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## Shows to Binge This Summer

Binging a TV show is a worldwide phenomenon with more and more shows being thrown at us all the time. It can be overwhelming with so many options, but your summer can be filled with exciting shows with the right subscriptions.

### Bridgerton

The number one recommendation I have would be Bridgerton on Netflix. With two seasons (sixteen episodes in total) and each episode lasting around an hour, there is a good amount of material to binge-watch. Plus, seasons three and four are on their way to fill our lives with more romance and drama. The show is a Regency-era drama revolving around the lives of English nobility along with the matchmaking season. While there are some very mature scenes in the show, the storylines and characters are definitely worth watching.

### Moon Knight

Then for all you Marvel lovers out there, Disney Plus has a new hit show, Moon Knight. The story is about a Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) system, where some of the alters take the form of the mercenary, Moon Knight. Marc Spector, the host of the system, experienced severe trauma as a child, thus giving him DID. Then, after the system had been shot multiple times, the Moon God Khonshu resurrected them and gave them the powers of Moon Knight. There have been six episodes promised with speculation about more seasons on their way, and each episode is about 40-50 minutes long. The show brings an illness to light that is not normally represented and is sure to entertain with some light education on DID.

### Stranger Things

With perfect timing for the final days of school, Stranger Things season four, part one, will be released on Netflix on May

27th. The second part will be released on July 1st, allowing plenty of time for fans to speculate and dissect the show. Stranger Things takes place in the small town of Hawkins, Indiana, and is based around the disappearance of a young boy, Will Byers. Each season takes a new approach or builds off of the last, demonstrating the horrific events befalling the town after Will's disappearance. With the current 25 episodes, it would take fans approximately 22 hours to watch all three seasons, providing plenty of binge material to indulge in over the summer.

A lot of the time, summers can be a period of great boredom. But, you can take advantage of the great amounts of content available with a monthly subscription to a service like Netflix or Disney Plus. So make sure to indulge in quality entertainment this summer while you wait for the school year to start back up.

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## Inside Look at the Duchesses

The Duchesses work throughout the entire year to prepare for Tulip Time. The group dances, sings, and dresses in traditional Dutch costumes. Their performances entertain and educate. Practices are one hour every Sunday, starting in late October.

There are 16 duchesses at one time, eight from each school (Pella Community and Pella Christian).

"I decided to be a duchess because I thought it would be a lot of fun, especially to get to know people that I might not have known otherwise," said junior Ellie Wogen.

To be a duchess, you get nominated, and then chosen by the historical society. It is a three year commitment.

"It has definitely been an honor to be part of the group!" said Wogen.

Being a duchess is a lot of work, but very fun according to Wogen.



>>> The Duchesses have their picture taken for Tulip Time. **TOP ROW:** Alexa Klein, Emily Blom, Sydney Van Arendonk, Anna DeNooy, Mia Andringa, Claire Braafhart **MIDDLE ROW:** Claire Westerkamp, Avery Verhoef, Alayna Van Kooten, Sami Clark, Tatum Carlstone, Sydne DeJong **BOTTOM ROW:** Cora Bierma, Bridget Vande Zande, Ellie Wogen, Ella Van Waardhuizen. "I love getting to answer questions people have, sharing our town with others. The other girls are so much fun, and we get to grow really close over the 3 years," said Carlstone.

"My personal experience has been great! Sadly due to Covid, I didn't get to perform during my freshman year, but it has been a blast."

The week of Tulip Time is very busy for the group because they put in about 8 hours a day performing all around town and on the Tulip Touren.

"It has been a great opportunity to be able to represent our town and the Historical Society in this way," said Wogen. "I will definitely miss it and all my friends!"

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### Best of Tulip Time

**-PARADES.** After two years of absence, daily parades are returning for this year's festival. Classic floats such as the Teacup Float and the Pella Corp. Treehouse will be on display alongside area marching bands, including our own Pella Marching Dutch.

**-SHORT SCHOOL DAYS.** Since many students volunteer throughout the festival, attendance at school is sparse. "I like having easy days the week of the festival," explained sophomore Faith Vandenberg. "You experience all the fun of Tulip Time without missing a ton of schoolwork." Since many students volunteer throughout the festival, attendance at school is sparse.

**-FOOD.** Poffertjes are a beloved Dutch treat, but several others have emerged in recent years. Popular treats include Dutch Ribbons, the Triple Threat, Dutch Taco, and more.

### Worst of Tulip Time

**-CROWDS.** Pella's population increases by tenfold during the festival, which makes many student drivers annoyed. "It's so annoying trying to drive or walk around during Tulip Time," said sophomore Crista Chenoweth. "You can barely move half of the time!"

**-PARKING.** Streets are often lined with cars from all over the country. However, the festival often brings the worst drivers in the country to our small town streets.

**-NO CELL SERVICE.** Just like everything else during the festival, this problem comes from the influx of people during the festival. "It's so hard to make plans with friends when I can't use my phone," complained sophomore Levi Hansen. "It'd be easier without so many tourists!"

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