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March 1st: Local Youth
Recognized for
Outstanding Achievements



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Chariton Archery teams
place high in bullseye
and 3D at Murray
Tournaments



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First reading of ordinance approved to make intersection of N. 16th St. and Lucas Avenue into 4-way Stop

Bill Howes
Associate Editor

The Chariton City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 10.12 of the Chariton Municipal Code at their regular meeting Monday, March 16.

This ordinance was drawn up to turn the intersection of Lucas Avenue and N. 16th St. into a 4-way Stop. At their first meeting of the New Year in January, the council approved a motion to direct

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Proposed Chariton FY 2026-27 property tax levy hearing set for April 6

Bill Howes
Associate Editor

The Chariton City Council approved a resolution setting a public hearing date for the City of Chariton's proposed property tax levy rate for the 2026-27 fiscal year at their meeting March 16.

The City of Chariton's proposed property tax rate for FY 2026-27 is \$8.50198. This is a decrease of 2.9

percent from the FY 2025-26 rate of \$8.79224. Due to a 2.98 percent rise in property values, commercial property taxes will increase even as the rate decreased.

The council set the tax levy rate hearing for Monday, April 6, at 4:15 p.m. at Chariton City Hall at 115 S. Main St. in

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Public hearing held; resolutions approved for Chariton Airport Lighting Project

Low bid approved to do project from Voltmer, Inc. of Decorah, Iowa for \$512,133.20

Bill Howes
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The Chariton City Council held the public hearing regarding the Chariton Municipal Airport Lighting Project and approved four resolutions regarding the project at their

meeting March 16.

The public hearing for the Airport Lighting Project was held first. No one at the meeting voiced any questions or concerns about the project or spoke in favor of it at the meeting and so the hearing was closed shortly after it opened.

After the public hearing, the council approved a resolution approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Airport Lighting Project. This project includes the replacing of Runway 10-28, Taxiway A, and Taxiway B Lighting and

NAVAIDS.

According to an AI Overview on the Internet, NAVAIDS or Navigational Aids are "visual or electronic devices-ground based or airborne-that provide pilots with precise guidance, position data, and bearing information. They ensure safe

navigation, particularly during IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) conditions, by assisting with en-route tracking, airport approaches, and landings"

The council then approved

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Engineering agreement approved for wastewater treatment facility

Bill Howes
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The Chariton City Council approved an engineering agreement between the City of Chariton and Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., for the Chariton Wastewater Treatment Facility Nutrient Reduction Plan or Project at their meeting March 16.

According to the agreement, one of the

services to be performed for the reduction plan is a review of the performance of the wastewater treatment facility for the past five years in regards to handling and treating flows and loadings for the removal of total nitrogen and phosphorus.

Another service is to identify improve-

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Geese enjoy water on very cold day at Red Haw



These two Canada Geese enjoy being on the water at Lake Red Haw at Red Haw State Park east of Chariton on a very brisk and cold day Monday afternoon, March 16. With lows in the single digits on Sunday and Monday, thankfully each day after that got warmer with highs expected to be in the 80s in Chariton on Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21. (Bill Howes photo)

Final acceptance resolution approved for Reynolds Field Project

Bill Howes
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The Chariton Community School Board approved the final pay application for the Reynolds Field Project, which is pay application #9, at their monthly meeting Monday, March 9.

The total amount of the pay application is \$55,825.48 and it is to be paid to Mid American Golf & Landscape.

Along with the final pay application, the

school board also approved the final acceptance resolution for the Reynolds Field Project.

The improvements made were generally described as "The Reynolds Field-New multi-purpose synthetic turf and storm water management project."

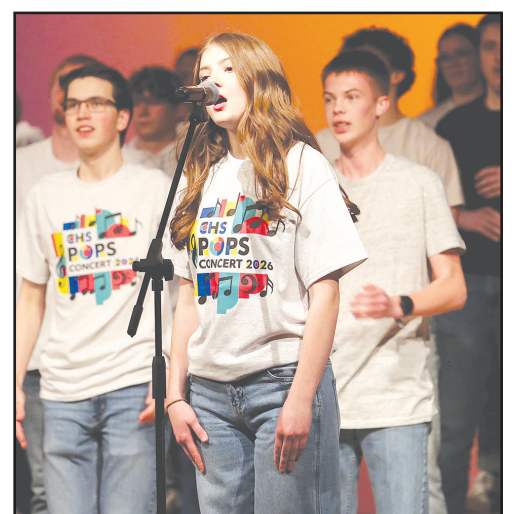
Special Education Instructional Coach job description approved

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Photos from CHS Pops Concert



'Take It Easy' is performed by CHS students from left: Grayson Hedrick, Calvin Allwood, John Bachman, and Landyn McNeeley at the CHS Pops concert Thursday, March 5. (Sonya Wallace photo)



Paisley Larrington sings a solo during the CHS Choir's medley performance of Jersey Boys at the CHS Pops concert. (Sonya Wallace photo)

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