

# Pella Defeats Webster City in Playoffs.



**Top //** Pella's defense makes a stop against the Webster City offense. Pella held Webster City to 7 points in the game. **Right//** Ryan Gustafson hands the ball to Reece Schnell for a carry. It was Gustafson's first year as starting quarterback for Pella. **Bottom //** Pella's offense huddles to plan their attack on Webster City's defense. Pella defeated Webster City 27-7 in the first round of playoffs after winning in the championship against them last year. Junior Gabe Thomas was happy with the result of the game. "It was a great game because we accomplished what people said we wouldn't," said Thomas.

For the first game in post season play, the Dutch had a rematch with Webster City, whom they beat in the state championship last year.

"We knew they were out for redemption, so we knew we had to play our hardest and focus on this year's game," said junior Bobby Sheil.

Pella's defense held back their offense and won the game 27-7.

"We came off a great week of practice, and we knew their offensive style, which helped us," said junior Brendan Davidson.

This game was also the first cold game of the season with temperatures going below freezing. Senior Paighton Malek had to bundle up before

going to the game to cheer on the Dutch.

"I had to wear multiple layers just to be somewhat warm, but it was still cold," said Malek. "It was worth going to watch because it is my senior year, so I wanted to make it to all the games no matter the weather."

Senior Avery Van Zee scored two touchdowns, and senior Cade Van Vliet made three tackles. Junior Ryan Gustafson started as quarterback.

"We knew what Webster City was going to do, and our coaches prepared us for success, so we went out and made plays," said Gustafson.

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Top // Pella FFA members who went to the conference include: **Front row (left to right): Jayden Veenstra** (Pella Christain), **Shianne Votva**, **Kayla Beyer**, **Meaghan Mienders**, **Taylor Decious**. **Back row (left to right): Alex DeArmond**, **Chandler Jahner** (Graduated), **Camren Westercamp**, **Codi Holdeman**, **Ella Jahner**. **Bottom** // FFA students from all over the U.S. listened to speakers and bands at the conference.

# FFA National Conference

Select members of the Pella chapter of FFA had the opportunity to participate in the National Leadership Conference on October 24-28. FFA clubs from around the U.S. made the journey to Indianapolis for this conference. Students watched public speaking competitions, visited leadership workshops, and listened to sessions held by the National FFA Officers. **Codi Holdeman**, the President of Pella's FFA chapter, learned a lot during her time at the conference.

"I went to the National Leadership Conference because I knew that it was a way for me to grow as an individual. Being president of our chapter this year, I wanted to better my knowledge about some public speaking events to help my members, and I also wanted to gain more knowledge on how to become a better leader," said **Holdeman**.

Graduate **Chandler Jahner** also competed in the extemporaneous speaking competition. The Pella students attended this competition in order to support **Jahner**.

## October Highlights

"Season two of *Stranger Things* came out!"

-Senior **Travis Aldrich**

"Cold weather and falling leaves."

-Junior **Lindsey Roose**

"My highlight was staying up until 4:00 a.m. writing a paper for West Civ."

-Junior **Ben Akers**

"The opening of the new outlet mall in Des Moines."

-Senior **Rebecca Dux**

"The highlight of my October was state cross country. It was really fun to be with all the girls doing something we love."

-Sophomore **Ellie Roorda**

"I really enjoyed going to football games."

-Sophomore **Jared Bruxvoort**

"I loved Pella in Pink. It was so much fun to support a great cause! And I got to do it with my Forté teammates!"

-Freshman **Julia Smart**

"I watched the movie *It*. I had been waiting to see the new one for years."

-Senior **Shawn Sytsma**

"Going to a haunted house in Des Moines while third wheeling was terrifying and hilarious at the same time."

-Junior **Maddy Rempe**

"Finishing my football season with a punt return without a shoe."

-Freshman **Shaun Hemming**

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# Yearbook Receives Award

Pella Publications traveled to Iowa City for the annual IHSPA Conference on October 26. The Iowa High School Publication Association awarded Pella third place for Yearbook of the Year, along with ten individual awards to various Pella students. Yearbook editors **Selena Quangvan**, **Justin Van Steenwyk**, **Claire Corbin**, and **Pauline Lopez** were very pleased when accepting the award.

Publications students attended sessions to help improve writing, photography, and design skills. **Quangvan** had a great time at the conference.

"IHSPA was very fun. It was exciting to see the other school's yearbook teams that we were competing against and to brainstorm ideas for our upcoming yearbook," said **Quangvan**.

Pella publications will return to the conference next fall in hopes of claiming another award to add to the collection.



// Seniors **Justin Van Steenwyk**, **Selena Quangvan**, **Pauline Lopez**, and junior **Claire Corbin** accept the 3rd place award. They have organized and designed most of the 2018 yearbook as well. "Designing this year's yearbook was difficult, but working with a group that is as dedicated and motivated as you are, makes the process a lot easier and a lot more fun," said