

ADAIR COUNTY **Adair Supervisors approve** agreement for comprehensive plan

By Jennifer Nichols NT Staff Writer

GREENFIELD – The Adair County Board of Supervisors approved last week an agreement with the Southern Iowa Council of Governments (SICOG)

to work on a comprehensive land use plan for the county. The board first discussed the idea in June, and Board member Jodie Hoadley said having it would give the board some direction if someone wanted to do something with land in Adair County other than

agriculture use and it would not impact farmers.

"It will not do anything to affect the farmers, how they use their land, how they build fences, how they put buildings up," Hoadley said last week. "(It would) only give us some direction on if something else that is not ag related wants to go in, (on) guidelines and setbacks."

Jeremy Rounds, representative of SICOG, said at the end of June, that working on the plan would involve meeting with the board to come up with some main goals, and usually they are related to agriculture, natural resources, water quality, structures and roads. He said usually a steering committee is formed to work on the plan, and can include department heads or residents of the county, and there usually is a "public engagement

process

The plan could also be valuable because it could contain ordinances that have been passed, but aren't included in a current plan or ordinances that need to be updated.

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Weather Forecast



Monday Sunny, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming south 5 to 8 mph in the morning.

Monday Night Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South wind around



Tuesday Sunny, with a high near 88. South wind 6 to 11 mph.

Tuesday Night A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after

1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.







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Celebrating the Splash Pad





showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

Wednesday Night A 30 percent chance of showers and thunder-

storms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.



Thursday Partly sunny, with a high near 78.

Thursday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Friday Partly sunny, with a

high near 80.

Friday Night A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.



Saturday Partly sunny, with a high near 83.

(photo by Jennifer Nichols)

Those who attended a ribbon cutting on Friday at the Splash Pad cheered after the ribbon was cut.

ribbon cutting was held on Friday morning at the Atlantic Splash Pad, and kids of all ages were invited to cut the ribbon.

Jeremy Butler, co-chair of the Splash Pad Fund-raiser committee, said the addition of the splash pad to the area next to the pool made it more of an "aquatic center."

"The swimming pool and the splash pad complement each other perfectly," he said.

Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Chairman Kevin Ferguson said he has seen lots of people using both Sunnyside Pool and the Splash Pad.

The Splash Pad officially opened on May 26, and is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

State Spotlight

Grassley says he will continue investigations of DOJ, FBI 'political weaponization' against Trump

By Robin Opsahl,

Iowa Capital Dispatch

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley told reporters this week he is committed to investigating the "political weaponization" of the state's justice systems by members of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation over indictments of President Donald Trump.

On Tuesday, Justice Department officials said former CIA Director John Brennan and former FBI Director James Comey are under investigation for potential wrongdoing related to Trump investigations, with the possibility for prosecution in the future, Fox News reported.

In a weekly news call Wednes-



day, Grassley declined to weigh in on whether Justice officials had committed crimes related to the Trump-Russia probe or other actions investigating the president.

"I can't say that the wrongdoing

I have pointed out so far, it's more in the area of political weaponization of the FBI and the Department of Justice, and I can't say it rose to the criminal level," Grassley said. "But evidently the Department of Justice has reason to believe that crime has been committed, and I'll have to defer to them. That's their job, not mine. My focus is on transparency and accountability for the American people."

Brennan said in a Wednesday MSNBC interview that he has not been contacted by the DOJ or CIA about the investigation, but said he believed the action was politically motivated.

"I think this is, unfortunately, a very sad and tragic example of the

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