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Iowa had 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending July 20, 2025, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Heavy rain was received in portions of the state. Field activities during the week included fungicide spraying, cutting hay and harvesting oats.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 2 percent very short, 9 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus.

Corn silking reached 62 percent, 1 day behind last year's pace. Eighteen percent of Iowa's corn has reached the dough stage. Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 59 percent good and 27 percent excellent.

Sixty-nine percent of soybeans had bloomed, 1 day ahead of last year, but 1 day behind normal. Thirty-three percent of soybeans were setting pods, 4 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 59 percent good and 21 percent excellent. Eighty-three percent of oats were turning color and 35 percent of oats have been harvested for grain. Oat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 68 percent good and 16 percent excellent.

The second cutting of alfalfa hay was 79 percent complete while 17 percent of the third cutting has been completed. Hay condition rated 86 percent good to excellent. Pasture condition rated 79 percent

good to excellent.

Special Election to be Held An overflow of citizens delivered by Scott S. Stover Attorney; Kylee Iowa law and standard verand multiple news outlets of Winterset, Iowa, in the Barber, acting Treasur- ification procedures. After

(BOS) for their scheduled Deputy;

meeting in the lower level of the courthouse annex on July 22. The boundaries of civili-ty for public meetings have been stretched a bit at recent BOS meetings, and they were again on some occasions last Tuesday. Special election

The BOS approved a resolution stating that a special election for Auditor will be held. The election will be held on August 26. Matt Schwarz was

recently appointed as Auditor by the BOS in a 2-1 vote. After Schwarz was sworn in on July 7, citizens groups began collecting signatures for a petition for a special election. Pursuant to an Iowa Code, a valid petition requesting a special election must contain signatures from eligible electors equaling at least 10% of the votes cast in the last general election for the office and may not include any signatures dated prior to the date of appointment. For this vacancy, the minimum required number of valid signatures was 1,003.

Citizens delivered that

greeted The Madison Coun- presence of Mikayla (Simp- er, and multiple private cit- review, it was determined ty Board of Supervisors son) Garside, Election's izens.

The petition was re-



petition on July 17 at 3 p.m. uty to the Auditor; Stephen the parties, and verified by The petition was formally Swanson, Madison County Garside in accordance with

A total of 1,457 valid signatures were submitted.

The signature threshold was met and exceeded.

The petition complied with all legal requirements, including the prohibition on pre-

appointment signa-

The petition was deemed valid and ac-

Pursuant to an Iowa Code, upon verification of a valid petition, the BOS is required to call a special election to fill the vacancy. The Auditor is required to hold the special election on a Tuesday at the earliest practical date, but no less than 32 days' notice, pursuant to an Iowa Code.

He said, she said. This date, that date.

The spiciest exchanges of the day came between BOS Chair-man Heather Stancil and County Attorney Stephen Swanson. The argument was over the confusion created when the board erred in providing the proper public notice for the

Lawra Mathes, 1st Dep- viewed in the presence of vacancy for the Auditor position. When the notice was

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Sports Short brought to you by Ankeny Grimes



June 5. We take a final look at the summer sports seasons on Page 6. (Photo by Todd Weber.)

Opioid Settlement Fund Money Approved At the regular meeting of counties, municipalities, and Distribution of naloxone committees to guide spend-

to Turning Point Evaluation, The Opioid Task Force project. The vote is contingent upon agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding between the parties.

The Opioid Task Force consists of a variety of citizens, including members

of the public safety public health communities and the BOS. Task Force took applications from different organizations money from the Opioid Settlement Fund and they eventually suggested Turning Point to the BOS. The vote

last Tuesday after

a few weeks of misunderstandings, disagreements, accusations, and general confusion between all parties, but everyone seems to be on the same page now for what looks like a worthwhile project.

What is the Opioid Settlement Fund

The Opioid Settlement Fund refers to billions of dollars allocated to states,

the Madison County Board tribal nations from legal set- (e.g., NARCAN®) and fen- ing, and many require pubof Supervisors on July 22, tlements with pharmaceuti- tanyl test strips to prevent lic reporting to ensure transthe Board voted to approve an award of \$100,000 from and retailers responsible the Opioid Settlement Fund for fueling the opioid crisis.

The Board voted to approve and retailers responsible to voerdoses.

Treatment: Expanding to ensure that the reporting to ensure the reporting to ensure that the reporting to ensure the report that the repor These funds, stemming from sisted treatment (MAT), in 2025 funded tribal treatlnc., for administration of lawsuits against entities like detox programs, and outpa- ment programs and NAR-Johnson & Johnson, Purdue tient services. Pharma, and major distribudinal Health, Amerisource-Bergen), aim to address the oid use disorder. harm caused by the opioid epidemic. For example, the

Recovery: Supporttors (e.g., McKesson, Caring recovery residences and for outpatient treatment proservices for those with opi- grams.

Key Features:

National Settlement in 2021 are split between states, lo- it organization located in

parency.
• Examples of Use: CAN® distribution. New York allocated \$9.5 million

Who is Turning Point? Turning Point Eval-Allocation: Funds uation, Inc. is a nonprof-

Winterset. Established in 2014, it serves Madison County and surrounding viding menhealth therapy, substance abuse counseling, equine-assistpsychotherapy, and Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS). The organization aims

positive lifestyle changes through evidence-based • Usage Restrictions: treatments like cognitive At least 70% of funds must behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and ation, with a small percent- relapse prevention. It offers age allowed for adminis- outpatient treatment, focustrative costs like legal fees. ing on substance use disortal health issues, including States dual diagnosis care for ado-(Continued on Page 3.)

OPIOID DEPENDENC

with 46 states involved \$26 cal governments, and some- to help individuals make billion, and total settlements are estimated to exceed \$50 tions varying by state. billion, distributed over periods of 9 to 18 years.

The funds are primarily intended for opioid remediation efforts, which include: • Prevention:

- Proand community coalitions to replace, existing budgets. reduce substance misuse.
 - Harm Reduction: often

times tribes, with propor-

be used for opioid remedigrams like youth education Funds must supplement, not ders and co-occurring men-

> Oversight: establish advisory

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