## parking challenges

By Winona Whitaker, Hometown Current

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Farmers Market will have to wait until noon to block off parking spaces each Friday, the Williamsburg City Council decided Monday.

Signs for parking on the square during farmers market season say parking is prohibited in six spaces on the north side of the square from 3-6 p.m., said City Manager Aaron Sandersfeld, but the farmers market has been blocking off six spaces on the north side and six spaces on the east side beginning at 7

David Fetzer, with the farmers market, and Erin Eichhorn, director of the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce, explained the situation to the city council.

Tony Curtis had run the farmers market for 14 years. With his exit this year, a group of residents started a five-member committee to run the farmers market: Fetzer, Tanya Clowers, Tom Mc-Garry, Joel Thornburg and Carol Rogers.

"Carol puts out parking cones for us every Friday," said Fetzer. But having only six spots on State Street presents a challenge for the growing farmers market, he

"It has attracted a lot of people," Fetzer said. With nearly 70 vendors, the market needs the 12 spaces its been blocking for unloading of goods by vendors, and it needs them before 3 p.m.

It would be impossible to get all the cars moved in time for vendors to begin unloading if the spaces can't be blocked off until 3 p.m. Fetzer said. By putting the cones out at 7 a.m., before anyone parks in the spaces, no one has to find owners of vehicles and ask them to move before vendors can

"We are all arriving and with 70 vendors and only 12 unloading spots, patience is required. Especially when a food truck is taking some of our unloading spots,' said Fetzer.



Colleen Carey, left, of Iowa City, sells cookies during Third Fridays in Williamsburg June 20. (Winona Whitaker/Hometown Current)

Eichhorn said that last year the manager of Total Rehab contacted her about clients needing to park on the east side of the square. Eichhorn said the farmers market and Total Rehab worked out an agreement allowing the Total Rehab clients to park between the cones that are set up on Fridays.

"So we kind of took care of those problems," said Eichhorn.

She's also sent emails to businesses asking that employees park behind their businesses. She's arranged parking for vendors — after they unload — at the library and the Presbyterian Church.

"So we're trying to be proactive," Eichhorn said. She knows 12 spaces are a lot, but getting 70 vendors unloaded is challenging. It's hard enough to make the spaces available at noon, but at 3 p.m. is nearly impossible.

"We have a very healthy square," said Eichhorn. If the farmers market or police started moving cars at 3 p.m., vendors won't have time to unload. Sometimes finding the drivers is difficult, she said It takes an hour to an hour and a half to get all the cars

According to Williamsburg Code, the police chiet can restrict parking for events. "I've had no complaints with the cones being set up,' said Police Chief Jason Mochal

"It's really up to you guys how to define this," Sandersfeld told the city council. The signs say parking is not allowed from 3-7 p.m., he said. The signs were put in when the farmers market first started.

The council could add signs to the other six spaces on the east side of the square and change the hours, said Sander-

"I think what the farmers market is doing for the town is great," said Councilwoman Anne Zalenski. But she understands the need for parking for Total Rehab.

The council voted to change the signs to prohibit parking in 12 spaces on the north and east sides of the square beginning at noon on Fridays from May through October. Councilmen Tyler Marshall and Jake Tornholm were absent.

Currently the market runs June through September, but Fetzer said it plans to expand to May through October.

The farmers market also now requires that all product sold at the market be created by the vendors, said Fetzer. "A lot of farmers markets are resale events," he said, but Williamsburg Farmers Market tries to adhere to the standards of the best farmers mar-

In addition to the parking changes, the council granted permission for the market to put up a vertical sign on the northwest corner of the First Square Park every Friday to advertise the market.

## Farmers market faces CLASSIFIEDS

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July 17, 2025

The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Jacki Bolen, Jason Roudabush, and Jeff Tindle. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve July 14, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve July 18, 2025, payroll for 5328,339.71. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Marty Wymore, Region 6, met with the board to request annual appropriation for FY27. Wymore stated \$912,000 has been spent on funding housing repairs. This is funded by county and state funding. There has been a total of 19 projects, of which 4 were for multifamily properties and 15 were for rehab projects on single-family dwellings. Wymore stated he currently has 35 applications for single-family rehab projects. Region 6 is requesting \$22,890 for county contribution in FY27. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve Resolution #2026-5 Region 6 Housing Trust Fund contribution for FY27. 3 ayes. Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REGION 6 HOUSING TRUST FUND POWESHIEK COUNTY CASH CONTRIBUTION FY27

WHEREAS the Region 6 Housing Trust Fund can apply for \$455,199 of lowa Finance Authority (IFA) State Housing Trust Fund can apply for \$455,199 of lowa Finance Authority (IFA) State Housing Trust Fund can apply for \$455,199 of lowa Finance Authority (IFA) State Housing Trust Fund can apply for \$455,199 of lowa Finance Authority (IFA) State Housing Trust Fund can apply for \$455,199 of lowa Finance Authority (IFA) State Housing Trust Fund can apply for \$455,199 of lowa Finance Authority (IFA) State Housing Trust Fund can apply for \$455,199 of lowa Finance Authority (IFA) State Housing Trust Funds if the trust fund secures \$113,800 of local assistance is secured, and WHEREAS the per capita state share for Poweshiek County is \$91,560 if \$22,890 of local assistance is secured, and

\$22,890 of local assistance is secured, and WHEREAS there are currently 35 households on the waiting list for Poweshiek County, and 18 of those are outside of the City of Grinnell, and WHEREAS the IFA expects that 30% of the state funds be expended for households under 30% of the County median, which is \$136,560, and it can be difficult some years to find projects under these income values, and WHEREAS the Housing Trust Fund directly supports at least 8-10 construction lobs annually, and WHEREAS all the applicants must have annual incomes under 80% of the county median as determined by HUD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Poweshiek County will provide \$22,890 of cash assistance for the 2026 Region 6 Housing Trust Fund application. This assistance will be provided in FY 2026-2027.

Approved this 17 day of July 2025. Jeff Tindle, Chairman

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Jacki Bolen, Member
Attest: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek
County Auditor
Board discussed the purposes for the continuation and imposition of a Local
Option Sales & Services Tax in the unincorporated area of Poweshiek
County. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by
Roudabush to approve Resolution
#2026-4, to set a date for an election on the imposition of a Local Option Sales & Services Tax in the unincorporated area of Poweshiek County, Iowa. 3 ayes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4
Resolution to Set a Date for an Election on the Imposition of a Local Option Sales and Services Tax in the Unincorporated Area of Poweshiek County, Iowa
WHEREAS, Chapter 423B of the Code of Iowa authorizes County Boards of Supervisors to impose a local option sales and services tax within incorporated cities and the unincorporated area of Counties, following an election at which the registered voters in various jurisdictions vote in favor of such tax; and WHEREAS, a local option sales and services tax, approved on February 5, 2008, is currently being imposed in the unincorporated area of Poweshiek County, but Said tax is scheduled for expiration on June 30, 2027; and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors intends that the local option sales and services tax be re-imposed within the unincorporated area of the County, such tax to take effect on July 1, 2027; NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Poweshiek County, lowa, as follows:
Section 1. November 4, 2025, is hereby set as the date for a special election within the unincorporated area of the County, for the purpose of presenting to the registered voters of such area the question of the imposition of a one-cent local option sales and services tax, such tax to take effect on July 1, 2027.
Section 2. In accord

tax to take effect on July 1, 2027.
Section 2. In accordance with Section
423B.1 of the Code of lowa, the Board of
Supervisors hereby requests that the
ballot proposition state that 100% of the
revenues from such local option sales
and services tax will be used to fund the
design, construction, repair,
reconstruction, operation and
maintenance of county public
infrastructure, including, but not limited
to, roads, streets, highways, bridges,
County buildings and facilities and for
any other lawful purpose of the County,
and 0% for direct property tax relief. A
form of the ballot proposition is attached
hereto as "Exhibit A."
Section 3. The County Auditor is hereby
directed to file a copy of this resolution
with the Poweshiek County
Commissioner of Elections.
Section 4. The County Commissioner of
Elections is hereby authorized and
directed to cause notice of the ballot
proposition, in substantially the form set
forth as Exhibit B hereto, to be
published in a legal newspaper of
general circulation in the County, such
notice to be published not less than sixty
days prior to the date of the election.
Section 5. All resolutions or parts thereof
in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
Passed and approved on July 17, 2025.
Jeff Tindle, Board of Supervisor
Chairman

near you.

Attest: Melissa Eilander, County Auditor
Board received request from Treasurer, Jennifer Anderson, to appoint Jen Stowell as her compensation board representative to serve a term until July 1, 2026. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve the appointment of Jen Stowell as Poweshiek County Treasurer compensation board representative. 3 ayes. Motion carried.
Board received a request from the District Court Administrator to utilize a room on the second floor of the courthouse, which houses all court services, for a new law clerk and requested the county to install a lock on the door to this room. Board looked at the room & door on the second floor and felt the county would be able to install said lock as requested. Board will work with maintenance to get this work completed.
Bolen stated last Friday that she attended a meeting for workforce and housing in Poweshiek County. This group will work on collecting data on housing needs and plan to meet once per month to discuss the data collected and how to improve the housing in the county. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush at 10:07 a.m. to adjourn.
Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor Jeff Tindle, Chairman

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July 24, 2025
The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Jacki Bolen, Jason Roudabush, and Jeff Tindle. Also Jason Roudabush, and Jeff Tindle. Also present: Derek Bates, The Record. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve the July 17, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Galyn Nook, IT Director, met with the board to discuss the purchase of security cameras for the courthouse.

The proposed cameras use less network The proposed cameras use less network space and are backed up daily to the cloud, and are encrypted. The current cameras use more network space and require a server to store information and are not encrypted. Nook provided the board with a cost breakdown over 10 years comparing keeping the current system or upgrading to the new system. The cost savings for the new system is estimated to be over \$7,000. With the estimated to be over \$7,000. With the cost savings and the enhancements that the new cameras would have over the current system, it was agreed that Nook should pursue. Nook also stated he has room in his IT budget to cover the cost 8:43 a.m. Matt Maschmann, Sheriff,

joined the meeting.

Maschmann stated that Montezuma and Grinnell schools utilize this camera system, and law enforcement can access the system quickly and find the information needed within a short time

rrame.
Chris Nolte, Veterans Affairs Director, met with the board for his monthly meeting. Nolte presented a certificate of appointment for Sandra Prior, part-time Assistant Veterans Service Officer, for the board's approval. Moved by Assistant Veterans Service Officer, for the board's approval. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve the certificate of appointment for Sandra Prior, part-time Assistant Veterans Service Officer, effective July 28, 2025; rate of pay \$19.00 per hour. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Sandra Prior joined Nolte at the meeting and introduced Nolte at the meeting and introduced herself to the board.

herself to the board.
Bart Klaver, County Attorney, met with the board to discuss setting legal fee amounts in guardianship and related matters. Klaver suggested the board approve a resolution setting fees that a court-appointed attorney may charge in these matters, and he would suggest following what is set forth in the lowa Code Chapter 815 as it relates to fees of court-appointed attorneys in criminal cases. Klaver stated he will draft a resolution for the board to consider for resolution for the board to consider for Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen at

10:00 a.m. to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(c). 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush at 10:10 a.m. to end closed session and go into open meeting. No action was taken during the closed

session.

Scott Strong, Superintendent City of Malcom, and Nate Johnson, City of Malcom Council Member, met with the board to discuss 2nd Street in Malcom 10:30 Lyle Brehm, Engineer, joined the

Strong stated 2nd Street is in bad shape and has a drop in the street. This street is heavily traveled by trucks to BASF and the elevator. City of Malcom is water construction on Main Street, curb and gutter, and would like to tie this project in with work on 2nd Street. Brehm stated 2nd Street is a farm-to-market road, and for cities with under 500 in population, the street is the responsibility of the county. Brehm recommended designing Main Street and 2nd Street as one project. This would save some engineering costs and allow for the project to be completed together. Brehm stated farm-to-market funds could be used for 2nd Street, but currently, those funds are tight and recommended to utilize TIF financing for the cost of the project. City of Malcom will be responsible for financing the Main Street project and all curb & construction on Main Street, curb and the Main Street project and all curb & gutters. Tindle stated he has a Central Iowa

Juvenile Detention meeting tomorrow, and he attended the Emergency Management Commission meeting

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush at 10:57 a.m. to adjourn.
Melissa Eilander,

Poweshiek County Auditor Jeff Tindle, Chairman

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT POWESHIEK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN CASEY PIERCE, Deceased.
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of John Casey Pierce, Deceased, who died on or about July 15, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of July, 2025; the last will and testament of John Casey Pierce, deceased, bearing date of the 25th day of October, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Charlotte Ann Pierce was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailling of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identifies are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever ascertainable, or thereafter be forever

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## lowa crop conditions good following hot, wet week

By Cami Koons, Iowa Capital Dispatch

Corn rated nearly 90% good to excellent during the reporting period from July 21 through July 27, while wet conditions limited farmers' activities in the field, according to the latest crop progress and condition report.

Iowa crops continue to progress slightly ahead of schedule while aboveaverage temperatures and precipitation caused humid conditions and in some cases, caused excessive soil moisture.

Across the state, topsoil moisture went from 21% surplus last week to 30% surplus this week. Subsoil moisture conditions also increased to 24% surplus, up from 17% last week.

According to State Climatologist Justin Glisan, the weekly average precipitation was 1.58 inches for the reporting period, which is 0.61 inches above the normal. Some regions of the

state, however, received as much as 7.2 inches during the reporting period and southeastern Iowa had between 3 and 5 inches.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig said with only a couple of days left in July, it "could rank among the top 10 wettest Julys on record.

"Last week was hot and muggy as a heat dome settled over the Midwest, producing some sweltering heat and humidity," Naig said in a statement

The average temperature for the week, at 77.5, was more than 4 degrees above normal. Temperatures throughout the period were between 2 and 6 degrees above the 30-year average.

Tim Kaldenberg grows corn, soybeans and raises cattle north of Albia and said his farm has had good growing conditions and has not been hit by the "extreme rainfall" that other areas have had.

"We even hate to say this out loud, but it has been very nice growing conditions," Kaldenberg said.

Kaldenberg said in an interview with Iowa Capital Dispatch July 22, the crops in his region "had the nicest looking grow.

"We're so used to that not being the case," Kaldenberg said. "So we're just very thankful for that this year."

Kaldenberg and his family were awarded the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in early July for their operation's dedications to soil health, water quality and community engagement.

Kaldenberg said the majority of his corn has been pollinated and his soybeans are flowering. He also said pasture conditions were good, and the main challenge he's had is getting his hay to

