

# THE YELLOW WASP

**Lima Historical Society**

**November 2019**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
7PM**

## ***Lima-Honeoye Falls School Merger On Its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!***

**By Deb and Tim Smith**



**LIMA INDIANS**



**HONEOYE FALLS HORNETS**

year. They met on the first day of school their freshman year in the newly merged high school and have the unique perspective of being part of the first class to have spent all four of their high school years as *Honeoye Falls-Lima Cougars*.

Fifty years ago, amid controversy and heated debate, the Lima and Honeoye Falls school districts merged to form the Honeoye Falls-Lima school district of today—a historic moment for both communities. At the November meeting of the Lima Historical Society, Deb and Tim Smith, who were entering high school that year, will share the research they have done on the merger and their personal experiences regarding that momentous change for the two communities.

In their words, Deb Gonyea was a *Lima Indian* and Tim Smith was a *Honeoye Falls Hornet* in the eighth grade that

Please join us to enjoy this slide-illustrated talk and hear about some of the controversies and reactions to the impending HF-L merger in the two communities. Perhaps you may want to add to the discussion with some of your own memories or thoughts on how it all transpired fifty years ago. All are welcome.

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Lima Court House (next to Town Hall)



### **Lima High School's Last Graduating Class 1969**

Are you in this photo? Can you help us identify any of the graduates in the 1969 class? Who were the class officers? Did anything exciting happen that year?

Come to the meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> and share your knowledge with us. You made history as Lima's Last Grads.

## LHS Calendar of Events

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| Thursday, October 24th                | Lima Historical Society Board Meeting. Tennie Burton Museum, 7pm. All LHS members welcome to attend.                                    |
| Tuesday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>    | "The Lima/Honeoye Falls School Merger: 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary"<br>By Deb and Tim Smith. Lima Court House 7pm. Open to the public. |
| Thursday, November 21st               | Lima Historical Society Board Meeting. Tennie Burton Museum, 7pm. All LHS members welcome to attend.                                    |
| Thursday, December 19th               | Lima Historical Society Board Meeting. Tennie Burton Museum, 7pm. All LHS members welcome to attend.                                    |
| Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 pm | "The History of Mendon Ponds Park" by William Lane. 1 pm at the Lima Town Hall.   |

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### Tombstone Found In Rochester St. Backyard

Recently, the Williams family, owners of 1734 Rochester St (Draper House) were excavating for a patio in their backyard when they came upon the headstone above. The name on it is Gordon F. Woodward (1911-1939). Does anyone know anything about this individual?

### "Brick School House Corners"

Early in Lima's history, the familiar four corners of our present business district was often referred to as "Brick School House Corners" due to the presence of a brick building erected in 1804. It served as "school house, town meeting house, and Congregationalist church on land leased from Matthew Warner for the sum of one peppercorn per year. The building stood on the north side of the State Road (now Rte 5 and 20) at the site of the present Town Hall in the center of the village." (NRHP 1989)\*

However, "The location of early inns in the area that is now the town of Lima suggests that several north-south roads other than what is now 15A (present-day Lake Avenue-Rochester Street...) may have also served as main north-south thoroughfares during the 19<sup>th</sup> century (NRHP 1989).\*

*\*NRHP National Register of Historic Places Nomination of Lima Town Multiple Resource Area (Section 8, p.9-11 (July 1989) .*

### New Furnace For the Tennie Burton Museum

Unfortunately, the time had come. After repeated, disruptions in the operation of the furnace at the museum, accompanied by multiple service and repair costs, the LHS Board voted to replace it, and solicited bids from three local companies. Thanks, as always, to the efforts of our able Buildings and Ground Chair, Duane Fuller, the new furnace was installed two weeks ago by John Betlem Heating and Cooling Inc. While we keep the heat at a relatively low setting throughout the winter, we also have an electronic sensor to alert us if the heat should go too low.

## 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.

## More Than 200 Years of Public Education in Lima

As early as 1797, the people of Lima recognized the need for providing quality education for their children. They elected three “Commissioners of Common Schools” to oversee the apportionment of the public funding provided by the townspeople for education. Eight one-room country schools were supported, as well as the Village or District 9 school that was housed in 1804 in a brick Town House/School/church located near the site of the present Lima Town Hall (see “Brick School House Corners,” p. 2). That first town/school building was replaced in 1860 by the two-room, two-teacher school house on that site shown in the photo on the right.



Then in 1907, the East Main St. school was in turn succeeded by a wooden structure erected on College St. just west of the present Lima Primary School (see photo below). This two-story building consisted of four rooms; it housed the grade school, and by 1918, the first public high school.



In 1937, the College St. school above was torn down and replaced by the brick structure (above on the right) that served Lima’s elementary and high school students until the merger between the Lima and Honeoye Falls School Districts in 1969. That structure now houses the Lima Primary School for the HF/L school District.

It should be noted that, as early as the 1830’s there were also a number of private institutions in Lima that provided elementary and secondary educational opportunities to Lima’s children: Genesee Wesleyan Seminary (1832), which drew high school age students from across the country, as well as many local boys and girls; the Genesee Model School for Boys, a boarding school on Dalton Rd (opened not long after GWS); the Reverend John Copeland’s “Lima Ladies Academy” that shared a two story building with the Town Hall on Rochester St. erected sometime after 1825 (just north of Quick Fill); Saint Rose Catholic school begun in 1856 (high school curriculum added in 1889); Shader’s Commercial School on Rochester St.; and several private kindergartens in private homes throughout the village.

*Historical information and photos used in this article are from the Tennie Burton Museum Collections and from Mabel Furner Jenks book “Lima 1788-1964: Outline of the History of Lima Written for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration July 18, 1964.” LHS Members may request a free copy of this invaluable 50-page history of Lima. Contact us on our website [www.Limahistorical.org](http://www.Limahistorical.org).*

**The Lima Historical Society Offers Condolences  
To the Family and Friends of June Klitgord  
One of Our Founding Members**

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