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YORK

Councilman-elect's annexation will not take place in time for oath of office

By Melanie Wilkinson
MANAGING EDITOR

YORK — This week, Steve Postier, who was recently elected to a seat on the city council, asked for his residential/business property to be annexed into the city prior to him taking the oath of office on Dec. 3.

Without the annexation, he cannot take the oath of office on that date because he doesn't live inside city limits.

He filed his petition for annexation Tuesday and the first reading of an ordinance regarding the annexation took place Thursday night before the city council.

York City Attorney Charles Campbell explained to the council that annexation ordinances require three readings — meaning three separate meetings of the council — before a vote can be taken.

The council moved on with the first reading and the second reading will take place during the meeting of

Dec. 3. The third reading will take place Dec. 17.

Because the annexation ordinance process will not be completed by the start of the meeting on Dec. 3, Postier will not be able to take the oath of office at that designated time, which is required by state statutes.

So, as explained by Campbell, that seat at the council will be declared vacant and then it is up to the mayor to bring forward a recommendation for someone to fill that seat. The council then has the responsibility to vote yes or no regarding the mayor's recommendation.

There was nearly an hour of conversation on the matter Thursday night.

"Before we start, Charley (Campbell) has informed me that we can't suspend the rules on this ordinance, it has to have three readings," Mayor Barry Redfern said at the beginning of the ordinance

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YORK



York General Hospital RN Traci Rystrom peeks from the negative pressure hallway after gowning up and getting ready to head into the hallway reserved for COVID-19 patients.

ANOTHER WORLD

Nurses on the coronavirus front lines

By Jessica Votipka | FEATURES EDITOR

YORK — York General Hospital nurses are on the front line of battling COVID-19 in York; it's an endeavor filled with pain — both physical and emotional.

A hallway in the hospital is blocked off specifically for COVID-19 patients, having 11 beds. So far, the greatest number of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients at York General's coronavirus unit is 7.

Nurses are working 12-hour shifts, donning PPE gear. "The gowns we

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York General/ Leslie Robinson

York General Hospital RN Lakin Bohac's face is red and worn from her PPE mask as she pauses from caring for COVID-19 patients.

LOCAL

Readers ask about virus, candidates, garbage

By News-Times Staff

The following questions were asked recently on the Wonderline:

Q: Why did the pandemic in 1918-19 finally end?

A: According to numerous sources, including The History Channel, "by the summer of 1919, the flu pandemic came to an end, as those that were infected either died or developed immunity."

Q: Why is it that before this pandemic, in 2020, started, I had never even heard of it and don't ever remember hearing about it in history classes?

A: The "Spanish Flu" has also been called the "forgotten pandemic" (again, citing The History Channel) "because it's spread was overshadowed by the deadliness of World War I and was covered up by news blackouts and poor record keeping."

Q: We hear about how a vaccine for the virus seems to be 90 percent effective. How is that determined?

A: We looked to the New York Times for some information, which said, "In July, Pfizer and BioNTech initiated a late-stage clinical trial on a coronavirus vaccine. Half of the people got the vaccine, while the other half got a placebo of salt water. The companies then waited for people to get sick to deter-

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COURT

Drugs in company vehicle lead to charges

YORK — Whitney Haack, 34, of Fairmont has been formally charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 felony, and the case has been bound over to District Court.

According to the affidavit filed with the York County Court, the York Po-

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YORK

Board of health meeting to be held regarding mask mandate for City of York

By Melanie Wilkinson
MANAGING EDITOR

YORK — The York Board of Health will be holding a meeting next Tuesday to discuss the possibility of passing a mask

mandate for the City of York.

The board of health is a board within the structure of the city government which consists of the may-

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Adopt A Family

Family No. 7

A 12-year-old girl would like bath soap and perfume, a 3D pen with accessories, clothes (size tall, 14 or 16, XL), fashion sweatpants, MP3 player.

Her 3-year-old brother would like an Aqua Magic mat with stand, Tomas The Train set, Cars movie items, and jeans (size 4T, adjustable).

Their mother would like towels, a sewing machine, a storage trunk and clothes (size 14 or 16, XL).

As a family, they would like a 16-in-1 air fryer, a pancake griddle, an adult knitting machine and a canning pot.



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Stanley Catchpool York



OVERVIEW

Tree debris still accepted for free

YORK — York residents can still take their tree debris to the landfill, for free, through Saturday, Nov. 21.

Red Cross Bloodmobile in Geneva Nov. 25

GENEVA — An American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held at Father Ulenberg Hall in Geneva on Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Call 402.366.9417 to schedule your donation time. Red

St. Paul Lutheran special worship service

OSCEOLA — St. Paul Lutheran Church in Osceola is inviting communities to a special worship at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Everyone is welcome to come and give thanks for all things. Services will be followed by a pie and ice cream reception for Pastor Rick and new members.

Geneva Community Dinners canceled

GENEVA — The Geneva Community Dinners normally held on Thanksgiving and Christmas will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 ramifications in the area.

WEATHER

SATURDAY

49°/31°

Mostly cloudy with a high of 49. A 20% chance of rain. Winds from the east-southeast at 9 mph. Saturday night cloudy skies early then partly cloudy after midnight. A low of 31. Winds from the south-southwest at 5 to 10 mph.

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