Christmas parade, new park big in West Union

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WEST UNION — The West Union Town Council is forging ahead with plans for an area park.

Mayor Sharon Nunnery's solicitation of the Oconee County Council for $100,000 to help repair the old schoolhouse on Highway 11 met with a cool response last month. Nunnery was advised to solicit help from other municipalities and continue private fundraising before addressing the county again. She said progress is still being made.

"We are going to go ahead and put in the walking trails and gazebo out in front of the schoolhouse," she said. "We will start with that, so our residents have an outside recreation area to visit, then continue with work on refurbishing the schoolhouse for a welcome center."

In addition, the Town Council agreed to meet with Appalachian Council of Government officials after the first of the year to discuss improvements to the water system.

"Basically, it will be a way to narrow down which projects we will tackle first," Nunnery said. "From extending the lines to basic upgrades, there will be some improvements."

And for the second year, West Union will host its Annual Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. beginning on Burns Mill Road.

It was announced that meteorologist Dale Gilbert of WYFF4 will be the grand marshal for the town' second Christmas parade at 5 p.m., Saturday, beginning on Burns Mill Road. There will be more than 70 floats for the event.

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