancing on the Lawn

On a very hot September afternoon, we had the last of our First Sunday of the Month programs at the Tennie Burton Museum. About twenty members and friends enjoyed delicious ice cream sundaes and old-fashioned music and dancing. Demonstrations of country dancing styles were provided by the Adams family who encouraged all to join the fun. We are grateful to them and to Judi Cooper who organized and served the refreshments with the assistance of Margaret Mercado.

We hope to make this an annual family event for the Lima Historical Society during our summer museum season.



### Do You Wish to Receive *The Yellow Wasp* Electronically ?

We know that it isn't for everyone, and we will continue to print and mail the newsletter to all who want it that way. However, in the interests of conserving the society's limited resources, we are offering electronic transmission for those members who are willing to receive it that way. If you are, please indicate that by sending your email address to [msempowski@frontiernet.net](mailto:msempowski@frontiernet.net).

An entirely new LHS website is also under construction and will be unveiled soon, providing much greater visibility to our organization and museum. Notification of completion and website name will be sent to all those whose email addresses we have. Our thanks to Jerry Warsaw for his creative work on this complicated project LIBIHOST.COM Web Design & Hosting.

### Lima Historical Society 2012 Calendars

Our ever-popular historical calendars, featuring images from LHS photo archives, are now available at \$7.50—just in time for holiday gifts. Please see an LHS Board member or purchase at supporting local businesses or the Town Hall.

### Student Interns

We are pleased to have had the assistance of two student interns during the past month—Anna and Kirk Adams. Although both are home-schooled, they have each been taking two courses at the Lima campus of the Genesee Community College this semester, including a history course, with a volunteer service requirement. They have been helping at the museum, largely under Barbara May's direction. Thank you to all.

### LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

Lima Historical Society was founded to collect and preserve Lima's history, its architectural structures, and its culture to educate and inspire people today and tomorrow.

## TRAVELLING TO AND THROUGH LIMA

### Some Early Accounts

**1792 journey to Lima** Interview with John Morgan, an early pioneer in Lima, by Lewis Henry Morgan (Father of American Anthropology) (Morgan Papers V. I, No. 11: p. 216, May 27, 1846 U of R Library, Rare Books)

John Morgan said that he had left Albany **for Lima or Mighells's Tavern**, as it was then known, in February of 1792. There was not a house between Lima and the Genesee River where the Seneca village of Canawaugus was located. He reported that his whole journey was upon the old Indian trail. The path was deeply worn in the ground, and from 2 to 4 and often 6 ft deep. The trail was as easily followed as our road. It was not marked, except by an occasional broken bush.

**War of 1812 era** From *History of Livingston County* by Lockwood Doty 1876: p. 606.

"It has already been mentioned that **Lima, being upon the old State road**, was an important point in the early days. Especially was this the case during the second war with Great Britain, when troops were constantly passing through town to and from the frontier, and after its close, when the tide of emigration which set in sent a constant stream of emigrants through the place. Inns were opened all along the route, those in Lima being so numerous within the distance of two miles that they were scarcely a stone's throw apart. One of these old hostelries still stands (*in 1876*), a dingy, venerable old building about a mile west of the village of Lima. It is known as the 'Yellow Wasp,' and is occupied as a residence by Mr. Thomas Bishop."

**June 4, 1825** Letter from Marquis de Lafayette, Revolutionary General to Governor George Clinton ( 6/4/1825)

" Tomorrow I leave Buffalo for the Falls of Niagara and Lockport. In case I find a canal boat provided for me, I shall of course take it; if not, I will take any boat that will convey us along the canal to Albany. **I must stop an hour at Lima to lay the corner stone of a monument** to my Companion in Arms, Steuben, and at Utica enjoy the change that has taken place since I was holding Indian treaties at Fort Schulyer..."

\*Lafayette is referring to a monument in honor of Baron Frederick Steuben, another Revolutionary War General

**? DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE SUCH A MONUMENT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN LIMA?**

### Time to Renew Your 2012 LHS Membership !

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Type of membership \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Annual Dues Jan 1-Dec 31 2012</b>	Family:	\$20	Senior Family:	\$15	Sustaining: \$30 - \$100
	Individual:	\$15	Senior Individual	\$10	

Please send check and membership form to Membership Chair, Lima Historical Society, PO Box 532, Lima NY 14485

We depend on your membership dues to support our programs and museum

## Lima Historical Society

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