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500 Card Party

There will be a 500 card party on Friday August 22 at 7 p.m. at the Clarksville library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Clarksville Council Seats

Clarksville has three council seats and the Mayor position available in the coming election.

All nomination papers must be submitted by September 15 at 5 p.m.

AMVETS Post 30 meeting

AMVETS Post 30 will hold their monthly meeting on August 25 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hall on Main St.

Dumont American Legion Post 360

Dumont American Legion Post 360 open mic event with Terry Juhl and friends on Sunday, Sept. 7 at Dumont City Park from 2-5 p.m.

Supporting the Dumont Area Veterans Memorial.

Board Approves Emergency Plan Updates, Ends Bond Coverage

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ALLISON — The Butler County Board of Supervisors on Aug. 4 approved updates to the county's Emergency Action Plan and voted to end coverage under the Old Republic bond.

EMA Coordinator Chris Showalter presented the updates, which were rec- See **SUPERVISORS**: Page 3

Allison Council Bumps Water Bill Deadline to 15th

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ALLISON — The Allison City Council met Aug. 11 with Mayor Pro Tem Bangasser presiding. Members approved two building permits and discussed issues ranging from street repairs to water billing.

Engineer Zeb Stanbrough reported subbase problems in the street project that will

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Before and after from an MSS Capital property - mailbox. Photo Courtesy of MSS Capital



Before and after from an MSS Capital property - electric meter. Photo Courtesy of MSS Capital

Legal Dispute Leaves Clarksville Trailer Park in Decline

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CLARKSVILLE — The Clarksville trailer park remains stalled in legal limbo after a contract dispute between Indiana-based MSS Capital, LLC, and long-time owner Joe Wedeking, according to court filings and recent interviews.

MSS Capital, a firm specializing in mobile home community revitalization, entered into a contract in late 2023 to acquire the property

from Wedeking. The Butler County District Court ruled in August 2024 that the contract was enforceable and ordered Wedeking to complete the transfer. He appealed, and the case is currently before the Iowa Court of Appeals.

"We were not seeking money damages; we asked the court to enforce the contract and require the sale," said MSS Capital attorney Alison Kanne. "The property has sat deteriorating while this appeal drags



on."

The property, which includes multiple mobile homes, has continued to decline. A fire on April 3, 2024, demolished one mobile home and damaged nearby units, according to news coverage by The Butler County Tribune/Star.

MSS Capital manager Manny Sandhu highlighted the broader implications: "Our goal is to improve the park, bring in new homes, repair roads and provide affordable housing," he said. At the time of negotiations, the park was only about half full with tenants, and many units were va-

cant or in disrepair, including trailers affected by the fire.

Kanne remains optimistic: "We hope the Court of Appeals will uphold the lower court's ruling so the company can move in and carry out upgrades," she said. In the meantime, the park remains in decay, tenants remain, and repairs are stalled.

Wedeking and his representatives have not offered a public comment on the dispute at this time.

Photos from an article on 4-3-2024 courtesy of Niko Vassios.



Grants Aim to Equip Iowa Students for High-Demand Careers, College Success

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IOWA — The Iowa Department of Education announced two major funding initiatives aimed at expanding career and education opportunities for Iowa students.

The department is offering \$850,000 in competitive grant funding to Iowa school districts and accredited nonpublic schools through its new Credentials to Computer Science Careers grant. The program is designed to align computer science and career and technical education programs with industry-recognized credentials in information technology and business management. Funding can

be used for costs such as student exam fees, instructional equipment, software, internet connections, instructor training and curriculum enhancements. Applications are open at Io-

waGrants.gov until Sept. 30.

In addition, the department has been awarded nearly \$500,000 in competitive federal AmeriCorps funding through the Volunteer Iowa Commission to expand the statewide Course to College program.

Since 2017, the program has helped high school and college students access and succeed in postsecondary education. The new funding will support more than 80 AmeriCorps members serving as student leaders and postsecondary success coaches, as well as high school counselors serving as summer transition associates.

Through the program, student leaders assist their peers with postsecondary planning, while college coaches provide in-person and virtual guidance with applications and financial aid. Summer transition associates help students complete enrollment requirements and begin their postsecondary programs in the fall.



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