



Lee Simonson presents a photo to Neil Patterson (above) and Chief Leo Henry (below). (Photos by Wayne Peters)



## Honoring Tuscarora Heroes

The annual Tuscarora Heroes Remembrance ceremony was held Saturday, Dec. 19, the 207th anniversary of the Tuscarora's brave actions that saved the lives of Lewiston citizens who were fleeing British forces who had invaded the U.S. from Canada.

Paying tribute to two Tuscarorans who were involved in the bicentennial project, Historical Association of Lewiston volunteer Lee Simonson presented Tuscarora Council member Neil Patterson Sr. with a photo of his wife, Francene Patterson, who recently passed away. Francene, who was fluent in the Tuscarora language, is shown inspecting the final clay sculptures in 2013 before they were cast in bronze.

Simonson also presented Tuscarora Chief Leo Henry and Chief Tom Jonathan a photo of Chief Kenneth Patterson who is also recently deceased. The photo depicts late Niagara County Legislator Clyde Burmaster handing a proclamation to Patterson and Henry in 2013 at the bicentennial dinner, which was held at the Tuscarora Nation House.

About 20 local citizens participated in the ceremony, including Town of Lewiston Supervisor Steve Broderick, Village of Lewiston Mayor Anne Welch, Deputy Mayor Victor Eydt, Historical Association President Ken Slaughenhoupt, Lewiston Museum Curator Tom Collister and monument artist Susan Geissler.

## Carbon monoxide (cont.)

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- Never use a gas range or oven for heating.
- Open the fireplace damper before lighting a fire and keep it open until the ashes are cool. An open damper may help prevent build-up of poisonous gases inside the home.

- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness and confusion. These symptoms can be mistaken for the flu. If you suspect CO poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately, and then call 911.

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## Village of Lewiston looks to 2021

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officials, residents and visitors, they have persevered and done surprisingly well through all of this.

"Even though we were unable to host all of the many festivals and events we have enjoyed over the years, people enjoyed time spent with their families, walking, biking, boating or just relaxing in the parks and waterfront.

"The pandemic slowed down the construction projects, but they are still on track to finish in 2021. The reconstruction of the waterfront was completed and reopened thanks to New York State Department of State grants and the REDI Commission award of \$1.2 million – and phase five will start in 2021.

"The much-awaited restoration of the Frontier House ... has begun. The Academy Park bleachers were removed and the bandshell will be relocated in the spring. We secured a \$50,000 NYS DOT grant to rehab the Academy Park restroom. The construction of the all-inclusive playground at Marilyn Toohy Park that is made possible through grants and donations of \$600,000 has been postponed until the spring of 2021 due to COVID restrictions.

"Center Street will be resurfaced in 2021 due to a \$1.8 million award from NYS DOT (more on that below). We are currently working on a proposed bike trail in the Village of Lewiston with the Niagara River Greenway.

"The Village DPW was able to purchase several pieces of new equipment through grant funding.

"In spite of the pandemic, we have several new and relocated businesses, such as Tim Hortons, Quest, Alfonso Bax Esq., The Rose Hanger, Gallo, Gather, Aimee's Just Desserts, Lewiston Love and a new façade at 555 Center by owner Zach Casale.

"After the devastating fire of Brickyard and the BBC, we are grateful that the Brickyard is open, and the BBC reconstruction is in progress and will reopen in 2021.

"I want to wish everyone a merry Christmas and I'm looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year."

### Next Up

The Village Board scheduled a trio of discussions for its next monthly meeting:

- New York State Department of Transportation's plan to resurface Center Street.**

Welch said the project will be "curb to curb." DOT intends to replace some street signs as part of the process.

The mayor noted, "I had to give them a list of the festivals – tentatively, because we don't know where the COVID's going. Nothing is definite, as far as festivals yet. They will be putting bids out in June and then, by the end of the year, it will be repaved.

"We'll have meetings before that."

Welch previously said she would try and work with DOT to ensure paving doesn't interfere with any spring or summer festivals.

- Fines related to improper and/or insufficient grease traps.**

Welch said the Department of Public Works is again having

problems clearing grease from Center Street restaurants.

When liquid waste hardens, sewer pipes get clogged.

"It backs up," Welch said. "They know exactly what restaurant it's coming from. We've had this discussion before, and said that the person responsible – the restaurant responsible – would have to pay for the cleaning of lines.

"Every time (DPW Superintendent) Larry (Wills) has to call Modern, it costs \$2,000. Plus, it's \$1,600 to use (the equipment) to take care of that."

She noted, "Most of the restaurants are in compliance and they have sufficient grease traps to handle it. But there are a couple that still do not, and it causes quite the problem. ... If it gets to the sewer treatment plant in the town, it causes a bigger problem."

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation flood insurance rate map.**

"We're not really in a flood zone – we never have been – but we are still part of that flood insurance rate map," Welch said. "We have to do this because, if there's any flooding at all, then we would not be eligible for any funding from FEMA if we were not part of this. ... We have to adopt a model law."

Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, likely in the Red Brick Municipal Building gymnasium. Coronavirus safety measures – including mask-wearing, social distancing, hand sanitizer and crowd limits – will be in place.

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