

Happy New Year Lima!

2024 was a fantastic year! It was my first year as the Town of Lima Historian. I have enjoyed getting to know my job as well as many community members! It has been such a pleasure sharing Lima's history with the community! And what a pleasure hearing your stories of a Lima past!! I thank everyone who has shared their personal stories, not only have they been interesting and heartwarming for me, but they will be preserved as part of Lima's history and for generations to come!

I'd like to take a moment to look at the projects and activities in 2024 of the Lima Historian.

- Created the Oral History Campaign. I interviewed and recorded half a dozen people about their memories of Lima.

- Started a weekly Lima history column on Facebook called, "Good Monday Morning Lima. Today's Spotlight is....."

- Wrote columns for both the weekly paper, The Sentinel, and the magazine, Lake Country Echo.

- The creation of Lima's Historian Corner for exhibits in the Town Hall.

Exhibits: The Eclipse in Lima; Photographs of Lima Past; Lima's Past in Postcards.

- Speaking at Lima Golden Agers monthly Luncheon in May.

- Tim Smith, a local author, asked me to write an article for his upcoming book on local history that will be published in 2025. I submitted the article, "Lima: The Crossroads of Western New York" for the book.

- Large photographs displayed in the Businesses' Windows showing what the buildings looked like in the past. These photographs were in place for the Lima Crossroads Festival.

- Having Lima's Historian Corner exhibits open for the Crossroads Festival and being there to answer any questions.

- Having an exhibit at the Pumpkin Festival and being there to answer any questions.

- Designing a bronze plaque in memory of Mark Tubbs which was approved by the Parks Commission.

- Working with Louise Wadsworth, Livingston County Downtown Development office, on five bronze plaques to be mounted on five businesses in 2025.

-Had five of the State Signs in Lima removed and taken to Darin Everdyke in Groveland for repair and restoration. Thank you to the Town of Lima Highway Department and John Sokolofsky for their help with this project.

-And, of course, organizing, filing, preserving Lima's history, responding to many genealogical and history requests from individuals, as well as attending meetings with the Livingston County Historian and Government Appointed Historians of Western New York. In addition, I made several trips to the Livingston County Government Center in Geneseo to do deed searches on several buildings and a cemetery in Lima.

What a year! Thank you to Mike Falk, Town Supervisor, the Lima Town Board and Lima Town Clerk Jen Heim, for your continuous support throughout the year! It is so appreciated!! And thank you to the Lima community!

And here is to a fantastic 2025!!