

# THE YELLOW WASP

*Lima Historical Society*

*March 2008*

**LHS Meeting: Tuesday, March 25th: 7:30 PM**

**Special Performance and History of  
IRISH DANCING**

**Presented By  
Students of the Young Irish Dance School  
of Honeoye Falls**

Kick up your heels, wear a bit of the green, and come to the Lima Historical Society's March meeting for a special performance and history of Irish Dancing put on by four students from the Young Irish Dance School in Honeoye Falls. The dancers—Erin Carroll, Cara Farrell, Holly Weldon, and Mary Hallahan—are taught by Charles Young, owner of the Young Irish Dance School, as well as teachers, Rachel Young and Paula Burke. The Honeoye Falls studio is one of several Young Irish Dance Studios in the Rochester area.

This special meeting of the Historical Society will be held upstairs in the second floor Ballroom of the Lima Town Hall. The presentation will follow a short business meeting. Please join us.

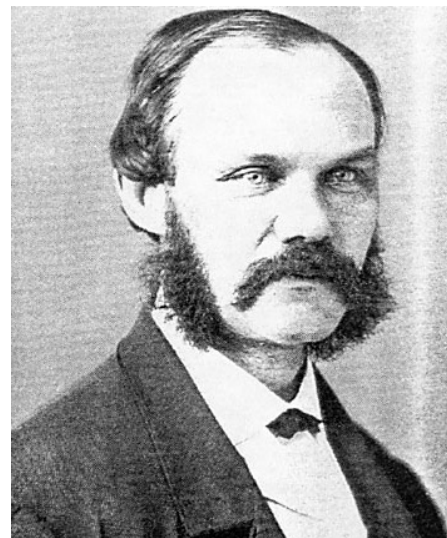
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Lima Town Hall on East Main Street in Lima

Open to the public  
Admission Free

## **Henry J. Raymond: Prominent Local Figure**

Famous locally as the founding editor and owner of the New York Times in 1851, Henry J. Raymond is less well known for the significant and respected role that he played in Abraham Lincoln's presidential campaign and as a trusted advisor to the president during the Civil War.

He was born in 1820 to one of Lima's earliest families, and grew up on an East Main Street farm (now owned by Bev Gillette). He received his early education in local district schools before graduating from the University of Vermont and moving to New York City where he attended law school and worked for several newspapers. He later became involved in politics, serving as Lieutenant Governor of New York State and representative in the 39th United States Congress.



## LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

Tuesday, March 25th	Lima Historical Society General Meeting . "IRISH DANCING" by students of the Young Irish Dance Studio. Lima Town Hall: 7:30 PM. Join the fun.
Friday/Saturday, April 25/26	Spring Clean-up Days at Tennie Burton Museum, 9 AM-12PM. Come either day for as much time as you can spare. Jobs range from dusting to minor household repairs. We need you!!
Coming in the Spring	Special Event - History and Tour of Masonic Temple in Lima- Hosted by the Lima Masons.
Sunday, May 18th	Lima Historical Society Annual Dinner Meeting at the Lima Country Club (Program TBA)
Memorial Day, May 26th	30th ANNIVERSARY OF TENNIE BURTON MUSEUM. Reception at the Museum. Plans to be announced in the May Yellow Wasp

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### Historic Preservation Commission Appointed

As recommended in Lima's recently completed Comprehensive Plan, the Town and Village of Lima have constituted the community's first Historic Preservation Commission. It consists of five members: Robin Hargrave, Fran Gotcsik, Rose Reynolds, Martha Sempowski and Peter Trieb, as well as Village and Town Board liaisons, Paul Fleming and Hilda Turk.

The commission's goals include: providing historical and archaeological information to Town and Village Boards as they deal with planning and SEQR processes; assisting Town and Village officials in securing municipal grants relating to preservation of Lima's historic structures; and offering a series of public educational programs showing the advantages of preserving Lima's architectural heritage.



*Lima Cub Scouts and their leaders and families visiting the Tennie Burton Museum. Favorite Attraction?? THE FINGERS!*

## RAISE THE ROOF!!

We are several steps closer to putting a much-needed new roof on the Tennie Burton Museum, thanks to ongoing progress on the LHS Cookbook. The Cookbook Committee would like to thank all of you for generously giving of your time; sharing your recipes and helping us collect them. We are excited about the great variety of recipes we were able to include. Our new cookbook includes family recipes tried and true, new recipes created by members of our community and mini biographies and drawings of many of the people who have made Lima a great place to live. We have worked very hard to capture all the wonderful flavors of our town and hope you will find it useful and be as pleased with our cookbook as we are. It should be completed by summer. Thanks again for generously supporting our committee.

Our cookbook has lots of information on people from the past; however, we want to include the people who are making Lima the great community it is today and that is YOU! If you look in the "Patrons and Advertising" section of *Flavors of Lima*, our last cookbook, you will see a listing of many of the residents and businesses which were here in 1988. It is fun to peruse and reminisce. We would like to include this bit of historical information in our new book also. Therefore, we are selling advertising which will not only get you and your family or business listed, but also help defray the cost of publishing the cookbook. We hope you will choose to be a part of Lima's history in this way and help Tennie Burton get her new roof. To do so, please contact one of our committee members: Shirley Murphy-582-2649; Judy Reinhard -582-1434; Rose Reynolds-624-9464; or Dinah Mayer- 582-1070.

## HISTORY NOTES

### Why is it called Plank Road?

"Plank Road" was so named because it was built of planks, about 16 feet long and 3 inches thick, of white Oak, and laid with four stringers 2 or 3 feet apart, laid flat, side by side, to form the road for travel, and was one of two such roads in the county. Toll gates were placed about every four miles, with a charge of from 1 cent to 13 ½ cents according to the width of the wheel tire on the vehicle. Two tollgates were located in town, one of them near the McSweeney home across from Brendan Hall (*St. Rose school*). The part of Plank Road inside the village is now Lake Avenue, since it leads to Hemlock Lake, but prior to 1883, it was called St Mary's Street (excerpt from *Lima 1788 - 1964: The Crossroads of Western New York*, p. 41, by Mabel Jenks). Copies of the book are available at the Tennie Burton Museum for \$5. Call 624-1050.

## LETTER FROM THE LHS CO-PRESIDENTS

Many thanks to Lima Girl Scout, Lauren Janecke, who completed her project of photographing every display at the Museum. Lauren spent many hours at the museum over the last few months. She photographed the items with her digital camera, printed the photos and inserted each photo-including its description, into photograph albums. Because of Lauren's diligent efforts, we now have permanent records of artifacts displayed at Tennie Burton Museum. The albums will be stored off site for safety purposes. Please extend a great big "Thank You" to Lauren if you see her out and about. Lima Historical Society appreciates her hard work and also the support from Mr. & Mrs. Janecke while Lauren was taking time from her busy schedule to help us out. A second project recently completed is that of installation of a motion detector security light at the back door of Tennie Burton Museum. Mike Falk, local Lima electrician & member of Lima Historical Society, performed the work for us. He did a fabulous job and we thank him profusely. The light has been extremely helpful when our Board of Directors attend their evening board meetings at the museum. Prior to installation, the outdoor light at the back door had to be turned off from inside the museum, leaving us in the dark so-to-speak when exiting. No longer is it necessary for someone to "aim their car lights" on the museum's back door to enable locking the door at night. Whew! Modern conveniences are certainly welcome! Thank you, Mike.

Did someone say we've had a busy December? In addition to the above-listed projects, a third project was completed in December. That project consisted of searching for and finding records mistakenly stored at the museum which should have been stored with Town/Village record archives. Apparently years ago, the Meeting Minutes books dating back to 1797 were delivered to the museum for safekeeping. Recently it was brought to our attention that New York State regulation mandates that such documents be stored with Town/Village records. A special Lima Historical Society board meeting was convened for the purpose of de-accessioning the documents. They are now in their proper location, thanks to your Board's diligence and willingness to do what's necessary to uphold our mission. Thank you to all board members who gave up an "unplanned for" evening in December to do the right thing. December also proved to be a busy month for visitors to Tennie Burton Museum. Fellow member and Troop Leader, Dick Garey and seven members of the Lima Explorer Troop enjoyed a tour of the museum on the evening of December 4th. A group of Cub Scouts, also toured our museum on December 10th. Mark Gooding, pack leader, along with Andrea Rohr and other parents, guided the Cubs on their tour, after which all enjoyed "holiday" goodies supplied by board members Doug Morgan and Judi Cooper. It was mere coincidence our board of directors were happily present to welcome the "holiday" visitors.

Along with joyful events of December, we experienced sadness. Life member, Hon. Harold A. Hennessey passed away on December 21, 2007. Mr. Hennessey, a beloved founding member of LHS, contributed many times over to the success of Lima Historical Society. We wish to thank those who have made contributions to our society in his memory.

Last, but certainly not least, we earnestly seek your continuing involvement in Lima Historical Society's "RAISE THE ROOF" endeavor. It involves submitting recipes, proofreading, printing & selling our LHS Cookbook to raise funds for a new roof at Tennie Burton Museum. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to its publication. Thank you, thank you to all who took time to submit your recipe for publication. You will be forever recorded as a contributor to "RAISE THE ROOF 2008". Stand tall and be proud in your effort to help raise funds for a worthwhile project. Because of your helping hands we'll have much to celebrate come Memorial Day 2008 when we celebrate Tennie Burton Museum's 30th birthday! Please save the date, May 26, 2008. We'll see you at the Museum!

Hildegard Turk & Judi Cooper

**It is with great sadness that we note the loss of three prominent and well-loved members of our community: Harold Hennessey, William Malloy, and Vernon Gillette. The board and members of the Lima Historical Society wish to extend deepest sympathies to their families and many friends.**

## Lima Historical Society

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### Lima Historical Society

#### Board Members 2005-2006

Co-Presidents: Judien Cooper

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#### Standing Committee Representatives

Program: Shirley Murphy

Buildings and Grounds: Mike Leavy

Membership: Sherlee Ruth

Museum: Barbara May

Publicity: Douglas Morgan

Preservation: Frances Gotcsik

Education: Unfilled

Ways and Means: Unfilled

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**Renew Your Membership for 2008  
(see enclosed form)**

**Consider Taking a Business or Family Ad  
in the LHS Cookbook**