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Fatal Motorcycle Crash Near Lewis in Polk County

On Sunday September 10, 2023, at 4:54 AM, the Polk County Sheriff's Emergency Call Center received a 911 call from a resident near State Highway 35 and County Highway E in Lewis, who reported hearing a loud crash sound. Lewis is in the town of Clam Falls, located in the very northern part of Polk County. First Responders and Polk County Deputies responded to the area and located the crash site. The Operator of a west bound Honda Motorcycle on County Highway E, failed to negotiate a curve just east of State Highway 35. The motorcycle went off

the road striking a sign and ended up in a thick wooded area. The operator of the motorcycle, Jeremy Roy, 27 of Frederic suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Roy was not wearing a helmet. Polk County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Frederic Fire, Northwestern Municipal Ambulance Service, and the Polk County Medical Examiner's Office for their assistance.

The Crash remains under investigation by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. This is the 9th traffic fatality in Polk County in 2023.

Common Council of Cumberland Holds Their September Meeting

by Mark R. Fuller

The Common Council of Cumberland held their September monthly meeting last Tuesday night at City Hall. Following the pledge and the approval of the expenses for August, the Council voted to remove two items from the night's agenda, the first regarding the consideration of a soon to expire TEA Grant and the second, a 2024 construction project still under study by the Public Works Committee.

This was followed by two informational public comments regarding an upcoming Author appearance at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library and a preliminary proposal by the County for the implementation of a County-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in the future. Mayor Dan Shoemaker then recognized John Mitchell and Mark Dobberfuhl from Barron County's Pioneer Village Museum, who discussed future plans for Museum expansion and additions.

Thanking Cumberland Business and individuals, who already support the work of the Village, the two men are reaching out to all City Governments within the County to try and create financial partnerships for these updates, which would keep Pioneer Village open year-around.

Taking on the business of the city, the Council then approved two Easement requests, both based on the owner of the properties payment of all legal fees involved. Both absolved the city from any liability issues for an injury occurring on the easement, while the driveway easement on the Lake Street property will end should any changes be made to the current garage.

The Council followed this up with a discussion and approved rezoning of two parcels of land, the first request by the Methodist Church, who wishes to sell .56 acres of its property to its south and the second, combining several Autumn Leaves Assisted Living Estate parcels

together for a bigger housing facility.

The final discussion item for the evening was the approval of a revised City of Cumberland Purchasing Policy, whose goal is to provide better control of expenditures and a standardized system for all departments. The policy applies to all procurements of supplies, services and construction, with the Cumberland Municipal Utility governed by their own purchasing/procurement policy.

The Council concluded their night by issuing five Operator licenses and by hearing the Mayor and Committee Reports.

Among the Committee overviews was Park and Recreation Chair Michael Cifaldi announcing that five cameras have been purchased, with three installed at the beach and two at Eagle Point. He also indicated the beach equipment will soon be picked up and stored for the winter.

Alderperson Doris Laursen announced that 70 individuals had attended the August 5th Beaver Dam Lake Association Meeting with good discussion, but the issue of wake boats not initiated.

The Utility Committee, meanwhile, announced that a preconstruction meeting is set for September 12, with the hopes of breaking ground on the new shed tentatively set for October.

Mayor Shoemaker concluded the evening by discussing an upcoming Zoom debt plan meeting on September 14, the recruiting process for a City Administrator, which he said has, "Moved from recruiting mode to Head Hunting Mode," and briefly giving updates on the 2024 Budget, whose process was cleaned up and put together more quickly and efficiency, but is still waiting for contractual finality and the unknowns of State and County involvement.

With that, the meeting was adjourned.

A Big Thank You!



A dedication ceremony was held Tuesday morning, September 12th, to thank those individuals and businesses who helped make the Cumberland Storm Shelter possible. The cost of the project was over \$175,000 thousand dollars and has been paid for. The project originated after the devastating storm on May 16, 2017. The tornado was on the ground for 83 miles and is Wisconsin's longest tracked tornado in history. Cumberland firefighters got the ball rolling for the shelter and it became a reality in 2022. Pictured from left to right are former Cumberland Fire Chief and current firefighter Barry Kuenkel, Emily Schutte Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, Shay Horton Cumberland Federal Bank Foundation, Dave and Kathryn Husby Cumberland VFW and Knights of Columbus, Dennis Free Cumberland Post 98 American Legion, Barb Muench-Cumberland United Fund, Dianna Ostness, Marj and Claire Johnson, Brandon Johnson Cumberland High School, Dean Bergstrom Cumberland firefighter and Cumberland Municipal Utility and Cumberland firefighters Chad Olson and Andy Stuntz. The shelter can hold over 100 people and can withstand an F-5 tornado. Thank you to others who donated but are not pictured. Every donation helped!

Cumberland Federal Bank Foundation Donation!



The Cumberland Federal Bank Foundation presented the Cumberland High School Music Department a check for \$33,500. The funds will be used to purchase new instruments in both the vocal and instrumental classrooms. Pictured from left to right are: Middle School Band Director Lucas West, High School Band Director Nathan Pierce, Middle/High School Vocal Instructor Janet Holdt and representing the Cumberland Federal Bank Foundation are members Barry Ranallo, Steve Thoe, Shay Horton, and Sam Donatelle.

Louies Finer Meats Wurstfest!



Hundreds of people attended the 13th annual Wurstfest last Saturday, September 9th. There was tons of tasty food and drink along with live music, games, crafts and more at the always fun annual event.

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