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COVID-19 cases in health district increase by six

By **Melanie Wilkinson**
MANAGING EDITOR

YORK – The cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in the Four Corners Health District has increased by six in the last day.

The cumulative number increased to 347 with 254 recoveries, according to health officials.

In York County, the case number remains at a cumulative total of 99. There have been 77 full recoveries.

The case number in Seward County has risen to 149. So far, 98 people have fully recovered.

The cumulative number of cases in Butler County is now at 71. There have been 57 recoveries in that county.

And the cumulative number of cases in Polk County has risen to 28. The cumulative total there had been at 26 for a considerable amount of time.

Testing continues throughout the district. Since the pandemic began, 1,993 people have been tested in York County. In Seward County, there have been 2,226 tests administered. In Butler County, 1,151 people have been tested. And in Polk County, 529 people have been tested.

There have been hospitalizations required within the health district. So far,

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YORK

City sales tax receipts come in 5 percent higher

By **Melanie Wilkinson**
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YORK – The city’s sales tax receipts for August came in 5 percent higher than they did for the same month a year ago.

And in reviewing the August receipts for the past 12 years, this month’s city sales tax receipts were the highest for August with the exception of the August in

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Phil Coffey loads charcoal into Coffey’s Hog Wild BBQ’s one-of-a-kind semi trailer-sized barbecue. Dozens of volunteers from York County made the trek to Iowa to feed hungry mouths for derecho relief.

FARMERS AND FRIENDS HELPING OTHERS

Local group offers food, support to derecho victims

By **Jessica Votipka** | FEATURES EDITOR

McCOOL — “Derecho” was not a word on many tongues until a fateful day in Iowa. The term, referring to an a swath of extreme thunderstorm winds covering an area at least 250 miles long, should now be more frequently recognized following the August 10, 2020 derecho that wreaked havoc covering 700 miles in Iowa.

An estimated 43% of Iowa’s total soybean and corn acres were hammered – obliterated. Hundreds of thousands of households were left without power – if they had a livable home left at all. Damage estimates vary and remain fluid; agricultural economists have so far put a price tag of \$4 billion in ag-related damages, which would make the storm one of the costliest thunderstorm events within the last decade, as

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Phil Coffey
The meat was gone, but there was still plenty of donated items to be passed out to derecho victims in Marshalltown, Iowa. Coffey’s Hog Wild BBQ of McCool prepared the meat as part of the relief group Farmers and Friends Helping Others.

LOCAL

Readers ask about quorum, hearings, vendors

By **News-Times Staff**

The following questions were asked recently on the Wonderline:

Q: Does someone sell washable, cloth masks in York?

A: A woman called in to say she makes them in four sizes. Call her at 402-362-6224.

Q: If the city council members are invited to the Yorkfest prayer breakfast and they all show up, would that count as a quorum and will they need an open meetings act posted?

A: If all the members of the city council attended the Yorkfest prayer breakfast, yes, that would be a quorum, which is not allowed unless a meeting notice is posted in advance.

QUESTION YOU WANT ANSWERED? The quorum rule is why board members in groups such as city councils and county commissioners typically check with one another to see who is going to be attending what so they do not accidentally create a quorum.

Q: Will there be any future hearings before the planning commission regarding the zoning situations for the halfway house application and the possible new locker at the interchange?

A: Both of these topics are likely going to be discussed during the planning commission meeting on Sept. 1, which starts at 5:15 p.m.

Q: Will there be food vendors at the state fair this year? If so, how many? And also, how many are there typically in a normal year, back

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COUNTY

Preliminary levies to be set for political subdivisions in county

By **Melanie Wilkinson**
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YORK – The preliminary levies for all the political subdivisions will be

considered when the county commissioners meet in regular session next Tuesday.

It’s that time of year

again, when levies are set and budgets are established.

That said, a public hearing regarding the county’s

budget will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the commissioners’ chambers. The public will be able to ask questions or make com-

ment about the topic, if they wish. They can also watch the proceedings, via Zoom, at <https://us02web>.

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tions will be accepted until Dec. 31.

York Parks & Rec Kids’ 100-yard Birthday Dash

YORK — York Parks and Rec will hold a Kids’ 100-yard Birthday Dash during half-time of the York vs. McCook Homecoming football game on Friday, Sept. 11. In conjunction with Yorkfest all youth are invited to gather in the west end zone at Levitt Stadium at the end of the second

quarter (around 8 p.m.). The kids will then run a 100-Yard Dash across the field while the crowd cheers them on.

Sertoma soup supper canceled this year

YORK – The York Sunrise Sertoma Club has decided to not hold the annual soup supper this December, due to COVID-19 issues and the pending HVAC work at the city auditorium.

WEATHER

SATURDAY
93°/67°

Sunny with a high of 93. A 10% chance of rain with winds from the south-southwest at 8 mph. Saturday night mainly clear with a low of 67. Winds light and variable.

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