

West Union moves Fun in the Sun festival

BY CAITLIN HERRINGTON
THE JOURNAL

WEST UNION — With rain on the ground and in the forecast through early next week, West Union leaders have opted to postpone their main summer event from Saturday to Aug. 3.

“We’ve been watching the weather and, from what I understand, it has not changed in the last couple of days,” Mayor Linda

Oliver said. “They’re still calling for it to be a heavy downpour basically all day Saturday.”

Councilwoman Bethany James, the event’s planner, said waiting until August felt like the best way to ensure attendance at the Fun in the Sun festival and get the most out of the taxpayers’ dollars.

“The rest of June and July are really busy with vacation, and I thought planning it closer to when school starts — and

everyone had been on vacation and come home — would give us better attendance,” she said. “It’s also before football starts. I definitely did not want to get into September.”

One vendor and one band couldn’t make the new date, but Fun in the Sun will still feature lots of local food, entertainment for all ages and live music from the Eric Scott Band and Eli Mosely.

THE JOURNAL **A3**

to August

“We had already put out some deposits for several things and we would have lost those and possibly had to pay in full if we did not reschedule,” James said. “We use hospitality money to fund Fun in the Sun, and it’s just better to use the taxpayers’ money wisely rather than wasting it.”

cherrington@upstatetoday.com | (864) 973-6686

Follow on Twitter @GoldenCornerCat