

2021 Fort Calhoun Parks In Review



ADAMS STREET PLAZA

12th Street & Adams Street



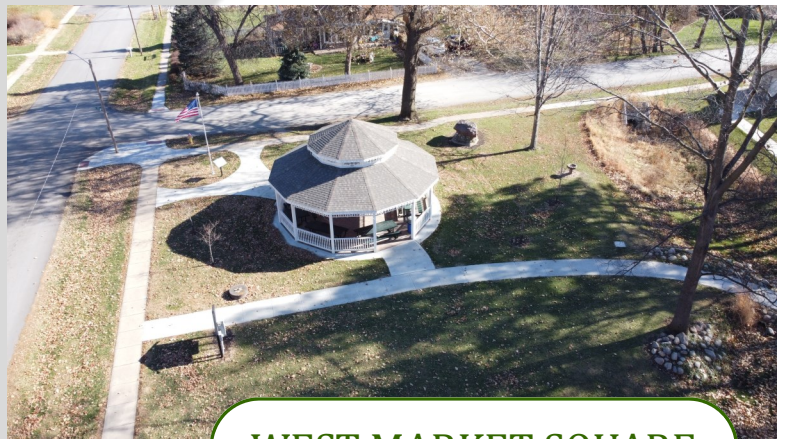
BALLFIELDS & TRAIL

12th Street & Washington Street



PIONEER PARK

8th Street & Monroe Street



WEST MARKET SQUARE

15th Street & Monroe Street

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WEST MARKET SQUARE MULTIPURPOSE COURT

In 2021 we were able to finish the final stage of the multi-purpose project by fencing in two sides of the court to create a safe and fun playable space. Washington County Bank and Two Rivers banks generously sponsored our adjustable basketball goals. Sid Dillion and MCH also made contributions to help complete this popular project. The new larger area and adjustable goals make this area useful for many groups at a time and of all ages.

The previous court became difficult to use after grading projects and age made it harder to play on.



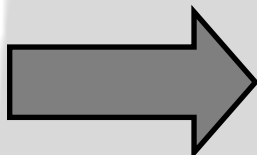
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EQUIPMENT REFURBISHMENT IN PIONEER PARK

Some of our most popular equipment is also the oldest. These pieces are unique and would be very expensive to replace. This past spring our city staff sand blasted and repainted most of the aging metal equipment in Pioneer Park. The goal was to extend its usable life and it also resulted in a very

fresh look. The bases were also regraded and graveled after many years of use.



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COMMUNITY TREES



Pioneer Park was awarded 10 new trees this past spring through the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District grant program. Since 2018, the Parks Board has applied for and received grant funding for 40 new trees to improve our community parks at no cost to taxpayers.



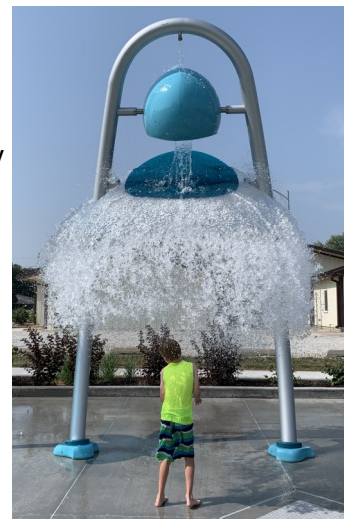
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ADAMS STREET PLAZA SPLASH PAD

After years of design and funding efforts the splash pad grand opening was well attended on the last day of the challenging 2020-21 school year. With the 1.5% Local Option Sales Tax approved by the voters in 2016 as the primary funding source, the community enthusiastically supported this splash pad project for the new Adams Street Plaza park. Both the city and the wider community embraced the Splash Pad part of the new park and made it a reality. Community groups raised an incredible amount of additional funds, businesses and individuals gave donations, and several grants were awarded for this project. This project resulted in great enjoyment throughout the

summer and it is just the beginning for the Adams Street Plaza.



Planning and construction of additional phases will continue into 2022 and beyond. This new space will become a multi seasonal gathering point for years to come.



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MILL STONE

For over 100 years two milestones sat mostly unnoticed near the gazebo in West Market Square Park. In 2021, an opportunity to relocate and more significantly display the millstones was presented to the city. For years many visitors didn't even know what the stone actually was, and most certainly did not know that there were two of the 1000 pound stones stacked on top of one another. The Washington County Museum researched the history of the stones and requested they be moved to the front of the museum where an educational display was created.

