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Perry Chamber holds ribbon cutting at Tractor Supply Co.

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Perry Chief
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Perry Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Tractor Supply Co. on Friday, Aug. 11.

The ribbon cutting was held to welcome the business to Perry and the chamber network and to celebrate the grand opening.

"We want to thank you all for coming today, this has been a long time coming," Perry Store Manager Tim Ackerson said. "The employees in this store have done an unbelievable job because we had a long way to go in the beginning when we

got here in April to change this over."

Tractor Supply Co. acquired Orscheln Farm & Home earlier this year and recently completed the transition. The Perry store's grand opening was held from Aug. 8-13.

"I want to welcome Tractor Supply to our community and recognize them for the smooth transition and the great look of the building inside and out," Mayor John Andorf said. "We're excited about partnering with you as a community and we look forward to that for a long time to come. Thank you and welcome to our community."

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The ribbon is cut on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Tractor Supply Co. in Perry.
ALLISON ULLMANN/THE PERRY CHIEF



A rendering from OPN Architects depicts a new public safety center for the city of Waukee. The center, expected to open in 2025, would be a new home for Waukee's fire and police departments to address space issues.
CITY OF WAUKEE/SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Waukee plans new public safety center for police, fire

Surging population has made space at current building an issue

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Waukee is planning a new home for the city's growing fire and police departments.

The City Council on Aug. 7 approved site plans for an almost 86,000-square-foot building to be located southeast of the intersection of 280th Street and T Avenue.

Space has long been an issue for Waukee's first responders with the current public safety building, 1300 S.E. L.A. Grant Parkway, built more than 20 years ago. Emergency workers were serving a city of nearly 5,600 people in 2000, but the population has quintupled to more than 29,000 residents last year.

"We don't have adequate space, we don't have adequate meetings rooms, we don't have adequate office space for command staff, the officers and even for visitors too," former police Chief John Quinn told the Des Moines Register five years ago.

At the time, a closet in an office for six sergeants was being converted into a dressing room, and the locker room had one shower for 22 officers. Firefighters also were out of space for administration and their training room didn't have enough lockers or showers.

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Cooking up Iowa's sweet signature veggie



Tammy Howe and Miles Foster serve ears of free sweet corn during Adel's Sweet Corn Festival on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023.
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Tessa Collinson dumps out a bag of sweet corn on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023. Community members helped shuck around 6.5 tons of sweet corn ahead of Adel's Sweet Corn Festival.



Teresa Chapman-Adamson serves sweet corn during Adel's Sweet Corn Festival on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023.



Tristen Miller, 5, of Adel eats an ear of sweet corn during Adel's Sweet Corn Festival on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023.



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