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Chariton High School to present Check Please March 26 and 27 at Johnson Auditorium

The Chariton High School Drama Department will be presenting Check Please as its spring play at Johnson Auditorium in Chariton this Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 28, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$6. They are available at the door

or online by visiting charitonhs.seatyourself.biz. There is a \$1 surcharge and a small fee to pay for the online ordering system when purchasing online.

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CHS students compete at State Speech competition

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Five students from Chariton High School competed at the Individual Events State Speech competition at Vinton-Shellsburg High School Saturday, March 14.

No Chariton students qualified for or were invited to the All-State festival, but they competed hard and did well. They categories they competed

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Four sharing agreements approved between Chariton and Wayne School Districts

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The Chariton Community School Board approved four sharing agreements between the Chariton Community School District and Wayne Community School District at their monthly meeting Mon-

day, March 9.

The sharing agreements approved were for a Human Resources or HR Director, a Curriculum Director, Maintenance Director, and a Transportation Director. Each agreement is for

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Piper's Easter goodies offer lots of spring color



Since I couldn't find any flowers outdoors to photograph, I headed into Pipers to find some spring colors! Pink, green, yellow, and blue pastels quickly came into view. Jill Kerns, the owner, and Molly Spoon, the shipping expert, filled me in on some Easter Egg trivia 2026. As of Tuesday, Pipers has shipped 525 packages out due to their famous hollow chocolate eggs (1/2 lb to 5 lbs!) filled with all kinds of other chocolaty and caramel goodness. From California to Florida, including Alaska!, their Easter eggs have been shipped to 35 different states plus one that was shipped all the way to Australia!! Their Easter basket stuffers are also popular items this time of year. No spring flowers but lots of Spring color! (Sharon Wilhite photos)

Scoops on the Loop ice cream has people thinking spring

What says "spring" more than Scoops on the Loop opening up after a long winter season! Here, owner Nicci Chandler is handing out two chocolate peanut butter cup Hurricanes through the drive up window - Yum!! Since Nicci has been recently diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, she is trying to incorporate more healthy options into her menu such as grilled chicken and salads so that there is something for everyone. Scoops On the Loop did over \$500 worth of business on Saturday, March 21, between 5-6 p.m. due to the heat and a special promotion benefitting Almost Home Animal Rescue Center. (Sharon Wilhite photo)



Anderson gives City Manager's Report at council meeting

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Chariton City Manager Doug Anderson gave his City Manager's Report at the regular Chariton City Council meeting Monday, March 16,

In his report, Anderson stated that the Chariton Police Department has onboarded two part-time officers and is in the process of onboarding two more, with one of those possibly being a full-time permanent role.

Anderson also informed that council that there are approximately 10 applicants for the open police officer positions.

It was also reported that Michels Utility Services has completed a temporary patch on the alley behind the Chariton Post Office.

Anderson said that they have reposted the open maintenance position for the street department. He also reported

that the old lights are starting to come down from the buildings on the Chariton square.

Anderson told the council that he will be at the Iowa Municipal Management Institute in Iowa City from March 25-27.

Council and staff member comments

In the council member comments portion of the meeting, Council member Gary Shutt reported that Chariton Area Chamber/Main Street would be holding its Spring Fling on Saturday, April 4. Many local businesses are participating and people are encouraged to get out and support local businesses that day and to shop and dine in Lucas County.

In the Staff member comments portion of the meeting, Chariton Fire Chief Steve Davis told the council that the Chariton Volunteer Fire Department would be doing its annual Installation of Officers on Thursday, April 9.

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