



Tulip Time

80th Anniversary

CELEBRATE | (Left to right) Freshman **Erica Halstead**, sophomores **Grace Fisher**, **Payton Phelps** and **Nicole Schnebbe** rode in the first afternoon parade

Identifying the festivities

KLOMPEN CLASSIC: To start off the Dutch festivities, the town held its annual 5k, the Klompen Classic. Several students participated in the run including sophomore **Nick Bernhagen** and junior **Adam Sievers** who placed first in their age divisions.

CORONATION: Each year, senior girls from both Pella Christian and Pella High School have the opportunity to be a part of the Tulip Court or be the queen. This year, three girls from Pella made it through the second round and became members of the 2015 Tulip Court. On Thursday, May 7, the court was coronated in front of the town for the first time. Members of the 2015 Tulip Court include attendants Emily Van Gorp, Megan Atkins, Jessica Vos, Leah Wilborn and Queen Eleanor Witt.

DUTCH DANCING: Students of all ages from both schools in town shared the town's Dutch culture by dancing traditional Dutch dances twice a day. Clothed in traditional Dutch costumes, students gave up their time after school to practice and get ready for the performances.

PARADES: With one day parade and one night parade each day of the festival, the parades are a Tulip Time favorite! This year's parade included two new floats: Pella Corp and FFA. The Pella High Marching Dutch also had three performances during Tulip Time, including Friday afternoon and both parades on Saturday.

FOOD: And what would Tulip Time be without all the yummy, Dutch food? From poffertjes to vet bollen, students enjoyed trying different cultural foods from the variety of food stands. "I loved working in the FFA Tulip Time stand because it is a fun way to hang out with friends, and you get to work with money and food," said sophomore **Alaina Klyn**.

DUTCH MARKET: The Dutch Market has been a fun component of Pella's annual Tulip Festival. It is especially popular amongst adults and tourists. "The best part about the Dutch Market this year was the cool muscle zap machine, and also the ice cream," said sophomore **Kaitlyn Fairchild**.



DANCE | Sophomore **Jennifer Van Haften** laughed as she enjoyed Dutch dancing as a Duchess. "Dancing with the Duchesses was a lot of fun because I got to perform with a great group of girls and show all the tourists a part of our heritage," said **Van Haften**.



"SELFIE" | Sophomore **Bellara Huang** and junior **Laurel Stelter** took a selfie during the afternoon parade on Thursday. "My favorite part about the parades is seeing the townspeople representing Pella. Enjoying that with my friends is fun," said **Huang**.