

4-H Senior-Feature



**Grace Conger**  
**Hometown:** Keota  
**Parents:** Melinda Eakins and Cris Conger  
**School:** Keota High School  
**4-H Club:** 76 Progressives  
**Projects:** Photography, Visual Arts, Clothing event, Food and Nutrition, Clover Kid Mentor  
**4-H Activities:** 76 Progressives, County Council  
**Special 4-H memory/highlight:** My special 4-H memory is going to the state fair in the clothing event.  
"I joined 4-H for the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. I think 4-H is a great program to be a part of because of the endless opportunities it has to offer, and I encourage other people to also join 4-H!"  
**Other Activities:** Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Speech, Show Choir, Youth Group, Student Council, National Honor Society.  
**Future plans:** I plan to attend the University of Iowa to major in Nursing.



A vendor fair was held at the North English Community Center on April 26

KEOKUK COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL: APRIL 16, 2025

By Mary Williams, Secretary

The Keokuk County Retired School Personnel met on Wednesday, April 16, at the Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney. Twenty-three members and two guests were present. President Sandy Steinke called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. The program was Comic Artist Phil Hester who shared his artwork.

Phil Hester is a cartoonist and artist from North English. His wife Chris is a retired teacher and a member of KCRSP. Phil moved to North English in the eighth grade. He had several teachers who encouraged and inspired him to become the cartoonist he is today. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa. He started working as a cartoonist for the Knoxville Newspaper when his wife was a teacher there. After attending sev-

eral comic book conventions and becoming acquainted with a variety of comic book publishers, his first big break came when he was hired as an artist for the Ghost Busters comics. He has drawn superheroes for many publications including Marvel and DC Comics. He still gets royalties from some of the comic book characters he originated that are shown on TV.

Sandy Steinke called the meeting to order at 2:50 P.M. She thanked the church la-

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Phil Hester



Pekin students Taytum Hixson, Sophie Davis, Zoe Heisdorffer, Carly Clubb, Autumn Coleman, Zoey Denison, Maksim Peiffer, and Kieran Adrian played as part of the SEISC Jr. High Honor Band.



Sigourney FFA students competed at the National Land and Range Judging Contest in Reno, placing 37th out of 94.



The Keokuk County Hospital Auxiliary held a vendor fair on April 24 to raise money for scholarships for locals entering the medical field

Keswick Student Selected for President's Leadership Class at Iowa State University

First-year student Chloe Zittergruen of Keswick is nearing completion of the 2024-25 President's Leadership Class at Iowa State University.



Zittergruen majors in agricultural communication and is a graduate of Tri-County High School.

Each fall, Iowa State President Wendy Wintersteen invites 30 first-year students to participate in the program. They are selected for the class based on high school leadership experience, academic achievement, and involvement in school and community service. The President's Leadership Class builds on these abilities and experiences, serving as an important training ground for students who will go on to become campus leaders; and ultimately, leaders in their

professions and communities. The class meets weekly in The Knoll, the president's residence, to discuss a variety of topics related to leadership with President Wintersteen and are given the opportunity to interact with Iowa State administrators, faculty and staff, and state and local leaders. Each student receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

Keota Quarter 3 Honor Roll

**Junior High (Requires 3.0 GPA, \* Denotes 4.0)**

**Seventh Grade**  
Landon Beinhart, Josephine Greiner, Skylar Greiner, Gia Jaeger

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

**High School (Required 3.2 HPA\* Denotes 4.0)**

**Ninth 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

**Tenth Grade**  
Porter Cave, Emily Con-

ger, Brynn Conrad, Maya Dalton, Lexus Detweiler, Ayden Galindo\*, Jack Greiner, Brycen Horras, Brennan McGuire, Jaylah Redlinger, Tucker Sprouse

**Eleventh Grade**  
Reese Conrad\*, Dakota Dodd, Garrett Greiner, Chase Haifley, Kennedy Jackson, Olivia Lyle, Emily Mahan, Emily Moeller, Luke Moeller, Addison Purkeypille, Gavin Sieren\*, Jackson Vitte-toe\*

**Twelfth Grade**  
Pierce Bimson, Elizabeth Chalupa\*, Jace Chalupa, Kimberly Clarahan\*, Grace Conger\*, Wyatt Donald\*, Ashton Galindo\*, Ava Greiner\*, Brody Greiner\*, Landyn Greiner, Niveah Gutierrez\*, Billie Kindred, Madelynn McDonald, Mison Milam, Owen Morris, Willow Schutte, Isaac Striegel, Alaina Swanson\*, Jax Weber\*

Hats and More

On April 17th our Hats and More club met at the Sun-down Bar and Grill in Williamsburg. Eleven Members attended and enjoyed a wide variety of entrees. Prizes were won by Ruth Evans and Car-

la Burdock. Our next luncheon will be hosted by Dixie Knipfer at Bryant's Chill and Grill, 1991 O'Donnell Rd. Williamsburg on May 7th at 11:00 AM.



Pekin FBLA Students Competed at the State Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids on April 10. Kenadie Long placed 3rd in the state in Agribusiness. Jonathan Delaney and Wyatt Cobler placed 3rd in the state in Computer Game Simulation - Business Simulation Game for Education. Long and Delaney and Cobler were national qualifiers.



Pekin students Olivia Fishel, Sophie Davis, Autumn Coleman, Brin Lauderman, Zoe Heisdorffer, Charlotte Bias, and Taytum Hixson performed at the SEISC Jr. High Honor Choir on April 15.



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