

New and
NOTEWORTHY

Youth Summer
Program Starting
Again

Clarksville Church of Christ is starting their summer youth program, True North starting July 20 at 5:30 p.m. continuing July 21-24 1-3:30 p.m. with a closing program on July 24 at 7 p.m.
Church of Christ is located in Clarksville at 302 S Elizabeth, Clarksville

Backyard
Chickens and
Budget Talks
Highlight
Clarksville
Meeting

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CLARKSVILLE — The Clarksville City Council met in regular session July 7 to discuss a range of issues, including chickens in city limits, water rates, food trucks, and zoning changes. Mayor Jerald Heuer presided, with council members Roger Doty, Taran Sherburne and Ruth Saulsbury present. Jessi Reints and Jennifer Kielman were absent.
The council reviewed concerns about backyard chickens, including the presence of roosters, and discussed the possibility of implementing a permitting process. Saulsbury agreed to research ordinances from nearby towns.

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Board of
Supervisors
Approves Early
Childhood
Contracts,
Utility Permit


ALLISON — The Butler County Board of Supervisors met June 24 for its regular session, with Chair Rusty Eddy and Supervisor Wayne Dralle present. Supervisor Greg Barnett was absent.
During the meeting, the board approved several items related to Early Childhood Iowa (ECI), including the FY26 Fiscal Agent Agreement and Coordination Contracts for both Together for Families and the FMC region.
Supervisors also approved a utility permit for Butler County REC to install underground service at 10295 Riverside Road. Additionally, the board authorized the County Engineer to sign the Iowa DOT Agreement 2024-DEA-06.
An engineer's update was provided, and claims were approved before the board adjourned.

INDIANS HEADING
BACK TO STATE!



The Clarksville softball team is heading back to the State Tournament. Monday the Indians punched their State Tourney ticket with an 11-1 victory over Riceville in a Class 1A regional final. Read about the game in today's Sports section. (John Jensen/Mid-America Publishing photo)

SaltLightBand -
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SaltLight to Bring Gospel Music
to Clarksville's Reading Park

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CLARKSVILLE — Gospel group SaltLight is set to perform at Reading Park on Sunday, July 27, at 7 p.m., offering an evening of faith-inspired music in the park's bandstand next to the Clarksville Public Library. Known for their heartfelt lyrics and original arrangements, SaltLight shares messages of worship and reflection through songs written by lead vocalist Darla Erskine. The Cedar Valley-based band regularly performs throughout eastern Iowa at churches and outdoor venues. Guests are invited to bring

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Red Haw Campground
Returns Better Than Ever
After 3-Year Closure

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CHARITON — After suffering extensive tornado damage three years ago, the campground at Red Haw State Park has reopened with major improvements and new amenities. The popular south-central Iowa destination is once again welcoming visitors to its scenic 649 acres near Chariton. The renovated campground features larger, pull-

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