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Central Lee voters pass \$12.9M bond

Absentees came in at 80% in favor of facilities upgrade

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – Central Lee voters bucked a local trend of voting down school bond referendums and have passed a referendum to spend \$12.9 million to upgrade facilities at the campus just southeast of Donnellson.

Absentee ballots carried the election with just under



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80% of 475 absentee ballots breaking in favor of issuing the bonds. Day-of voting still carried a majority in favor of the measure, but not at the state-mandated 60%+1.

Voters at the polls cast 278 votes in favor of the measure and 233 against for a 54% approval.

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said he's a hometown kid and he gives credit to the community and parents who saw the value and need of the improvements. "I'm a hometown boy and always credit our community and how they support us," he said. "Central Lee residents will make you work a bit, but at the end of the day, they'll support the district."

The funds will be used for new classrooms for band and vocal programs, along with new preschool classrooms that would free up two additional classrooms to meet space needs at the elementary level.

There will also be a new competition and performance gym for elementary, middle, and high school events, and ADA-accessible locker rooms. Additional

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Fort Madison firefighters work, with the help of some construction equipment, to extinguish a blaze that broke out in a pile of scrapped automobiles at Feinberg's Metals Recycling in Fort Madison Tuesday morning. No one was hurt in the blaze that caught fire to an area about 100 feet by 100 feet.

West Point resets speed limits on X23, 103

Village gears up for start of Fiesta 2019

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The carnival is back, all the good 'smells" are back...and Mexican Fiesta is back.

Starting Thursday night, the annual festival will run through Saturday night with the annual Queen and Princess pageant starting at 6 p.m. Friday night

Scott Huffman, the president of the Fiesta Committee, said this year the festival is bringing back the carnival which was absent from last year's event due to budget constraints.

"Things went pretty good last year, we had a little money left and we put a couple thousand in this year thanks to some fundraisers from Sunnybrook and LU-LAC," Huffman said.

"And we're bringing the carnival back this year, so things went up and not down. This is a full-on carnival, too. There's even some rides for the bigger kids."

Last year the fiesta was mired in uncertainty when

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – Motorists in and through West Point will have to check their speedometers a bit more frequently after city officials voted to slow down traffic on Monday night.

At the regular meeting of the West Point City Council, two ordinances were passed on second reading that will create different speed zones on Fifth Street (X23) and on Avenue D (Highway 103). The first ordinance creates a new 20-mph zone from Avenue D south on Fifth Street to where Bel Air would intersect if extended to Fifth Street. The ordinance then extends the current 25-mph speed limit south to the north entrance of the South Park. From there, the city and county will again ramp up speed going out of town with 35- and 45-mph zones.

The second ordinance passed extends the current 35-mph speed limit on Avenue D past the newly con-

funding was stretched thin and the committee actually canceled the event, but it was brought back to life thanks in no small part, Huffman said, due to the generosity of the community.

"Our plan now is to grow from year to year. The only way it happened last year was local businesses that gave quite a bit of money. We were able to raise that money which helped tremendously. We didn't pay for a carnival so that helped, but this year we've been able to build on that," he said.

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Obituaries/Lee County News

OBITUARIES

SAMMY E. MAYFIELD PIERCE

Sammy E. Mayfield Pierce, 71, of Nauvoo, IL, died Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

He was born on April 7, 1948, the son of Ella Mayfield. He was raised by Hugh and Josephine Holiday Pierce.



Sammy graduated from the Panola high School in Batesville, MS. While in high school he played football, ran track and was active in the Boy Scouts. Sammy's interest and talent in the sciences gave him the opportunity to take his projects to the State Science Fair and he received a First Place Award. He went to college at Northwest Mississippi Junior College and Brigham Young University and received a

Mayfield Pierce Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Sammy served his country in the Mississippi National Guard and attained the rank of First Lieutenant.

He dedicated himself to serving on several missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, including a mission in the Philippines.

Sammy was a life-long entrepreneur, an inventor and a scientist. He was constantly learning and had a photographic memory. Sammy was very passionate about the development and application of technology in the fields of energy, agriculture and the food industry. He enjoyed many hobbies including playing golf, traveling, going to the movies and watching football.

He is survived by his father, Hugh Pierce of Nauvoo, one son, Jake Mayfield (Claudia Utcke) of Raleigh, NC, one daughter, Amanda (Phillip) Griffin of Keokuk, four grandchildren, Alexis,

Corbin, Alicia and Connley Griffin, one brother, Jay Pierce of



Nauvoo, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mothers, Ella and Josephine, two brothers, Clifford Porter and Neil Porter and one sister, Phyllis Porter.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held on September 21, from 2 pm – 4 pm at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at <u>www.vigenmemorialhome.com</u>.







Unchanged property tax rate helps bid

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plans call for an expanded commons area for better student collaboration and improved building flow.

With the increased valuation in Lee County, the district was able to present the bond issue without increasing the property tax rate for next year. The current rate is \$12.19/\$1,000 of assessed valuation and the district said the debt service will not increase that rate.

Crozier has said all along that if the bond failed, that property tax rate would have dropped, but he said that dynamic helped get the bond passed.

"I think the property tax issue was also a big reason this passed," Crozier said. "But I really attribute it to our community members who were out having conversations with parents and stakeholders and encouraging people to vote." Crozier said he wasn't surprised at the low voter turnout based on attendance at community forums. Just under half of all the ballots cast were absentee.

"We heard there were some long lines last time and this time we just wanted to make sure people had opportunities."

The district held three satellite voting locations in August to help the voter turnout.

Crozier said the plan going forward will be to get with stakeholders.

"Our next step on Thursday will be to meet with the architect and construction managers and with the administration team with plenty of input from stakeholders on the designs," he said.

"We'll go out for bids in February or March and hopefully break ground in May or June. It may seem like it's quiet for a while, but there will be a lot of work going on behind the scenes."

School Board president Mark Hulsebus couldn't be reached for comment.

Reichman to challenge Taylor for State Sen. seat

MONTROSE – Today Jeff Reichman announced his candidacy for Iowa Senate District 42. District 42 encompasses all of Henry and Lee Counties and portions of Jefferson and Washington Counties.

"For nearly three decades I have served my country in the United States Marine Corps, and one of the things I was taught is if you're not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem," said Reichman. "Southeast Iowa has been struggling for years, and it has been disappointing coming back from overseas to see businesses I visited often had shut their doors.

"We can do better. A different kind of leadership for our community is necessary to bring more opportunities and growth for the people who live here. I was born and raised in Keokuk, and I want to see it and every town across the district be successful."

Reichman has served in the United States Marine Corps for 27 years, including two tours in Iraq. He graduated from Keokuk Senior High School, earned his associate degree from Southeastern Community College and graduated from Iowa Wesleyan with a business administration degree. Reichman is a small businesses owner and he lives in Montrose.

"I worked hard to start my own small business, but I also know what it's like to be unemployed, and what struggles other families like mine have faced," Reichman said. "Key solutions to revitalizing our area are economic growth, educational opportunities, and ensuring there are job opportunities for South East Iowa."

Broadband bill to be basis of subcommittee hearing

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Dave Loebsack today announced that his legislation, the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability (DATA) Act (HR 4229), will serve as the basis of the legislative hearing in the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

The hearing is entitled, "Legislating to Connect America: Improving the Nation's Broadband Maps" and will include discussion of five pieces of legislation, including Loebsack's bipartisan Broadband DATA Act and the Mapping Accuracy Promotion Services Act (HR 4227), of which Loebsack is the original cosponsor. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at 10:30am EDT (9:30am CDT).

"I am thankful that Chairmen Pallone and Doyle are holding this important hearing to examine how we can improve the nation's broadband mapping system. In order to actually fix the problem and get highspeed broadband to where it is needed, especially in rural areas, we must have the best data available. Without that information, we cannot properly invest in building out broadband access. I look forward to hearing from the experts about what it will take to get the maps correct and the broadband to where the problems truly exist," said Loebsack in advance of the hearing.

For the Record/Weather

For the Record

Fort Madison **Police Report**

09/06/19 – 9:04 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue M. 09/06/19 – 3:20 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue E. 09/06/19 - 4:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue H. 09/07/19 - 7:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1220 block of 37th Street. 09/07/19 - 11:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1700 block of 35th Street. 09/07/19 – 12:02 p.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 4600 block of Avenue J. 09/07/19 – 1:12 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1200 block of Avenue D. 09/07/19 – 11:50 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue. 09/08/19 – 2:15 a.m. – Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue. 09/08/19 - 6:54 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 09/08/19 - 8:59 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 37th Street. 09/08/19 - 5:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue F. 09/07/19 – 8:03 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua Charles Corcoran, 38, of Fort Madison in the 900 block of 14th Street on warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/07/19 - 10:27 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kimberly Ann Southerland, 49, of Dallas City, Ill., on a warrant for disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/07/19 - 10:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Warren Gardner Bullard. 43. of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on a charge of possession

of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/07/19 – 12:13 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Dean Marsh, 48, of Fort Madison in the 1400 block of Avenue D, on a warrant service. He was taken to the Lee County Jail. 09/09/19 – 9:51 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue E. 09/09/19 - 10:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of 48th Street. 09/09/19 - 11:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5600 block of Avenue O. 09/09/19 - 12:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5100 block of Avenue O. 09/09/19 - 1:17 p.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle. 09/09/19 – 3:27 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of personal injury accident at the intersection of 16th Street and Avenue E. 09/09/19 – 7:52 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 09/10/19 - 6:52 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a report of a property damage accident at 34th Street and Avenue N. 09/10/19 – 7:38 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off at 5002 Avenue O. 09/10/19 - no time listed -Fort Madison Police cited Alexander Michael Schweitzer, 23, of Fort Madison in the 2400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was

released upon citation.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/06/19 - 11:38 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Wayne Davis, 48, of Fort Madison at milemarker 24 on Hwy. 61 on charge of 5th degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released after paying a fine. 09/07/19 - 3:17 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michelle Dawn Fenton, 45, of Burlington on the Hwy. 61 bypass at X32 in Fort Madison on a charge of domestic abuse assault-1st. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on her recognizance. 09/08/19 - 7:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Keyshawn Isaiah White, 22, of Keokuk,

at the Lee County Jail on a judgment hold. He was held in custody. 09/09/19 - 10:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Raymond Paul Sourwine, 57, of Burlington at the BP Gas Station in Wever, on a warrant for violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven quilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & **Rescue Report**

09/08/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medicals and one faulty smoke detector at Lincoln School. 09/09/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls and one vehicle accident.





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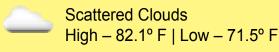


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CURRENT-LEE

The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current.

Chamber Ladies Golf Outing

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding it's 8th annual Ladies Golf Outing on Sept. 13. For more information or to register your team email the chamber at <u>chamber@fortmadison.com</u>

Riverview Games

The Fort Madison Riverview Games are back! On Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Riverview Park. Fort Madison service clubs, OCI Iowa Fertilizer, Hy-Vee, the Fort Madison YMCA, Kempker's True Value Rental and the Chamber are sponsoring this year's event. Volunteers are still need. Contact the chamber at <u>chamber@fortmadison.com</u> for details or to volunteer.

Pop Can Drive

The Fort Madison Middle School bands will be hosting their annual Pop Can Drive on Sept. 14th at FMMS from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop off location is no north side of the school. All redeemable cans and plastic bottles will be accepted. No glass or recyclables. Proceeds help defray costs of the band department. Contact Lisa Knipe at 319-372-4687 with questions.

HTC Science Club Chicken Dinner

The Holy Trinity Catholic Science Club will be hosting a fundraiser at the Charleston Board of Trade on Sept. 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children for an all-you-can-eat chicken buffet. Tickets are available from any science club member or by calling the school office at (319) 372-2486.

Bloodhound Booster Events

The Fort Madison Bloodhound Booster Club is hosting a BINGO night on Sept. 21, at the LULAC in Fort Madison. Also the Booster Club is having organizations in the area sponsor the Bark and Bite at home football games this year. Wilson BBQ is sponsoring this Friday with pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans.

Bridges out of Poverty Training

A community training session sponsored by Young House Family Services will be held Wed. Sept. 11 at The Landing in Montrose beginning with check-in at 4:30 p.m. Training runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is free. To register email Shayla Blackburn at <u>sblackburn@younghouse.org</u> or by phone at 319-371-7465.



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Girl Scouts Discovery Night

All girls are invited to join in on a free Discovery night on Sept. 18 at the Fort Madison Public Library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information visit the website at www.girlscoutstoday.org or call 800-798-0833.

North Lee County Relay for Life

The annual Relay for Life takes place this year on September 27th from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will feature Maddie Poppe in Concert. This year's theme is "idols of strength'.

Weekly Book Sale

Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library is holding a weekly book sales from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. on Thursday's at the Public Library.

Volunteer Fair

The United Way will be holding a RSVP volunteer fair on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library's Sheaffer Memorial Meeting Room Refreshments will be provided and attendees will have a chance to explore volunteer opportunities in the area.

Small Grand Things Grand Opening

The new venue south of West Point is having a Grand Opening on Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to midnight with food, music, and fun featuring Wilson Bros. BBQ, Caleb Booten performing from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Will Stuekerjuergen DJing until midnight. For more information visit the website at smallgrandthings.com.

Fort Madison Farmer's Market

The farmer's market continues through Sept. 30 on Mondays on the east side of Central Park in Fort Madison from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Every second Monday is Kid's Day at the market.

Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior's Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.

Loebsack announces \$35,500 grant for **Burlington Fire Dept.**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Dave Loebsack (D-IA) announced today that the Burlington Fire Department received a \$35,454.54 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as part of their Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The Burlington Fire Department will use these funds to purchase washer extractors to clean their gear.

"Our firefighters and first responders stand ready to serve us the moment disaster strikes," said Loebsack. "This funding will ensure the Burlington Fire Department has the equipment necessary to respond quickly to emergencies and keep our families and communities safe."

The AFG program allows our first responders to purchase firefighting equipment, implement wellness programs that focus on health, and improve facilities. Funds can be used for a myriad of needs, including new protective equipment, health and safety modifications to stations and training for emergency personnel.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON **COMMUNITY SCHOOL** DISTRICT **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING** September 16, 2019 6:00 P.M. Finance: DiPrima/Menke AGENDA

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum

II. Recognition of guests III. Reading of Founda-

tion documents IV. Monthly communica-

tions

A. Student Rep Report-B. Curriculum Corner - Deb Hentzel, CLC Data from 2018-2019

C. "Did You Know?" D. District Presentation Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX D. Consider personnel resignations 1. Katie Coffman, associate at the middle school 2. Darria Doty, associate at Richardson 3. Michaele Davolt, associate at the middle school E. Consider employment of personnel

1. Jared Rehm, 8th grade volleyball coach 2. Travis Cullen, assistant high school football coach 3. Sarah Kohl, full Key

Club sponsor 4. Mark Cartwright, inside concession stand manager 1/2

5. Kelly Knustrom, inside ncession stand manager $\frac{1}{2}$ 6. Dana Smith, NHS sponsor 7. Natalie Eid, custodian at Richardson F. Consider contract modifications G. Consider leave of absence H. Consider open enrollment requests I. Other reports 1. Director moved and director seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted. VII. Action Items A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services - Kim Harmon B. Superintendent – Erin

Slater 1. Consider approval of policy changes

PUBLIC NOTICES

200.1 - Organization of the Board of Directors 200.1-R-1 - Organization-

al Meeting Procedures 903.5-R-1 - District Wide

Logo Regulation 2. Consider approval of

the FFA request for travel from Bonnie Peterson-Slee to attend the National FFA Convention from October 30th through November 2nd.

3. Consider approval of 7th and 8th grade science to travel to the Florida Keys in the spring of 2021.

4. Activity and athletic fundraisers

5. Consider approval of lane changes

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Flm

Assignment 2. Sample format for future district fundraisers 3. Board Member Atten-

dance C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy

Elmore 1.

IX. Comments from the audience X. Legislative update XI. Announcements

Board Meeting Dates 2019-2020

October 7, 2019 6:00 P.M. - Work Session, Board Room, Central Office October 21, 2019 6:00

P.M. – Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office November 4, 2019 6:00 PM - Work Session, Board

Room, Central Office November 5, 2019 -Board Elections

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E. Superintendent Goal Report

V. Approve the agenda

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting

2. September 9, 2019 Work Session

B. Financial reports

1. August Balance Sheet 2. August Revenue Summary

3. Expenditure Report 4. Student Activity Report C. Accounts payable 1. August General Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX 2. September General Account Board Bills for Approval

3. Student Activity

1. Approve Disposal Report FY19

VIII. Discussion Items A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services - Kim Harmon

1. CSIP Goals and preliminary enrollment count

B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

1. Consider policy changes

201 - Board of Directors' Elections

202.1 - Qualifications 202.2 - Oath of Office 202.3 - Term of Office 202.4 - Vacancies 202.5 - Student School **Board Representatives** 203 - Board of Directors' Conflict of Interest 210.2 - Board Meeting Procedure 501.5 - Attendance Center

November 18, 2019 6:00 PM - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office IASB Annual Convention November 20-21, 2019 XII. Adjourn





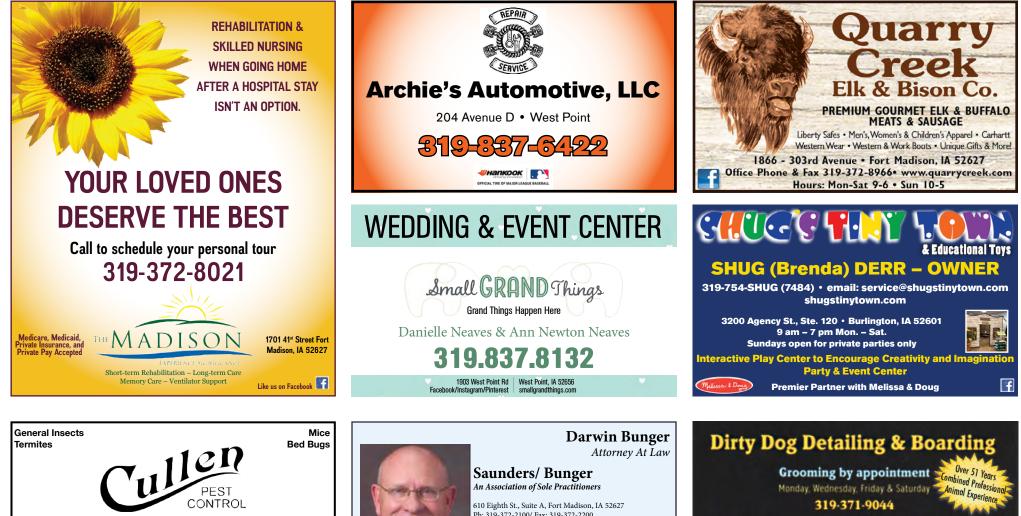


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From the Front

Fiesta brings back carnival, live bands

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Another addition to this year's show will be a live band on Thursday and then live music again on Friday and Saturday. Huffman said typically there is a disc jockey playing music, but this year the committee brought in Bluzillion out of Burlington to play Thursday night. Crooked Cactus, a well-known regional Latin Band will play on the weekend.

Huffman said the schedule will run Thursday from 4 p.m. to midnight and Friday and Saturday the fiesta will run until 11 a.m to 2 a.m..

The really big attraction – the food, will run late into the night as well. Huffman said the fiesta is up from five vendors last year to eight this year. And the carnival will be selling funnel cakes, hot dogs etc., as well.

"We'll have the homemade tacos, enchiladas, steach

and chicken tacos. It's a pretty good variety, so everyone should be able to find something," Huffman said

He said the committee has grown to 20 people who come to meetings every week, which he said was more than in past years.

Huffman took over as president of the committee last year, but has served on the Fiesta board for the past 10 years. He said he doesn't remember ever having a second band.

"So things are moving in the right direction. We're moving up. There'll be a next year for sure. We have a decent amount left over still and the beer profit is what makes us go. That and the sponsors and volunteers make it happen."



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West Point looks at speed zones in town

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structed Dollar General on the west edge of town.City Administrator Dennis McGregor said the annexation of Dollar General requires the city to extend the reduced speed limit.

"As you're going out of town and you're ramping up speed and you're trying to turn into Dollar General or Agrineed, we're just asking for trouble. So we want to push it out further That's the whole thinking on that," McGregor said after the meeting.

He said the city has also alerted the county to the change and the county may have to address extending an acceleration zone by moving the 45-mph zone further west before setting the 55-mph current speed zone on 103.

"Basically where it's 35 mph will be extended to where it says 45 and then the county will extend the 55 out about another city block to the west," McGregor said.

"The same way coming in, because our city limits are between Agrineed and Merschman's."

The new zones will become effective as soon as the rules are published for the public in the Daily Democrat.

In a related issue, West Point Mayor Paul Walker asked police to start getting firmer on the golf cart ordinance issue.

"I talked with (Police Chief) Brad (Roberts) a little bit, but the honeymoon is over with. It's been two months now and I think we need a little bit of a grace period here but we need to start stopping some of the people and give a verbal warning that they've had time to do this and give them so many days before we have to issue a ticket," Walker said.

"I see quite a few yet that are running around that haven't done what they're supposed to. As far as the traffic itself I haven't seen too many bad things going on."

Walker said by the first of next month he'd like to see verbal warning for people to get the vehicles tagged.



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