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Drunk driver who hit county highway workers enters plea



Cory Neumueller

Cory Neumueller, who struck and killed one Clark County Highway Department worker and severely injured another in an August 2021 crash, entered a plea in Clark County Court last Thursday.

Neumueller, 30, of Neillsville, pled no contest and was therefore found guilty of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle and injury by intoxicated use of a vehicle. Charges dismissed but read into the court record were homicide by use of a vehicle with a prohibited alcohol concentration (PAC), hit-and-run involving death, second-degree reckless homicide,

injury by use of a vehicle with a PAC, hit-and-run involving great bodily harm and second-degree reckless injury.

Neumueller's sentencing is scheduled to take place Aug. 10.

On Aug. 8, 2021, at about 1:18 a.m. the Clark County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of an accident on County Highway G by Mann Road in the town of Hendren. According to the initial investigation, at around 12 a.m., Clark County Highway Department workers David Murphy and Russell Opelt were sent to clear a tree that had fallen across Highway G.

Murphy and Opelt arrived at the site at about 1 a.m. and started to remove the tree. At about 1:18 a.m., Murphy called 911 to say that a vehicle had struck him. When deputies arrived on scene, they discovered that a vehicle traveling south on Highway G had struck the workers and tree. Neumueller was later determined to be the operator of the vehicle.

Murphy was transported to the hospital where he was treated for his injuries. He had to have his leg amputated. Opelt died at the scene of the crash.



VALORIE BRECHT/STAFF PHOTO

Dancing with Easter joy

Archer Vanderhoof and Wyatt Paul dance to "Drip Drop Rain" in the Loyal Kindergarten Easter Parade April 6. For more photos from the Easter Parade and other Easter celebrations throughout the area this past week, see pages 12 and 13.

From Ukraine to Unity: Escaping the war on Ukraine

By Neal Hogden
Tribune-Phonograph

The Hnatiuks had lived in Ukraine their whole lives. Their once peaceful home had been anything but over the last year. Although their hometown of Lviv is not located in the eastern part of the country where a majority of the fighting has been taking place, the Hnatiuk family made the tough decision to leave family, friends and their entire lives behind. Little did they know their quest to find a new home would take them all the way to rural central Wisconsin, specifically to the home of Bryce and Max Luchterhand about 12 miles north of Loyal.

Leaving home

Mykola and Olesia Hnatiuk made the decision to leave their home in part because Mykola's brother was killed during the war. Their two kids, Roman, 6, and Dmytro, 3, were at risk

of growing up in a world full of conflict and war. The Hnatiuks said they knew they needed to get out of the country if they wanted their children to be able to learn and grow in a safe environment. They would need to flee the country.

The city of Lviv is considered the culture capital of Ukraine. It is the sixth-largest city in Ukraine with a 2022 estimated population of 717,000.

It was fall of 2022 when they decided to leave the country they loved for a new beginning. Although Mykola might have otherwise been required to stay in the country to potentially serve in the military, he was allowed to leave because of his brother's death in the war.

Olesia said making the decision to leave was not one that was made lightly as they had to leave everything they had known up until that point,

for a new life.

"It was very hard. It was a hard decision because you leave all your life, all your relatives, all your friends, all your stuff. Everything you have, you leave," Olesia said.

Olesia said she did not want her kids growing up around rockets, drones and the carnage that war brought upon her area.

"If we stayed there, our children would have no chance to grow, have an education, or have a childhood. No chance," Olesia said.

"We were looking for a place for our children to be safe," Mykola reiterated.

Olesia said her city of Lviv only allowed its residents to use electricity for four hours out of the day. She said no one knew when the power would be coming on, but when it did, she had to rush home from whatever

she was doing in order to do laundry, computer work, charge phones and anything else they would need for the next blackout period.

Although the front line of the war was not close to Lviv, Bryce said missile strikes were a regular occurrence in or near the city. During her interview with the *Tribune-Phonograph*, Olesia said her hometown was being attacked by a drone strike as she spoke on March 17.

"All of my family is over there," Olesia said. "It's a pain to see this."

Bryce said not only had Mykola's brother perished as a soldier in the war, but he also had another family member who had both legs amputated as a result of the war. He said the Russian missile strikes have been recklessly endangering civilian life and

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