

“The king will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:40

As we close another school year, we look at what classes have done these past few months.

## Getting Acquainted...with the Boots



Our family includes Jay Boot, Kelsey (Schuring) Boot and Klayton Boot.

We live north of town at 2210 Dubuque Street. Jay is a full-time farmer and Kelsey is a school counselor at the Christian area schools. Jay's favorite part about his job is being his own boss and being out in nature. What Kelsey enjoys most about her job is getting to build relationships with all the students and staff one-on-one and in the classrooms.

Jay grew up attending Pella 2 and made profession of faith in high school. What drew us most to Pella II were the young families and smaller congregation. Our favorite family activities include bonfires, spending time with extended family and making trips to town for ice cream.

Jay likes Georges sausage pizza, Kelsey has a lot of favorite foods (I can't choose just one), and Klayton likes fruit and hot dogs.

Jay loves to hunt and play pick-up basketball. Kelsey enjoys watching movies, reading, and coffee dates. Klayton loves playing outside. Jay and Kelsey both enjoy being home and don't like to do a lot of traveling. When Klayton gets older, our dream vacation is staying in a cabin somewhere for the weekend to hunt, play games, and spend time together as a family.

## A Successful PET Build!

By Will Van Wyngarden

A group of volunteers from several Pella churches descended on Leighton, Iowa on June 9 and 10. Way back on March 22, a supper and auction was held at Grace Fellowship, marking the first time it was not held at Pella II CRC. The event went extremely well. All were thankful for the extra space. We also set a new record for fundraising, over \$30,000. That amount is enough to build 120 PET carts!



Since 120 carts is a bit too lofty, the decision was made aim for 60 carts. This necessitated an extra half day of building. The plan was to build 20 carts each in the morning and afternoon of June 9. We added a half day on Saturday, June 10, hoping that more people could attend who couldn't get off work on a Friday. If we could build 20 carts again on Saturday, we could reach our goal of carts

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and hopefully accommodate more volunteers.

I am happy to report that things went as planned. We built 20 on Friday morning, had lunch, and then built 20 more Friday afternoon. We didn't have a full house on Saturday, but we got into a "good ole Pella II groove," and were able to box the 60<sup>th</sup> cart just after lunch.

It was another successful weekend. Even though the temperatures outside were hot, we stayed cool inside. Coffeetime was had and fellowship abounded all weekend. The pros at Pella II delivered again!

See pictures from the build days:



## Cadet Camporee Attracts Pella II Boys and Counselors

By Shane Tukker, Head Counselor

On July 12, boys from around the world will join together for the 2017 Cadet International Camporee in the Black Hills of South Dakota at Camp Elk Run. Pella II will be sending five cadets: Carson Tukker, Caleb Van Arendonk, Kaden Van Wyngarden, Carter Vos, and Riley Zylstra. Counselors Shane Tukker and Wes Veenstra will be attending as staff and activities managers, and Matt Vos and Ken Zylstra will each be teaming up with another counselor to oversee a cadre of 6-7 cadets.

The boys have put in a lot of work to have the opportunity to attend this summer. First they had to complete the badges for Axemanship, Camp Cooking, Knots and Lashing, and Fire Building. Then they had to attend the overnight certification campout held by the Hawkeye Council.

During the one night campout the boys experienced a small taste of what to expect during a full week at the camporee. They practiced their fire building, axemanship, knots and lashing, and camp cooking. They also had some lessons on basic first aid and shelter building.

All these skill will come in useful during the week of camporee, especially shelter building, as each cadre will be sleeping in a tent of their own design; made only of twine, sticks, and plastic tarp. A well-made structure can go a long way for making an awesome experience. The days will be

filled with a variety of different activities including hiking, marksmanship, archery, visiting Mount Rushmore, camp crafts, and games. During camp crafts this year, the boys will be spending their time etching designs into glass. Games include Human Foosball, Wrist Rockets, Tire Roll (rolling motorcycle tires down a hill towards targets), and Ball Toss.

Throughout the activities of camp, the boys will be learning about God's glory in all things and will be building a stronger relationship with Him. They will grow spiritually with the help of newfound friends and mentors. The camaraderie experienced at camp is something that will stay with the boys throughout their lives.



You can follow all the activities at Camp Elk Run by visiting <https://www.campelkrun.com>.

The website should be updated frequently during the week.

Finally, and most importantly, keep all the boys and counselors in your prayers throughout the week. Please pray for safety in our travels and while at camp, for encouragement to help the boys face the unknown and unfamiliar, and for growth in their relationships with God and others.

## Tulip Time Outreach

By Joel Vander Molen

The annual celebration of Tulip Time has come and gone. We remember the food, weather, crowds, and all the different activities we do every year. If you have kids, some of your memories likely involve getting them to different locations at specific times. You may have missed it, but there

was also a new booth at this year's Tulip Time.

As you went down Franklin Street toward West Market Park, just before Creation Station, was a small overhang and table marked Tulip Time Outreach. This

booth was organized by Mr. Jon Neifert of Tracy CRC along with friends from First CRC and Answers in Genesis in Kentucky. I was able to volunteer Thursday afternoon just before the parade and Friday morning.

Some volunteers strolled around town while others stayed at the booth. We gave out gospel tracts to passersby as well people sitting and waiting for a parade or standing in line at a bakery. What better thing can you do while waiting other than learn about the Gospel? When receiving a tract, some disregard it, others read it later, and some want to learn more.

On Friday, I spoke with a number of people visiting from out of town. One retired couple from southern Missouri escaped flooding in order to come to Pella. They were just reading through the Bible for the first time and were looking forward to getting it finished. Some other people I talked with were new to town and church and still others were missionaries. A few of the other volunteers also had lengthy discussions with



people that are not at all familiar with the Bible and need for forgiveness in Christ.

In Pella, we often tend to have the thinking that everyone in town knows about being a Christian and visitors during Tulip Time can learn by our actions. Demonstrating Christian hospitality is good, but it does not tell about the need for

repentance and God's grace. Romans 10:17 says the message can't be heard if there isn't someone that gives it.

It is in a sense fun to work to spread the gospel, but it is also hard work for those that follow God's call. I look forward to every opportunity I am given, whether it be impromptu in a store or more planned at an outreach event. I pray that more from Pella II, and Pella in general, will go as harvesters into the harvest fields.

## Tulip Time Stroopwafel Booth Report

By Danielle DeRuiter, Grace Fellowship



The 2017 Tulip Time was a time of transition for Grace Fellowship's Tulip Time Booth. After facing past struggles of having enough volunteers, this year we dramatically cut down our menu to

stroopwafels, drinks, and snow cones. In previous years, we have also offered sandwiches, chips, and Dutch corn dogs. This was the first year that we proactively helped to solve our volunteer struggles by

asking the New Life Prison Ministry team to help us out with the intentions of blessing their ministry monetarily from our proceeds. We also put a major focus on making more shifts that could be filled by youth!



### The 2017 Tulip Time Schedule

began with a total of 367 shifts beginning at 4 pm on Wednesday through Saturday evening at 10 pm! That's 25 shifts on Wednesday, and 114 shifts per day for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday! After Grace Fellowship and New Life Prison Ministry signed up for shifts...we were still short. That's where Pella II stepped up and graciously filled our empty slots! To be honest, I don't know how many exact shifts were filled by Pella II in total. I do know, without a doubt, we couldn't have done it without all of your help!

Planning for the Tulip Time Booth begins in January. In March we make our stroopwafel dough at the Pella Christian High School. We also made the stroop syrup in Jan Blunck's room at Pella Christian High School. For the 2017 Tulip Time Festival we made enough dough to make just fewer than 16,000 dough balls! Most of our supplies for the booth are also purchased in the month of March and April. A Tulip Time Booth packet from the Pella Chamber of Commerce arrives in February. There are a few permits, food service meetings, and forms/paperwork to complete.

We sold more stroopwafels this year than ever before! There is NO WAY that without EVERYONE'S combined efforts that we would have been able to have such a good,

smooth sailing year! We can't thank you all enough for your hard work. A special thank you to the youth who gave of their time to help us out! After paying expenses and reserve for next year, we were able to support New Life Prison Ministries with a generous gift of \$5,000. The remaining funds will be administered by the Grace Fellowship

deacons and given to other ministry needs in the church and in the community throughout the year.



## Quilting Group

Pella 2 small quilt group has wrapped up the year by giving each newborn in our congregation a quilt, plus sending 12 to the Mississippi Care Center, 12 to Many Hands for Haiti, and 8 to the toy ministry. Come and join us this fall!



## Combined Services

As we continue to explore merging three congregations into one, we have had several combined services in different locations. These photos from Larry Hanthoorn and Piet Van Waarde show our combined congregations and musicians praising God as one.



## Welcome

**Nora Mae Talsma**  
Born to Steven and Kala  
on April 27, 2017

## *In Remembrance*

Betts Ver Meer



February 7, 1943 – June 12, 2017

Thank you for photos provided by Larry Hanthoorn and Piet Van Waarde of combined services and more photographers for the PET build days and Tulip Time events.

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