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Person Co. Farmers' Market will soon be a reality

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The long-awaited farmer's market structure on Madison Boulevard will soon become a reality.

That was the word delivered to the Person County Board of Commissioners Monday night by Extension Director Derek Day.

The facility, which was initially going to be known as the Roxboro Farmers' Market, will now be titled the Person

County Farmers' Market.

A grand opening for the facility, which will be constructed in the parking lot of Person Industries at 601 N. Madison Blvd., was originally scheduled for last summer. However, complications with a contractor forced the date of the grand

opening back.

The farmers' market did operate last year on Wednesdays and Saturdays; however, vendors had to utilize temporary tents in the parking lot.

Day told commissioners that the original contractor has been fired. He

added that the metal structure for the farmers' market has been ordered and "will be on site March 4."

A local contractor will "immediately get to work on it," Day added. He also

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City begins storm water management process

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The City of Roxboro this week submitted an application to the state for a permit to implement a storm water management plan.

Assistant City Manager Tommy Warren told city council members Tuesday night that the permit should be issued by July and the estimated cost of compliance to the state-mandated storm water plan would be \$34,000 for the next fiscal year.

The majority of that expense, said Warren, would be incurred during the first phase of mapping the storm water and sewer system.

The mapping will take five years to complete.

An engineer hired to develop the program will meet with city council members soon to inform them of all that will be needed in order to comply with the state requirements.

The cost of the storm water plan will cost the city around \$200,000 over the next five years, Warren said. That money covers engineering and program implementation only, Warren said, and does not include any improvements to the storm water system, or any program administration costs.

The storm water management plan is an unfunded mandate from the state.

Council members must decide how to raise the funds to pay for the storm water management plan, said Warren and City Manager Jon Barlow. Some small towns add a flat rate on to water bills, said Warren, but that places a burden on renters who pay their water bills separate from rent, he said.

The city can elect to pay for the plan from a general fund, with taxes, or it can create an enterprise fund and charge each parcel of land a certain fee, Warren explained.

In addition to mapping the sewer and drainage system, the city will likely have to retrofit storm water drains, Warren said.

Barlow said the storm water management plan was "a big enough issue that we should have the entire council listen" to what the engineer has to say. "We all need to get a good understanding of it," he said.

After Warren's presentation Tuesday night, council members agreed to set a date so that the engineer could meet with the full body.

LONGTIME VALENTINES



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VALENTINES FOREVER — Dorothy and Johnny Myrl Lunsford have been happily married for 53 years.

Lunsfords have been sweethearts for many years

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Johnny Myrl and Dorothy Lunsford have a simple recipe for a long, happy marriage: Trust, communication, living a godly life, working together, laughing and making time for each other.

And their strategies seemed to have worked. The two have spent 53 years together, in which they raised two children and amassed a combined total of over 65 years of working in public education.

While their marriage has been conventional, the wedding was a bit impromptu. The high school sweethearts were on the way to a funeral when they suddenly decided to get married instead.

They "eloped" to Roxboro on Nov. 11, 1957.

Johnny said he had all intentions of going where the two had said they were headed, but had car problems and "never got to the funeral."

He said this week, "We had talked about [getting married] before, but

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School board to discuss 2011-2012 calendar Wednesday

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The school calendar will be the first topic on the action agenda Wednesday when the Person County Board of Education conducts its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom on the ground floor of the Person County Office Building, located at 304 S. Morgan St.

Person County Schools Human Resources Director Dan Holloman will bring a revision of the 2011-12 school calendar's makeup schedule before the board. He said the current calendar and the school system's experience with snow days this year was used to guide the revisions.

The board will also vote on the proposed calendar for 2012-13. The public was recently surveyed about their opinions on two drafts of the calendar. The survey results indicated a 78.5 percent vote for one and a 21.5 percent vote for the other. The draft with the most votes will be presented to the board for approval at the meeting.

Other business includes a decision on implementing a new local requirement involving technology continuing education units (CEUs).

According to Holloman, the state once required that technology be a component of the CEUs required for teacher license renewals, but that was eliminated a few years ago and left up to the discretion of individual districts. Afterwards, in July 2008, the school board wanted to consider making technology CEUs a local requirement for teacher license renewal, said Holloman.

He said the board recently decided to revisit that goal, as the school district

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PCS NOOK TRAINING — Person County Schools educators received training on using the NOOKcolor e-reader recently from a Barnes & Noble representative.

NOOKcolor e-readers coming to PCS classrooms

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As Person County Schools seeks textbook alternatives and an increased use of technology in the classroom, the system is introducing NOOKcolor "e-readers" into some classrooms within the next couple of weeks as part of a pilot program.

Electronic readers are handheld devices that can store digital files of multiple books to be read on the machine. When looking at e-readers, PCS decided to go with Barnes & Noble's nook, because unlike other companies' ver-

sions, books can be downloaded from other places besides the distributor of the device, said PCS Director of Accountability and Media Services Deanene Deaton. The color version of Barnes & Noble's electronic reader debuted at the end of 2010. PCS bought 65 devices with state allocated "low wealth funds," and the program will be piloted in Oak Lane Elementary School's fourth grade class, Stories Creek's fifth grade class and in the seventh grade at Northern Middle School. The seventh grade students will not use the actual nook devices, but will be downloading the program software onto their school-issued

laptops.

School media specialists will work with teachers and students to select high-interest reading materials that students can read for pleasure and as part of class assignments.

NMS Media Specialist Christie Canter said she was excited about being part of the pilot program.

She commented, "By providing both class sets of e-books being taught in the classroom, as well as e-books for general reading, students will have immediate access to material that is reading level appropriate and grade level appropriate."

Representatives from B&N held a nook training session for

educators last week in the central office building. Elementary student-friendly features were pointed out, such as the hands-on touch screen, bright colors, and "read to me" option, which features recordings of actors reading the books.

The nook pilot project is part of an effort by the school system to seek alternatives to textbooks.

"Knowing that funding is in short supply," said Deaton, "and that our students need to be prepared to interact and achieve in college and the workplace, PCS school board wisely

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