



Kinzi Van Wyk, Emma Anderson, Cedar Call, and Madeline Webb help themselves in the senior picnic line. The picnic is hosted by the Seniors' parents. "I thought it was a great way to spend time with all my friends and celebrate our senior year," said Van Wyk.



Senior Codi Holdeman looks over the Senior Issue of *The Pelladium* at the senior picnic. The center spread included the Senior Superlatives. "The last day felt great. I knew my hard work paid off, and I was ready to leave," said Holdeman.



Senior Cade VanVliet drives his combine to school. Avery VanZee, Reece Schnell, Jake Heerema, Landon VanderLeest, Logan Hudson, Lucas Warner, Curtis Ware, and Soren Stelter rode along.



Seniors Chelsea Roose and Bailee Meyer pose in the photo booth area at the senior picnic. "My favorite moment of the senior picnic was the prayer. It was amazing to be praying with and over my class who I've grown up with," said Meyer.

After coming in 2nd for a number of years, the Lady Dutch came out on top and were 2018 State Champions.

Senior Emily Vos ran in the 200 meter dash, the 4x200 meter relay, and the 100 meter dash at the state track meet.

"Overall, state this year was amazing. It definitely had its ups and downs. We placed very well in lots of events. We also had some disappointing times when we did not place the way we hoped. All these things come with the territory of competing at a state level.

In the end, we (finally) got to be 3A state champions," said Vos. "I could not think of any other teammates that are more deserving and have worked as hard as mine had for that title."

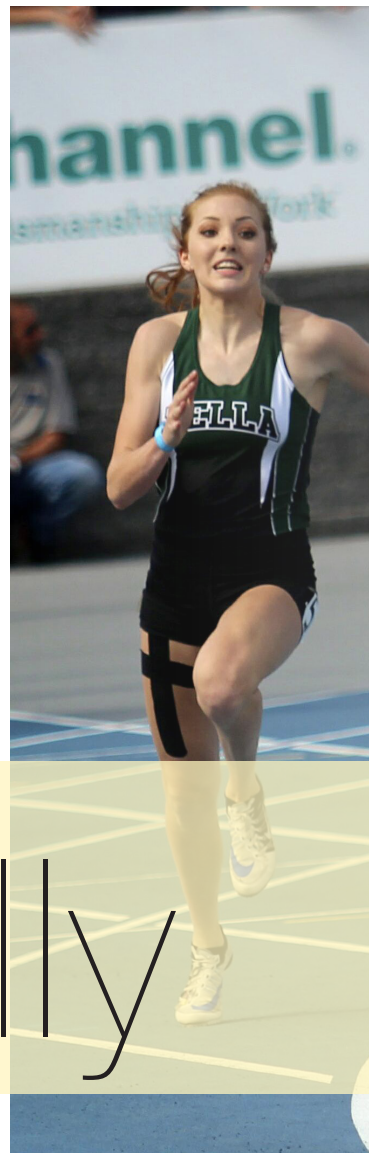
Vos was also the first

individual female at Pella High School to win overall champion in a running event.

"Being the first girl at Pella to win an individual running event was the perfect end to my high school career," said Vos.

It became apparent that the girls track team would win state after the 4x400 meter relay team of seniors Annika Pingle, Erica Halstead, junior Emily Holterhaus, and sophomore Elsie Thoreson, placed third.

Coach Dak Rasmussen said, "When Annika crossed the finish line at the end of the 4x400, I felt a great sense of accomplishment, relief, and extreme joy because the girls had achieved the goal they had set for themselves at the start of the season."



# Finally

## Seniors Say Goodbye

Some seniors arrived to school on their last day in an original fashion. Cade Van Vliet drove a combine to school, accompanied by Avery Van Zee, Reece Schnell, Jake Heerema, Landon VanderLeest, Logan Hudson, Lucas Warner, Curtis Ware, and Soren Stelter.

After attending the first four periods of school, seniors were excused to attend the senior picnic at the Market Park.

"It is was another great senior memory to add to our senior year," said Selena Quangvan. "It was nice to be together one last time."

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//Senior **Emily Vos** finishes the last leg of the 4x200 meter relay at the State Track Meet. In the finals the 4x2 team, including junior **Metsje Miller**, senior **Annika Pingel**, sophomore **Elsie Thoreson**, and **Vos**, placed third. "It was a great experience and was really fun to be a part of," said **Thoreson**.



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## Focus on Avery Van Zee

Senior **Avery Van Zee** competed in the State Track meet at Drake University. While there, **Van Zee** competed in the Shuttle Hurdle, Sprint Medley, and the 400 Hurdles. In the 400 Hurdle race, **Van Zee** won 1st place.

"State was absolutely amazing. I loved getting the opportunity to compete on the Blue Oval with great guys. It was a super fun way to end my senior season. It has been goal that I have been chasing to get 1st, and I finally accomplished it," said **Van Zee**. "I was very confident in my in my training and abilities to get the win. Couldn't have done it on my own though."

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