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## **2012 TULIP FESTIVAL QUEEN CROWNED**

**ORANGE CITY, IA.** – Samantha Droog was crowned the 2012 Tulip Festival Queen on Monday, November 21, 2011.

Droog will reign over the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Tulip Festival, happening May 17, 18 and 19 in 2012.

A senior at Unity Christian High School in Orange City, Droog is the daughter of Rick and Sue Droog.

Droog is joined on the 2012 Tulip Court by court members Jennifer Guthmiller, daughter of Jeff and Renee Guthmiller, Jacquelyn Jacobsma, daughter of Michael and Jill Jacobsma, Lauren McDonald, daughter of Todd and Kris McDonald and Caitlyn Van Es, daughter of Galen and Cathy Van Es.

Droog and her court members spent Monday afternoon giving presentations to and answering questions with judges Luanne Christensen, Kathi Johnson and David R. Van Ningen.

A pageant was held for the public in the evening. Each of the candidates answered questions on various topics and gave an individual presentation on growing up in Orange City. Droog was crowned as a conclusion to the evening.

Droog and her court will serve as ambassadors for the city of Orange City and for Tulip Festival. They will travel around the state making appearances on television and radio stations as well as visits to the state capital, schools, residential facilities and various clubs and organizations.

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*Founded by Dutch settlers, Orange City's citizens sought a way to keep their prominent heritage thriving. What began in 1936 as a small celebration led to over 70 years of what is now known as Tulip Festival. Orange City's Tulip Festival is an annual celebration each third weekend in May. Known for its tulips and night show as well as its authentic Dutch costumes, dances and food, Tulip Festival poses itself as one of the most prominent events in the state of Iowa. Visitors from across the nation come to immerse themselves in Orange City's thriving Dutch heritage. Breng on een bezoek!*

**MAY 17, 18, & 19 2012**  
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