

Visser Recovers from Covid

Ann Visser, teacher of 31 years, is on the minds of alumni and students. Retiring in May of 2014, Visser built Pella Publications from the bottom up. She impacted many lives of students at Pella as well as those in other districts in a positive way.

"I have been extremely blessed to have worked with so many incredible individuals during the years I've been here," said Visser back in 2014. "No other job could have been a better fit for me."

Visser and her family have recently been very closely impacted by COVID-19. Melinda Mutti, Visser's sister, was a substitute teacher at Knoxville and Pella Community School Districts and passed away on the third of September. Visser was hospitalized from contracting the virus.

"At a point, I was so sick that I don't think I even comprehended what was happening in my world," said Visser in an interview to Iowa Starting Line, "And I don't think Melinda did either... I just think that we all need to know that we could be tomorrow's victim."

Grayson Parisee, Pella Community High School alumni, was struck by that same realization. Parisee was involved in Pella's journalism program and considers himself a friend of Visser.

"It really puts into perspective how quickly things can change," said "We think that COVID-19 is far away, that it won't impact us, and it's a shock for some people to learn that just isn't the case."

Ann Visser, remembered by students as the queen of blue mascara, fought a hard battle against COVID-19 and came out the other side to tell about it. Throughout her battle, many students and alumni kept her and her graciousness in their thoughts. They hope to carry out her legacy in the journalism department and at Pella High School.

"Miss Visser was always very kind to me. She really is an amazing person who has changed so many lives," said Parisee. "Kindness really goes a long way."

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>>> **BOND:** Ann Visser and graduate Christina Catmull pose for a photo on one of their last days as teacher and student. Visser retired in 2014. "Ms. Visser, you have impacted so many people over your teaching career! You helped me grow as a journalist and a person," said Catmull.

Staff Ed: The New Normal

As we all work to find our new normal, things are constantly changing. It's hard to adjust to everything as things are changing so fast. As we try our best to adjust to the new reality we're living in, we're also trying our best to keep things the same as they used to be when possible.

When it was first released that masks were required at school there were a lot of mixed emotions. Now, as we're entering our 3rd month of school, we can see the benefits. Not only have we been able to remain fully in school, but we've been able to keep our case numbers low. Masks become crucial when we try to remain in person for as long as possible.

Seniors have been role models throughout the Covid-19 changes. After watching the class of 2020 miss out on some of the most memorable parts of

senior year, the class of 2021 is doing everything they can to avoid missing out



Picture by • Tobias Rehbein

on their senior year. From holding others accountable to making sure they follow the rules themselves, the senior class has kept the school feel as normal as possible.

Pella was very fortunate to have a homecoming as close to normal as possible. With only minor changes, the traditions and activities of homecoming were able to continue. With masks playing a vital role in our safety, we were able to have most of our usual activities that make homecoming special.

As we adjust to this new normal, we have to continue to adapt to the new changes made daily. The more we follow these rules, the more things we can try to keep normal. So wear your mask (over your nose!), so we can keep a little piece of the normal we know best.

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Student Opinion

Who would you vote for? Team Trump

"He also has done a lot for this country. He started the border wall. He is trying to make peace in Jerusalem, and he met with North Korea for the first time in forever. He has also done a lot for the black community."

- **Sopomore Deacon Yeoman**

"I think Trump has a lot of good points on how to make the country better. You can tell he actually cares about some of the stuff he wants to do."

- **Sophomore Maria Pronina**

"Because Trump is doing a lot of good in the world."

- **Junior Brooklyn Huizer**

"I have more Republican views than Democratic views."

- **Senior Emma Yoder**

"Although I disagree with President Trump in many areas and wish he could be more respectful to everyone, I agree with him more than I agree with Mr. Biden on controversial issues such as abortion laws and gun rights. I believe Trump could use his power to make some great changes if he just gets off his Twitter account. I also appreciate President Trump's urging of prayer in America"

- **Senior Noelle Ruckman**

"He's been president once before, why not again? He knows what to do, and he is doing it."

- **Senior Sydney Stursma**