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first win of the season



//Senior **Luke Diers** serves the ball in the first home meet against North Polk.

The Pella boys' tennis team had their first home meet on March 26 against North Polk. They won the meet, making a great start for the season.

"It went great. It was a good test for us against North Polk, who is typically a really good opponent," said senior **Luke Diers**. "We expect the season to go well because we have a deep line up, so the team should be pretty solid."

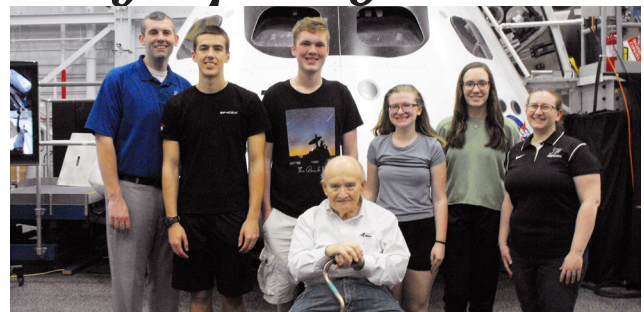
Senior **Jakub Tomczyk** is enjoying the social aspect of the tennis team.

"I really enjoy playing with all my teammates," said **Tomczyk**. "We all work really well and have fun together."



//The group Buss down Susanna performs during the Friday night Improv show. Seniors **Troy Miller, Gavin Kl**, **Luigi Lopez** and junior **Hanna Kendall** were part of the group that performed in every single performance. "I love that they all made it so much fun," said junior **Hanna Kendall**.

boldly exploring with nasa



Juniors **Allison Paulius, Cassandra Volpe, Thomas Gaul, and Joe Beukelman** and science teacher **Erin Yoder** met engineers **Norman Chaffee** and **Jordan Menning**.

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what do you say to that?

Every year, Pella High has an improv show featuring some of the school's funniest students. This year there were four student teams and one teacher team. The student teams consisted of Buss down Susanna, Pulp Lemonade, Bowers Bonita Babes, and Incognito Mode. The teacher team was called Your Tax Dollars at Work.

"We play the games that will be performed at the show in practices," said **Gavin Klein**. "They are a lot of fun because they are just as funny as the show itself."

Buss down Susanna was the every night team. The other teams only performed in one show; however, they played the same games in the different shows.

"My favorite game was slide show, because I got to do it with my friends," said senior **Jacob Schemm**.

Juniors **Allison Paulius**, **Cassandra Volpe**, **Thomas Gaul**, and **Joe Beukelman** created plans to colonize a fictitious planet for the NASA competition. They were all on separate teams. **Beukelman's** team won.

"It was a great feeling finding out that our team won. After spending nearly 24 intense hours of working with very little sleep, it was a great reward," said **Beukelman**. "However, the whole team was a bit slow to react as most of us were on the verge of sleep."



Left: Senior **Matthew Thompson** performs on Thursday night. Above: Seniors **Levi Dugger**, **Gavin Tierney**, and junior **Jamie Vilavanh** perform on Friday night. The improv show uses props in every performance. A recurring prop used is a paper bag. If the students say a joke deemed inappropriate, they "are bagged."

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Q: Why did you move last year?

A: My dad was looking for a fresh start in life, so we decided to move to Houston.

Q: What was the school experience like?

A: One time when I was at school, these two girls got in a fight in the middle of class; there were always fights. Houston ain't no joke.

Q: What's changed since you've come back?

A: When I came back to Pella, I made new friends in high school.

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