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County officials go through budget for new fiscal year

By Melanie Wilkinson
MANAGING EDITOR

YORK – York County officials spent an afternoon this week, going through each fund, reviewing proposed amounts for expenses and revenues, for the budget for the new fiscal year.

“We have spent a lot of time working on the budget” over the course of the last month or so, reported Commissioner Bill Bamesberger who sits on the budget committee with Commissioner Randy Obermier.

“Last Thursday we went through every single fund, every line item by line item,” Bamesberger said.

“Now it is all in balance,” said Jill Clay, from Contryman Associates, the firm that is assisting with the formulation of the budget. “Now it is just an issue of the questions you have and where you want to go from there.”

They started with expenses.

When it comes to the fund for the county board, it appears there might be

small raises for the county board members – although the amount has not yet been officially determined with the rest of the budget.

The clerk’s and treasurer’s budgets are pretty much the same as last year, the commissioners said, with the exception of some higher insurance costs.

There will likely be a slight increase in the assessor’s budget, due to a new employee.

For the election fund, it will go up for the next year because 2020 is the year of a presidential election (which obviously will also include a number of local races). York County Clerk Kelly Turner added that new counting machines might be a possibility for next year and it is unknown at this time if counties will have to participate in that cost.

When it comes to funds associated with district and county courts, it was noted that the amount to be needed in the new fiscal year for court-appointed attorney fees is always an

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YORK



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Excitement – and a bit of nerves – fill the York Elementary School Gym on the first day of school. Backpacks in tow, the students were ready for the 2019-2020 school year.

It’s time!

YPS begins 2019-20 school year

By Jessica Votipka | FEATURES EDITOR

YORK—The wait is over: the York Public Schools 2019-2020 school year has officially begun.

The day parents, teachers and YPS kids have been preparing for finally came to fruition Thursday. During the summer months, teachers and staff prepared, including doing plenty of learning themselves. School open houses were held August 13 and 14, but the main events started Thursday.

At York Elementary students streamed through the school doors, ready for a year of fun and learning. The kids were greeted not only by their teachers, but a sidewalk full of positive, encouraging messages – courtesy of the York

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York Elementary School Assistant Principal Brad Luce greets incoming YES students on their first day of school. Keeping a watchful eye at the front of the line are preschool teacher Allison Ecklund and special education teacher Cami Buller.

COUNTY

Hearing to be held about new transportation facility

By Melanie Wilkinson
MANAGING EDITOR

YORK – The next formality in the process toward a project that might result in the construction of a garage to house the county’s public transportation vehicles will be a public hearing in order to gather input.

Right now, there is no enclosed building where the county’s public transportation buses and vans can be housed. Federal and state dollars might become available toward that type of construction in the future – but there is certain protocol that has to be fol-

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EXETER

Back from boot camp, just in time for school

By Leesa Bartu
CORRESPONDENT

EXETER -- The summer before a senior year in high school is usually an idyllic repast before the reality of adulthood arrives. However, two Exeter-Milligan seniors got a taste of

the real world when they joined the National Guard and went to basic training in South Carolina this summer.

Ryan Sharp of Exeter and Nick Hayek of Milligan separately decided to join

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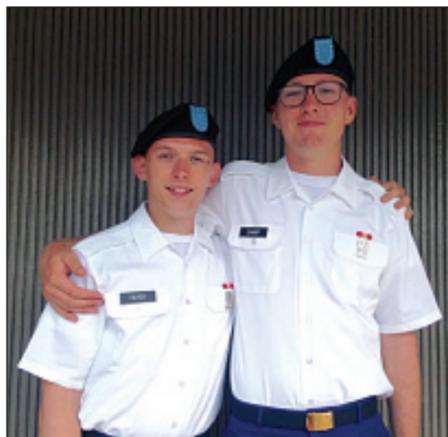


Photo provided by Nick Hayek and Ryan Sharp
Exeter-Milligan seniors, Nick Hayek (left) and Ryan Sharp (right), at their graduation from boot camp in August.

GRAND ISLAND

Mold found at Grand Island Senior High delays start of school year

By Emily Nitcher
BH NEWS SERVICE

GRAND ISLAND — Grand Island Senior High School students will have a few extra days of summer vacation.

Freshmen were supposed to head back to class Thursday, with upperclassmen returning Friday.

Instead, mold discovered

in one area of the high school has caused district officials to postpone the start of the school year until Tuesday, the district said in a statement.

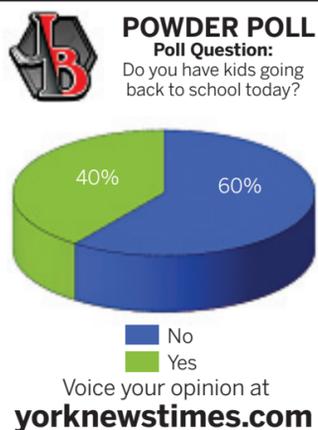
The school year will start on time for elementary and middle school students.

District officials said the decision to postpone the start

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benefit the Waco CBO.

McCool Fire to hold appreciation event

McCool – McCool Fire and Rescue will hold a community appreciation barbecue with burgers and dogs on Sunday, Aug. 18, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the McCool Fire Station.

Pork barbecue in Waco

WACO – A pork barbecue with live music by Tom Schroeder and the Revivals will be held Aug. 17, from 5-7 p.m., at the Waco Community Building. Freewill donations will go to

YPS Back to School Celebration

YORK – The York Public Schools Back To School Celebration will be held at East Hill Park on Thursday, Aug. 22 starting at 5:15 p.m.

Legislative Luncheon

YORK – A Legislative Luncheon will be held at the York Country Club on Friday, Aug. 16 starting at noon with lunch and then followed by the program.

WEATHER

FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with a high of 80. A 20% chance of rain. Winds from the east-northeast at 6 mph. Friday night mainly cloudy with a stray shower or thunderstorm possible. A low of 63. Winds light and variable.

