

# Community CALENDAR

## Richland Public Library

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 2:30-6:00  
Friday: Noon-5:00  
Saturday: 10:00-1:00  
Closed Sunday and Monday.  
For more information call 319-456-6541

## Wilson Memorial Library

Mondays 10-6pm  
Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 10-5pm  
Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturdays 8-12.

## Sigourney Public Library

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Hedrick Public Library

Monday/Thursday/Friday 2-6 p.m.  
Tuesday 1-5 p.m.  
Wednesday 12-4 p.m.  
Saturday/Sunday Closed

## What Cheer Public Library

Monday 12:00-6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Friday 12:00-5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

## Sigourney Kiwanis

Serving the community since 1969. Kiwanis meet Wednesdays, from 12 to 1 p.m. at Keokuk County Bowl, visitors are welcome.

## Free Grace Recovery

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Free Grace United at 107 E

Broadway St. What Cheer. For: All Addictions: any hurt, habit or hang up. Come as you are. Childcare provided. Everyone is welcome. freegrace.tv/recovery

## Old Keota Business

Anyone having old photos of former Keota businesses, please contact Larry Gale Sanders. The photos will be used in a Keota Business Pictorial Album.

## Keota Food Pantry

The food pantry in Keota is open on the last Sunday of the month at the United Church of Faith, 10-11 a.m. Anyone needing food is invited.

## Richland Community Food Bank

Located at Richland Methodist Church, 106 W South St. Richland, (319) 456-2251 Sherry Jipp. Open Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursday 5-7:00 p.m.

## City of Keota Public Meeting

Public meetings will be held on the First and Third Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. at Keota City Hall. Special Meetings will be posted at City Hall.

## Keota School Board

The Keota School Board meets the second Thursday of each month, typically at 6 p.m.

## Keota VFW Auxiliary

The VFW Auxiliary meets the third Tuesday of each month, typically at the VFW building.

## Keokuk County

## Historical Society

Open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. KCHS will be closed the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. During winter, when school is cancelled, KCHS will be closed.

## Keokuk County Supervisors

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors meets weekly on Mondays at 8:30 a.m.

## Alcoholics Anonymous Sigourney

AA Meetings at Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Wednesdays at 8 p.m. for more information, call (319) 461-6869.

## Narcotics Anonymous-Sigourney

NA Meetings Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Thursdays at 6 p.m. 615 S Jefferson St Sigourney

## Food Pantry-Sigourney

Food Pantry Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Call the Lord's Pantry at 641-224-2588 or contact a minister

## Keokuk County Public Health

Keokuk County Public Health is here to serve you. We offer an array of services such as: home health services, immunizations, education, diabetic care, foot care, partner's program, etc. We have walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, canes, etc. to loan out free of cost. Please call us if you or a loved one is in need. For more information,

call (641) 622-3575.

## Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota

AA every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Good Neighbor Fellowship Church on Broadway.

## Alzheimer's Support

Alzheimer's Support Group meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Presbyterian Church in Washington at 6:30 p.m.

## Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Weekly meetings Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:30 pm. Keokuk County Extension Office, 641-777-1653

## Grief Share

Sigourney Christian Church, 308 S Jefferson St on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., beginning Nov. 6. No charge.

## Fiddle Dee Dee

3rd Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Junk Journal Workday. Bring your own junk journals to build and work on. You can collaborate, share supplies, or ideas.

## Keokuk County Democrats Open Meeting

First Tuesday of the Month. Meet & Greet at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## Webb Masonic Lodge #182

A.F. & A.M. Meets first Tuesday every month. Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Stated meeting 7:30 p.m. For more information call 641-660-4605

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supporting local journalism and strengthening our community.

While this chapter is coming to a close, I am incredibly grateful for the relationships that have been built and the trust you placed in me over the years.

Although things will look different moving forward, I

want you to know that I will not be far. I look forward to continuing to stay connected with this community in new ways and supporting the people and businesses that make it so special.

Thank you for welcoming me into your lives. It has truly meant more to me than I can put into words.

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again in 2022, because it's just not the same."

"I have great, great kids, like in EagleRock!," added Edwards. "I have kids that want to be here, and that makes all the difference in the world. So we're going to do the very best we can and have a good time doing it."

"I think it's going all right for the limited practices that we've had," said Luke Moeller, who starred as Prince Allistair, 10 days before showtime.

"This play is very funny," said Jason Redlinger, who played King Rodrick.

"Lot of actions, I get to shoot a bow," said Moeller.

"I get shot by a bow," said Redlinger.

The play also featured Kennedy Jackson as Queen Helene, Grayson Sprouse as Gilroy, Peyton Baughman as Princess Anabella, Brynn Conrad as Princess Edina, Rowen Horning as Duff, Dakota Dodd as Princess Brighid, Allie Galindo as Princess Purdy, Ella Greiner as Princess Petula, Vivienne Klien as Princess Betina, Madelyn Althenhofen as a herald, and Gabe Reid, Greyden Horning and Kahlan Carl as multiple minor characters.

New Keota K-12 band, vocal and music extracurricular teacher Michelle Temple is set to take over as drama director next year. Edwards stated that Temple is married to a former Keota grad and understands the system. "I think she'll do a really good job. I'm excited to have her here," said Edwards.

In addition to retiring from teaching and drama, Edwards will leave her position coaching EagleRock!, the show choir team she started

at the school thirty years ago.

"I have fabulous, fabulous kids this year, that want to be there, and they have done so much better than we've ever done before," said Edwards about the team. "It's a good note to end on...We've finished first in Class 1A. Of course, there aren't a whole lot of schools our size that still have a show choir, but they've beaten 2A schools, they've beaten pep groups. They've just done phenomenal."

Many of the drama students also participated in EagleRock! or in Edwards's previous plays. Edwards noted that seniors Kennedy Jackson and Luke Moeller had both never missed acting in one of her plays. Jackson stated that her favorite play had been "Heaven Help the Po' Taters," which she acted in back in 2024. Moeller stated his favorite was "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist," performed in 2023.

"She's very laid back," said Redlinger.

"She gets the point across pretty easy," said Moeller.

"Super chill teacher," said Jackson.

"I like the way she teaches and how she teaches it," said Vivian Kleine.

"She puts on good plays every year," said Jackson.

"She'll be missed," said Redlinger.

"I'll miss her for the entire time, the rest of my high school career," said Peyton Bauffman.

"It's gonna be different without her, that's for sure," said Rowan Horning.

"I will miss it, and it's time," said Edwards. "When you're 73, there are parts of your body that don't want to do anything anymore."

Photo Credit Katie Phillips.

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# Supervisors Name April Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY - During the March 30 meeting of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, the board proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, following a conversation with Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson from Early Childhood Iowa. Wetjen-Kesterson showed the board statistics on child abuse in the county, which showed an incidence rate per 1,000 children under 5 of 30 in 2023, compared to a state average of 21. Wetjen-Kesterson said that rates of abuse had universally gone up since 2020, due to family stress and financial uncertainty, and

that she thought these rates would stay this high or become higher.

Wetjen-Kesterson explained that the main program Decat and Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC) fund in the county is the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which delivers books to the homes of children under five in the county. In FY2025, the program received \$5,000 in funding and was able to give 3,544 books to 234 families and 348 children, 57% of the children under five in the county. Wetjen-Kesterson noted the county's rising kindergarten literacy scores, which had gone from 63% in

2020 to 71% in 2024.

Wetjen-Kesterson explained that a currently being discussed state bill would totally eliminate Decat and CPPC by June 30. She stated that they needed at least twelve months to find continued funding for programs and transition juvenile court service programs. Wetjen-Kesterson stated that, if Decat gets twelve months, they will put Decat money into the Dolly Parton program for one final year. If not, she will ask Early Childhood Iowa where they can cut something else to fit the program in.

Wetjen-Kesterson also noted that the social program

cuts would affect preschool scholarships and funding for SIEDA Head Start in Keokuk County. She stated that over 50 years of data showed that the program works and that children who attend preschool are more successful in school and life. Wetjen-Kesterson stated that children needed preschool to learn social emotional skills and that these programs lift families out of poverty. She stated that some of her job will be moved to the Department of Health and Human Services, but that she was worried that young families wouldn't voluntarily participate, due to not wanting to be connected to the HHS.

## Keota Quarter 3 Honor Roll

### High School

To be eligible, students must receive a GPA of at least 3.2. "\*" denotes 4.0 GPA.

### 12th Grade

\*Reese Conrad, \*Dakota Dodd, Garrett Greiner, Chase Haifley, Kennedy Jackson, Olivia Lyle, \*Emily Mahan, \*Emily Moeller, \*Luke Moeller, Jake Morris, Addison Purkepile, \*Gavin Sieren, \*Jackson Vittetoe.

### 11th Grade

Porter Cave, Emily Conger, Lexus Detweiler, \*Ayden Galindo, Jack Greiner, Brennan McGuire, Jaylah Redlinger, Tucker Sprouse, \*Wyatt Stewart.

### 10th Grade

Blake Baker, Keegan Clarke, Aubrey Galindo, Aidan Greiner, Ella Greiner, Karley Greiner, Marlee Greiner, Cameron Haifley, Halle Heisdorffer, \*Elyse Lyle, Tyson Osweiler, \*Levin Sheetz.

### 9th Grade

\*Jessalyn Aller, Peyton Baughman, Hadley Cave, Mia Conrad, Drew Dodd, Allie Galindo, Aspen Galindo, Emma Greiner, William Greiner, Rowen Horning, Memphis Jaeger, Vivienne Klein, Maddox Peterson, Dacin Redlinger, Zoey Sieren, \*Grayson Sprouse.

### Junior High

To be eligible, students must receive a GPA of at least 3.0. "\*" denotes 4.0 GPA.

### 8th Grade

Josephine Greiner, Skylar Greiner, Greyden Horning, Xander Myers, Gabriel Reid.

### 7th Grade

\*Madelyn Althenhofen, Nora Bayliss, Lucas Bender, Kahlan Carl, Case Fenger, Covert Greiner, Raiden Henrichson-Mattila, Iliyiah Hill, Caiden Luers, Emerson Lyle, Connor Osweiler, Daxton Redlinger, Rylee Schulte, Ryker Sheetz, Aspen Sieren.

## Tri-County 3rd Quarter 2026 Honor Roll

### A Honor Roll

12th Grade  
Emma Lindley, Boston Rooda.

11th Grade  
Nazareth Davis, Drayvon Dennis, Alyssa Hadsell.

5th Grade  
Grant Sowers.

3rd Grade  
Braxton Brumbaugh.

B Honor Roll  
12th Grade  
Ava, Brackelsberg, Hailey Brackelsberg, Tuesday Davis, Keagan MacCready.

11th Grade  
Emery Hall, Sean McCulloch, Saige McKain, Aubrey Zittergruen.

10th Grade  
Keira Cooper, Zoelynn Garrett, Lia Hastings, Easton

Mercer, Karley Moore, Layla Shilling, Sullivan Stanley.

9th Grade  
Lillian McDonald, Sloane McKain, Leah Triplett.

8th Grade  
Adam Bos Rauch, Eva Domenech, Griffin Hall, Aziah Jandrisovits, Bailey Moore.

7th Grade  
Quinn Stanley.

5th Grade  
Paisly Edmundson, Nora Hall, Kenneth Hartwig, Gabriel Kenyon, Leo Molyneux, Reese Moore.

4th Grade  
Sofia Berg, Annabelle Callow, Alexzander Purdy.

3rd Grade  
Kenzie Huber, Ellenor Winkleman.



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