

Queen's Announcement

What were your feelings when your name got called for the Tulip Court?

"When my name was called I couldn't stop smiling!"
Senior **Rachel Mueller**



"When they called my name I was so flustered! I couldn't think about it!"
- Senior **Faith VanWyn garden**



"When they said my name I was thrilled yet sad that it couldn't be a 12 way tie."
- Senior **Sarah Muller**



2014 Tulip Queen/Court chosen at annual November event

Three seniors - **Rachel Mueller**, **Sarah Muller** and **Faith Van Wyn garden** - became a part of the 2014 Tulip Time Royal Court at the Queen's Announcement Party Nov. 9 at Pella Christian. Pella Christian seniors **Leah Blankenspoor** (queen) and **Mariah Eckoff** completed the court.

The day of the announcement party consisted of interviews, practicing, dress rehearsals, a luncheon and even more rehearsing.

"After all our rehearsals, I think we felt so much more comfortable with our presentations and the interviews both on stage and off stage," said **Van Wyn garden**.

The Announcement Party began as nominees presented a three-minute program. Nerves were on edge as the time came to discover who would be a part of the 2014 royal court.

"I knew that no matter who was picked, it was going to be an amazing court because every single one of those girls is awesome," said **Mueller**.

The Court's first royal appearance was in the Sinterklaas Parade. The parade consisted of the court handing out gifts to children who dressed up to see Sinterklaas and attending a brunch at Second Reformed Church.

"My favorite part was getting to hand out the gifts to the children and participate in the songs and story time with them. It was a great first event for us to appear at together," said **Muller**.

Bruxvoort, Chapman, DeNooy, Wassenaar voted to Elite 12



Senior **Sydney DeNooy**

After votes from Pella Community School District residents, seniors **Karli Bruxvoort**, **Haley Chapman**, **Sydney DeNooy** and **Sami Wassenaar** were also selected to vie for a spot on the 2014 Tulip Court.

Their presentations varied from relating their life to tulip colors to comparing their life to road signs. From shorter presentations to longer performances, the girls all showed what they valued in life and several humorous stories as they entertained the crowd.

"The girls that were there are not normally people that I would hang out with, so it was great to spend time with them and get to know all the girls," said **Wassenaar**.

In addition to the experiences shared by the nominees, lessons were learned.

"From the announcement party, I took away the fact that you shouldn't be afraid to be yourself," said **DeNooy**.



Senior **Karli Bruxvoort**



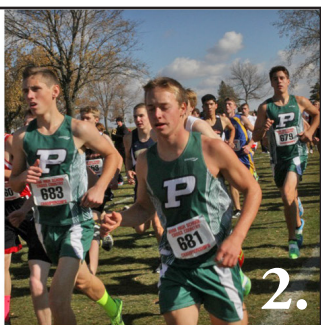
Senior **Sami Wassenaar**
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Senior **Haley Chapman**



Roorda wins title

XC boys, girls finish 4th at state

“There were a lot of fun memories that weekend that I will never forget,” said freshman **Tess Roorda**.

Understatement. Memories that **Roorda** and her teammates will never forget range from the boys and girls both finishing in fourth place to **Roorda** herself winning first place in the girls’.

The team left the Friday before the meet with traditional state preparation. Consisting of taking photos at the square, chalking cars and Suburbans, receiving gift bags with goodies and staying in a hotel together in Fort Dodge.

“I really made a bond with my teammates during state preparation. Coaches and parents really make it a great experience,” said sophomore **Adam Sievers**.

Fellow teammates enjoyed watching the state runners finish the race while cheering them on.

“It was a great day to be able to watch my sister run and hangout with other teammates,” said senior **Shelby Pfitzenmaier**.

1. Freshman **Tess Roorda** and mom **Joleen** share a hug after **Tess** crosses in first. 2. Seniors **Jordan Pingel**, **Levi Heschke** and **Josh Bailey** race to the finish line. **Pingel** finished 41st, **Heschke** 112th and **Bailey**, 57th. 3. The girls’ team spends time together in a prayer circle before the race. 4. Sophomore **Adam Sievers** starts the race strong, he finished 45th.

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Five dance their way to top ratings in solo competition

•ISDTA Solo Competition •Nov. 2 •Newton •Division IV •Seven Forté competitors
•Pottridge leads way with fifth place finish in class

“The best experience for me was going out and leaving it on the floor.” - Sophomore **Macy Nossaman** - “I” rating

“My first experience at the solo competition was great! I loved watching everyone perform!” -Sophomore **Molly Kellar** - “II” rating

“The competition was beyond fun, and all of it was a great experience.” - Senior **Larissa Michalek** - “I” rating

“I loved getting to see everyone’s hard work pay off. It was great to have the team there to support everyone!” - Junior **Kaila Wimmer** - “I” rating

“I loved getting to perform. It was an amazing experience that I’ll never forget!” -Junior **Megan Atkins** - “I” rating

“I loved having the opportunity to go out there and have fun doing what I love most.” -Senior **Alexis Baker** - “II” rating



SOMEONE TO KNOW ... SOPHOMORE JESSICA POTTRIDGE

Sophomore **Jessica Pottridge** has always enjoyed putting on a performance, especially if it involves dance. **Pottridge** won fifth place in Class IV Dance at the state solo competition Nov. 2.

“I had a really great experience at the solo competition this year. I just love to perform, so every chance I get makes me happy,” she said.

Pottridge, who has been dancing since she was two, dances at Knoxville’s Dance Express Studio.

“There’s nothing better than working super hard towards a goal and then succeeding ..., but I also really enjoy being on stage in general. I like everything about performing from the bright lights to the crowds cheering,” said **Pottridge**. **NOVEMBER→29**