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Welcome

...to Kalona and surrounding communities

When coal was discovered in Eastern Iowa, the Burlington, Cedar Rapids, and Northern Railroad saw a reason to extend a line 70 miles west from the Mississippi River. In 1879, new depots were established every seven miles, effectively establishing towns that included, from east to west, Lone Tree, Riverside, Kalona, and Wellman.

Today these are the cities in which we live, work, and play, and we warmly invite you to join us, whether for a weekend getaway or the next phase of your life.

As the second-largest city in Washington County with more than 2600 residents, Kalona is our heart. Nicknamed the Quilt Capital of Iowa, Kalona's storybook downtown hosts a perfect mix of shops selling fabrics, quilts, antiques, and locally made treasures. As you walk down the sidewalks inlaid with 40 different brick quilt blocks, you'll discover our local brewery, chocolatier, and coffeehouse, as well as our very own ice cream treat, the Kalona Bar.

Kalona is also well-known for its Amish heritage. The Amish were among the first Europeans to settle here in the 1840s, and their cooking and craftsmanship continue to influence our local culture here today. Old Order Amish farm the land as newer-order Amish build modern businesses in the countryside selling gifts, baked goods, and eBikes. Their Mennonite decedents live here and in our neighboring cities, giving our community a strong base of service-mindedness and generosity.

Wellman is Kalona's neighbor to the west. A quieter city of about 1500, Wellman residents appreciate the benefits of small-town living, such as

friendly neighbors and being able to walk to the city park and YMCA for recreation. For visitors, Wellman offers unique experiences to enjoy, such as one of only four sand green golf courses left in the state, and a retro-cool, recently remodeled roller-skating rink. Some of the best pie you'll ever eat can be found in a local cafe.

Riverside flanks Kalona to the east. With a resident population of about 1060, Riverside sparkles with energy, as it is easy to access from U.S. Highway 218 and home to the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, a sprawling complex that hosts three restaurants and performances by world famous entertainers. Riverside also holds the unique distinction of being the future birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk, a fictional character from science fiction series Star Trek.

Follow Iowa Highway 22 seven miles east of Riverside, and you'll find Lone Tree, a cozy city of about 1350. Named for a solitary giant elm tree that served as both landmark and shelter for over 200 years - the historic site of which can still be visited -- Lone Tree is a close-knit community that values its history. In late summer, great family fun can be had at the festival that fills the city center.

Each of our four cities hosts events throughout the year that draw crowds from all over, including the Kalona Quilt Show & Sale, Wellman's 4th of July, TrekFest, and Lone Tree Fall Fest. Cultural and recreational activities abound, with museums, parks, and golf courses available for enjoyment.

Kalona and surrounding Washington County is truly the land of milk and honey. Enjoy discovering our charming cities and pleasant way of life.

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Events



We live in small towns, but our events draw large crowds!

We're eager for you to join us for the kind of fun only Eastern Iowa can offer. Kalona's Quilt Show & Sale kicks off our spring calendar with beautiful examples of handmade craftsmanship you won't find anywhere else. Kalona Days ushers in early summer with fun contests for everyone. Enjoy tractor cades and car shows as the mercury rises. At Trekfest, the future home of Capt. Kirk celebrates "Star Trek" like no place else, and if you love music, our Bluegrass Festival and Gospel Sing will have you singing along until the end of summer.

Kalona Farmer's Market

With live music, kids' activities, and a variety of vendors, every Kalona Farmer's Market is an event not to be missed. Held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from May 25 to October 12, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., vendors line the north side of 5th Street downtown, offering fresh flowers, produce, baked goods, and handcrafted delights. **Facebook.com/KalonaMarket/.**

AUGUST



Lone Tree Fall Fest

The city of Lone Tree celebrates its 152nd year in August with Fall Fest, a weekend event filled with carnival rides, food trucks, tractor show, and bands. Don't miss the Saturday morning pancake breakfast and parade! The Lone Tree Flyers Club's RC aircraft are also worth checking out in the skies over the airfield. **August 23-24, 2024, downtown Lone Tree.**



Kalona Gospel Sing

Folks from across the Midwest look forward to gathering at the Kalona Gospel Sing on August 23-24, 2024. Held outdoors at the Windmill Ridge Campground, 2114 140th St, Kalona, the three days of music and relaxation are filled with performances by quartets, trios, duets, and family groups. Admission is by freewill donation. **KalonaGospelsing.com.**

Kalona Car Show

If classic cars are your thing, don't miss the Kalona Car show on August 17, 2024. Held in downtown Kalona from 5-8:30 p.m., this event features cars, music, trophies, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Registration is \$5/car; proceeds benefit Iowa City Hospice.



Midwest Old Threshers Reunion

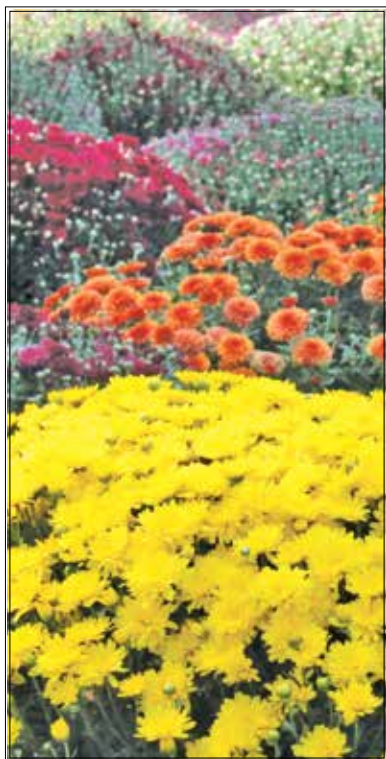
About 45 miles south of Kalona in Mount Pleasant, the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion Aug 29 - Sept 2, 2024 is not to be missed. Remember old times and make new memories while viewing the steam engines, antique cars, trucks, tractors, and gas engines from the past. Enjoy the parade, horse pull, and grandstand entertainment. Participate in the Miss Sweet Sixteen Contest and Reunion Photo Contest. Salivate over old-time threshing meals provided by local church and civic groups. **Oldthreshers.org/reunion.**

SEPTEMBER

Kalona Fall Festival

One of the highlights of the year for residents and visitors since 1972, Kalona's Fall Festival will take place on Sept. 27-28, 2024. A celebration of days gone by, the Fall Festival serves as a fundraiser for the Kalona Historical Village and the Mennonite Museum, both of which attendees may tour during the festival. A nearly-life size streetscape exhibit will be open inside the Village's Wahl Museum; don't miss it! A host of delicious foods, including apple fritters, cheese curds, and pie will have people lined up to purchase. Kids activities, musical performances, and demonstrations of cornmeal grinding, hand carving, a chuckwagon, and more will keep you entertained all weekend. **KalonaIowa.org/fallfestival.**

OCTOBER



Jack O'Lantern Jaunt

Celebrate Halloween at the Kalona Historical Village on October 31, 2024, from 5:30 – 8 p.m., where local businesses decorate the historical buildings and hand out candy from their porches. Make sure kids come in costume and enjoy the treats, bounce house, and movie showing indoors once darkness falls. Adults, take note of all those adorable cow, pig, and chicken costumes!

Trunk or Treat

You won't want to miss Trunk or Treat in downtown Wellman from 6-8 p.m. on October 31, 2024. Locals park their decorated vehicles along 8th Avenue and hand out candy to costumed kids, and there's plenty of free food thanks to area banks and food producers.

Riverside also hosts a Trunk or Treat at Highland Elementary School, 220 Schnoebelen St, Riverside. Hundreds of kids turn out to play on the playground and collect candy; the local FFA and Girl Scouts decorate cars befitting the occasion. Late October; contact the city for date: 319-648-3501.

NOVEMBER

Pleasantview Benefit Sale

Every year Pleasantview, a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community in Kalona, holds a benefit sale that includes silent and live auctions, bake sales, breakfast, and entertainment. Plan to attend the 67th annual benefit on November 8-9, 2024, at Hillcrest Academy, 1421 540th St. SW, Kalona (a fully accessible facility). Quilts, comforters, wall hangings, handmade items, and frozen packages of locally grown beef and pork are just a few examples of the 400+ items to be auctioned at the event. Enjoy a delicious dinner on Friday night or all-you-can-eat breakfast on Saturday morning, and take home scrumptious baked goods from bake sales on both days.

DECEMBER



Light the Night

Wellman's Christmas celebrations include the Wellman-Scofield Public Library's annual Christmas party, where kids create decorative crafts, and the city's Light the Night celebration, complete with Santa riding into downtown on a fire truck. Treats and refreshments are served as carolers sing, waiting for darkness to fall so the Christmas tree can be lit. Early December; contact the city for date: 319-646-2154.

WinterFest

Long Tree's Winter Fest creates storybook moments for residents and visitors to the small town. Santa meets with children and takes note of their gift lists, and horse-drawn carriage rides provide a taste of nostalgia. Late November; contact the city for date: 319-629-4285.

AUG 1	FALL QUILT EXHIBIT KALONA HISTORICAL VILLAGE
AUG 2-3	IOWA-ILLINOIS QUILT GATHERING KALONA HISTORICAL VILLAGE
AUG 3	KALONA MAYOR'S CLASSIC CAR CRUISE - 5 PM
AUG 10	KALONA FARMERS MARKET 9 AM - 1 PM
AUG 17	KALONA CAR SHOW
AUG 23-25	KALONA GOSPEL SING
AUG 24	KALONA FARMERS MARKET 9 - 1 PM
SEPT 14	KALONA FARMERS MARKET 9 AM - 1PM
SEPT 27-28	52ND KALONA FALL FESTIVAL KALONA HISTORICAL VILLAGE
SEPT 28	KALONA FARMERS MARKET 9 AM - 1PM
OCT 12	KALONA FARMERS MARKET 9 AM - 1PM
OCT 31	JACK-O-LANTERN JAUNT KALONA HISTORICAL VILLAGE
NOV 1	HOLIDAY QUILT EXHIBITS OPEN KALONA HISTORICAL VILLAGE
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NOV 30	SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY KALONA
DEC 7	CHRISTMAS IN KALONA
JAN 6	EPIPHANY AMISH STORES CLOSED



Santa Visits Riverside

Santa rides into the Riverside Fire Department every year on a fire truck, ready to meet with eager children and make sure everyone leaves with a bag of goodies. Cookies and milk are served, guests wear red stocking caps, and decorated Christmas trees enhance the festive atmosphere. December 14, 2024.

Christmas in Kalona

If you're looking for a storybook Christmas, be sure to be in town on December 7, 2024, for Christmas in Kalona. Enjoy treats and refreshments while browsing the Christmas market; don't miss the Christmas Tree Walk where area businesses compete to decorate the most inventive themed trees. Collect a stocking at the Chamber of Commerce and fill it with free goodies as you shop the retail stores. Horse-drawn carriage rides provide a snug family ride, and the golf cart parade lights up the night.



Congratulations! By taking a moment to peek into our Kalona guide and read a bit about our community, you are going to be pleasantly surprised with all we have to share with you. As a local farmer's daughter, I grew up in the area and moved away to the big cities just long enough to truly appreciate the small town comfort and head back home. If you visit Kalona, you will soon discover there are many families that have planted their roots here, growing their farms and businesses through multiple generations.

Kalona is well-known as an Amish or Mennonite community. It is quite true that many of our rural farms and businesses are part of the Anabaptist Church, including hen houses, dairy farms, wood shops, greenhouses, and general stores, just to name a few! What you may not know is that we are a blend of religions that do life together with the common goal of using our skills of craftsmanship to provide quality products and services. We also have campgrounds and parks where you can stretch your legs, and different venues that host live music throughout the year.

The best way to learn more about Kalona's history and culture is through a guided byways tour, paired with a visit to the Kalona Historical Village. On your tour you will learn first-hand about the Amish way of life in our area, and though there are commonalities, how this may differ in each town. Your guide will highlight the different farms and stop at several rural retail stores. Once you're back in town, take your time to stroll through the historic buildings and museums at the Kalona Historical Village.

If you appreciate craftsmanship, we have something for every style: woodworking, quilting, chocolates, jewelry, craft-beer, organic creamery, and even a renowned sculpture foundry. We have dozens of retailers that will keep you occupied during regular business hours, but check the Kalona community calendar for car shows, farmers markets, and festivals that are among many of our family friendly activities. Plan ahead by calling the Kalona Chamber and we will be glad to guide you to the best options that fit your get-away goals. Once in town, stop by our office to pick up local maps and ask any other questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Tonia Poole

Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce Director

INFORMATION CENTRAL:



Our regular staff members are Judy Bontrager, Natali Miller, and Tonia Poole. On occasion you may have the pleasure of meeting Judy West or Bonnie Nisly.



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Kalona Fall Festival:

A can't-miss event featuring history, agriculture, and sweet treats

By Cheryl Allen

Fall officially gets underway in Kalona at the end of September, when young and old alike eagerly filter through the admission gates at Fall Festival. Held at the Kalona Historical Village on Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, Fall Festival is a celebration of historical Kalona filled with family, friends, food, and fun.

"It's truly a class reunion, a family gathering. That's a major tradition of what Fall Festival is all about," says Nancy Roth, Managing Director of the Kalona Historical Village. "It's something that the community looks forward to every year."

2024 marks the 52nd year of the festival, which originated in 1972 as a fundraising event to help preserve the history of Kalona, primarily through the buildings and exhibits that were then being acquired and built, and today make up the Historical Village. The event still serves as an important fundraiser for the Historical and Mennonite Societies.

For those who have never attended, Fall Festival offers a host of historical demonstrations, entertainment, crafts vendors, and tasty foods, in addition to an opportunity to view the Historical Village's museums, exhibits, and gift shop.

For those who have never missed a Fall Festival, things will look a little different this year.

The most notable change will be the festival's layout. That which was located on the west end of Village grounds will now be located on the east side.

Vendors -- who offer a variety of handmade wares, including quilted items, wood cutting boards, and hand-dyed pillows; vintage jewelry; children's books; and more -- will not be set up in the pole barn this year, but instead under a tent in the east lot. Music and entertainment will be located at the east lot as well.

The west side of Village grounds will be dedicated to telling Kalona's agriculture story. Pony rides and a petting zoo will all be in this area, where it is

hoped a historic barn will eventually be rebuilt, and exhibits exploring Kalona's agricultural past created.

"We're going to do a giant flip-flop," Roth says of the festival's reconfiguration.

Part of this rezoning is due to a new railroad exhibit currently underway that Roth anticipates will largely be in place in time for the festival. Kalona's original railroad depot building, which has long been part of the Historical Village, will be expanded upon with the addition of a wood boxcar, platform, railroad tracks, and working signal. Exhibits planned for inside the boxcar will help tell Kalona's origin story; the city began when the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railway established a depot there in 1879.

Needless to say, a train running through the middle of Village grounds is going to take up some space where attendees previously waited in lines for apple fritters and giant soft pretzels, hence the need to move things around.

Favorite Fall Festival foods will return, including shrimp po' boys, cheese curds, and pies, in addition to those beloved fritters and pretzels. Demonstrations of historical activities, including cornmeal grinding and apple butter making, will also return, with two notable new additions: a couple will demonstrate hand carving pegs (for building peg barns) while in historical dress, and an authentic cowboy chuckwagon will be onsite, its owner demonstrating how food was prepared while sharing his poetry.

Wherever one's interests lie -- in history, musical entertainment, sweet treats, farm animals, shopping or socializing -- the Kalona Fall Festival has something in it for everyone.

The Kalona Fall Festival takes place on Friday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kalona Historical Village, 715 D Avenue, Kalona. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and free for children under 4. For more information, visit kalonaiowa.org/fall-festival/



May 14 Dave Zollo
 May 21 Surf Zombies
 May 28 Pigs & Clover
 June 4 The Savage Hearts
 June 11 Cedar County Cobras
 June 18 Marc Janssen & The Locals
 June 25 Heartfelt Trucking
 July 2 Aaron Simmons
 Sat. July 6 | Doris Park Memorial
 Joe & Vicki Price
 July 9 Tanya English Band
 July 16 Two-Bit-Maniac
 July 23 The Boys
 July 30 Natural Habits
 Aug 6 Illinois John Fever
 Aug 13 Fox Hill Troubadours
 Aug 20 Low and Away
 Aug 27 Todd Partridge
 Sept 3 The Poor Poor Rich
 Sept 10 The Recliners
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Christmas in Kalona

The perfect weekend for a storybook holiday

By Cheryl Allen

If snuggling up for a wagon ride with friends and family after a day of shopping and afternoon snack of s'mores sounds like perfection to you, plan on attending Christmas in Kalona on December 7, 2024.

The weekend event takes place in downtown Kalona and the nearby Kalona Historical Village, where you'll find hot drinks, beautiful holiday decorations, and Santa, ready to hear the Christmas wishes of children and adults alike.

Get started on – or finish up – your holiday shopping downtown and at the Kalona Christmas Market. Keep kids engaged by picking up a free stocking at the Kalona Chamber, YMCA, or Historical Village, and then collect free goodies from Kalona businesses as you shop. At the YMCA, the Kalona Christmas Market hums with activity on Saturday. Crafters, artists, and vendors from Riverside, Wellman, Kalona, and beyond will have their wares for sale; among the offerings will be baskets, soaps, knives, jewelry, teddy bears, dog treats, and quilted table runners.

Fun activities will be available all day long, from live music and campfires downtown, a Christmas movie at the library, to a Christmas tree walk and carriage rides at the Historical Village.

Finally, don't miss the evening golf cart parade, where folks dress their golf carts in lights, antlers, and inflatable santas for a bit of small-town fun.



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Saturday
10:00 AM-9:00 PM

5:00-BBQ Chicken Supper

Sunday

10:00 AM-3:00 PM

10:00 AM-Church

12:30 PM-Potluck

Freewill offering
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The Formans	Living Water Quartet	Voices of Peace
Phil Hague	Ambassadors of Grace	Don Shire
SaltLight	The Larry Delawder Family	McKays
	The Great Bluegrass Herons	

Pleasantview Benefit Sale to be held November 8-9

The annual Pleasantview Benefit Sale will, for the 67th time since 1956, provide an avenue for community members to come out and support the 5-star organization once again (the Benefit was not held in its usual format during the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021).

The event will be held on the campus of Hillcrest Academy, located at 1421 540th St. SW, northwest of Kalona.

Each year many community members gather to participate in the weekend's events, which include both a silent and live auction, music by the Bluegrass Herons, and a turkey tenderloin dinner (donations only), all on Friday evening. Saturday's schedule includes an all-you-can-eat breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, and hot and cold

beverages, again by donation only. The live auction resumes at 8:30 a.m.

A concession stand and bake sale will take place throughout the two days.

The live auction features souvenir mugs, locally grown meat, home-cooked meals in local homes, dairy products, handmade items including quilts, wood products, and much more!

The 2024 Benefit will take place Friday and Saturday, November 8-9; all are invited to attend, with proceeds from the weekend going toward the purchase of a new wheelchair van.

More information will come as the time nears; in the meantime, please call Pleasantview at 319-656-2421 or 866-516-2421.

67th ANNUAL *Pleasantview*

BENEFIT SALE

Continuing care retirement community at 511 3rd street

NOVEMBER 8 & 9

SALE LOCATION:

Hillcrest Academy
1421 540th St. SW
Kalona, Iowa
Fully accessible location

**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 8**

SILENT AUCTION 4:30-6:30 PM
MEAL BY DONATION 4:30 - 7 PM
Turkey tenderloin & potatoes
BAKE SALE 4:30 PM
MUSIC 5:45 - 6:35 PM
Bluegrass Herons
LIVE AUCTION 6:35 - 10 PM

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NOVEMBER 9**

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pancakes, sausage,
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LIVE AUCTION 8:30 - SOLD OUT
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Pleasantview
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Net proceeds from the 2024 Benefit Sale will support the purchase of a new wheelchair van to transport residents to and from appointments and other locations. Additional funds will be used for the general welfare of Pleasantview residents.

More Info
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Kalona

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- Mid-Prairie Community Schools
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- Pathway Christian School

Parks & Recreation

- Large City Park with baseball and softball fields
- YMCA and Community Center
- Southtown Subdivision parks and trails including Dog Park and Frisbee golf
- Outdoor City swimming pool
- 6 Churches plus others nearby
- Pleasantview Home, a Christian based retirement center
- And much much more!

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- Local telephone, internet and television
- Home to Iowa's best small town newspaper
- Strong business community
- Local Grocery store
- 2 hardware stores and a number of gift and antique shops
- Variety of quality restaurants
- Historical Village with two quilt museums
- Pleasantview Home, a Christian based retirement center

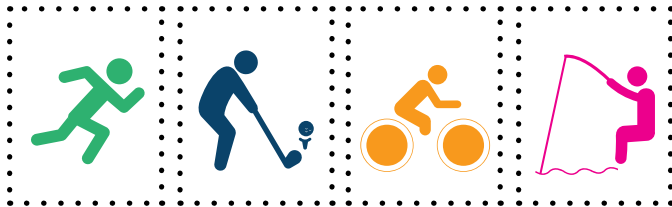


***We invite you to build your new home
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Activities

Rain or shine, you'll never be bored once you discover the museums, wineries, and other unique attractions our area has to offer. History buffs will appreciate historical museums in all four of our cities, filled with artifacts that make real the ways of life of those who came before us, including those of the Amish and Mennonite populations that flourished here. Don't miss out on a Byways tour that will take you out into farmland and Amish country, or a tour of the metal foundry where life-size bronze sculptures are made. Active sorts might take a whirl at the roller rink, and lucky sorts might spin the wheel at the casino.

We'll keep you engaged for days!



Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives

715 D Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-3271

KalonaIowa.org

Open April - October, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Access included in admission to Kalona Historical Village

Artifacts, archives, books, and stories from Amish and Mennonite families of the Kalona area and throughout Iowa fill the museum and archives located on the property of the Kalona Historical Village. Maps, timelines, and family trees fill the walls. Mechanical devices, household goods, and clothing beckons from engaging displays. The stories of Amish and Mennonite settlers, who found a home in Johnson County in 1845, are told here. For those who wish to know more, the Archives contain newsletters, family documents, film reels, periodicals, histories of local churches, and more.

Kalona Byways Tours

514 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-2660

KalonaChamber.com

\$25 adults; \$15 youth 7-12; 6 and under free

From April to October, the Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce offers 90-minute Byways Tours of Kalona's Amish community. A comfortable and spacious tour bus takes visitors down scenic backroads to shops and businesses off the beaten path. You might drop in at a woodshop, bakery, Amish store, buggy shop, or eBike retailer. Between stops, your driver will inform and entertain you with history and stories.

For those who desire a more immersive experience, the Chamber's seasonal Specialty Tours provide the sounds and scents of Amish daily living. You might witness maple syrup tapping, explore barns, or find yourself on goat, cattle, and chicken farms. Specialty tours vary and are offered for a limited time.

Kalona Historical Village

715 D Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-3232

KalonaIowa.org

Open April - October, Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m. November-March: Mon-Sat 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

\$15 complete self-guided tour; \$8.00 quilt galleries only; free admission to gift shop

What began in 1969 with the acquisition of an original depot building from the Rock Island Railroad, which literally put Kalona on the map, is now an entire village of historical buildings and exhibits that give us a glimpse of how life in Kalona used to be.

Enter through the Visitor's Center, which contains a gift shop filled with locally produced items and unique finds, as well as two quilt galleries that inspire wonder in the craftsmanship of women over the last two hundred years. Here you'll also find the Reif Gem and Mineral Collection and a room filled with antique spool cabinets.

Lone Tree Historical Museum

203 Wapsi Ave SE, Lone Tree, IA 52755

Open by appointment only

(319) 331-9453

Free

A modest country home that was once a veterinary practice preserves Lone Tree's history. Filled with the donations of Lone Tree residents, you'll find items like sports uniforms, wedding gowns, phones, record players, a church organ, and a stump puller on the grounds, giving you a glimpse into the lives of people who called Lone Tree home. Some items date back to the late 19th century, telling the story of a city that once was home to a steel factory and two opera houses. Kitchen, country store, barbershop, antique, and farm equipment displays delight the eye and engage the imagination.

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611 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-5365

Max-cast.com

Open Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends by appointment.

Sculptor and owner Stephen Maxon founded Max-Cast in 1983 after earning his MFA. He began with a small backyard foundry, which grew larger over time. When he needed a space with electricity and a gas line, he found a place that met his needs in Kalona, where his business is one of a shrinking number of full-service foundries in the United States.

The shop produces original sculpture in bronze, iron, and aluminum; take a tour and view small bronze sculptures available for purchase. Maxon's life-size bronze replica of the famed butter cow can be seen at the Iowa State Fairgrounds; his Hayden Fry bronze can be found on 9th Street in Coralville; and his Irving B Weber bronze is located at the intersection of Linn and Iowa Avenue in Iowa City.

Old Man's Creek Vineyard & Winery

4625 Black Hawk Ave SW, Parnell, IA 52325

(319) 430-3545

By appointment only.

Part of the fun of travel is discovering great local wines, and you may not get any smaller than Old Man's Creek Winery. Their popular table wines range from dry and semi-dry, to semi-sweet and sweet dessert wines, and they're all made from locally grown grapes or fruit, with the exception of the cranberries they source from Wisconsin. The vineyard grows varietals such as Vanessa, Brianna, Edelweiss, and Foch. Make an appointment to taste at the vineyard or find Old Man's Creek wine at the Best of Iowa shop in Kalona; Freeman Foods in Wellman and North English; or the BP convenience store in Williamsburg.



Riverside Casino & Golf Resort

3184 IA-22, Riverside, IA 52327

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Riversidecasinoandresort.com

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The Voyage Home Riverside History Center

361 W First St, Riverside, IA 52327

(319) 648-2226

Voyagehomemuseum.org

Mon-Sat 12-4 p.m.; closed Sunday and all national holidays

Free

According to "Star Trek" lore, Captain James T. Kirk will be born in Riverside in 2233, and the Voyage Home Riverside History Center aims to honor and remember their future most famous resident with fantastic displays and memorabilia. Among the more notable are a transponder, complete with buttons and lights; a Bat'leth guitar; and a statue of the University of Iowa mascot Herky, giving the Vulcan salute. T-shirts, action figures, and souvenirs are available for purchase.

History rooms feature information about Riverside from the very inception of the town, including the railroad that spawned the founding of the town. On display are photos of the original depot and the actual safe from the building. Displays about Riverside's two historic churches, St. Mary's and the Methodist Church, also inform; both stunning churches are registered historic buildings and worth a visit in their own right.

Wellman Heritage Society

228 8th Ave, Wellman, IA 52356

(319) 646-2673

Open Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.

Free

A repository for historical artifacts and stories from Wellman's rich history, the Wellman Heritage Society features information about Maplecreek Turkey Farms, which was one of the world's leading commercial turkey suppliers in the mid-twentieth century. A dish of trinkets pulled from turkey gizzards piques interest, as do exhibits featuring of all the senior classes of Wellman High School and a bit of military history.

Wellman Skating Rink

1003 6th St W, Wellman, IA 52356

(319) 646-2231

Cityofwellman.com

Open Sat 6:30 - 9 p.m., and Sun 1:30 - 4 p.m.

\$6 admission; no skate rental fees.

Old-school roller rinks are increasingly rare, but Wellman's city-owned retro cool space is on the upswing with new management, lighting, and sound system. Purchase novelty and glow toys before you skate a few laps to add a little fashionable fun to your night, and be sure to stop by the modern concession stand that has air fryers and pizza ovens ready to serve you French fries, onion rings, pretzel bites, pizza, chicken strips, and more.

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WHEN WAS YOUR LAST VOYAGE HOME?

Riverside's Star Trek museum gets a revamp

BY CHERYL ALLEN

Slick, multi-million-dollar museums have their place. Glass-enclosed and filled with the latest in design and technology, they tell interesting stories.

The Voyage Home History Center in Riverside is not one of them, and that's what makes it cool. What locals may think of as the Star Trek museum is a work of local craftsmanship and ingenuity, of community participation and of love.

It may seem a paradox that a museum largely devoted to a futuristic TV and movie franchise has been created using predominately old-school fabrication methods. But in fact, it's not; the original Star Trek series that debuted in 1966 had such budget and technological limitations that it had to rely heavily on its characters, and that is what made it so appealing.

The Voyage Home History Center has a similar sort of appeal. Closed in January and February of this year, it reopened in March 2024 with a new arrangement of locally-produced exhibits begging to be enjoyed.

Mike Meinders is the mastermind behind many of the exhibits. Locals may have heard of him; he's the designer/craftsman who created the Star Trek Delta Shield out of bicycles for RAGBRAI in 2018.

The storied shield was meant to stand behind the Captain Kirk statue that now resides in Hall Park after the event, but somehow ended up abandoned out by the water treatment plant. In 2023, the museum board paid to have it refinished, and today it stands tall

against the side of the museum building.

The bright yellow and black metal sculpture has become the backdrop to many, many selfies. The creation appeals to Trekkies, bicyclists, and motorcyclists alike.

In fact, the Delta Shield is such an iconic eye-catcher, it inspired the design of a t-shirt for sale inside the museum.

TrekFest weekend in June is a very popular time to visit the museum, but for those who enjoy a little more space and time to linger, any time throughout the year is a great time drop by. There is never an admission charge.

Once inside, visitors are first directed to U.S. and world maps on the wall, on which they are asked to insert a pin designating where they came from.

"I think it was in 2019 the first time we actually had someone from every continent in the world," Meinders says, including places as far-flung as Greenland and Antarctica.

As they continue to the exhibits, visitors find the actual desk Data used on Star Trek, which was purchased at a Christie's auction and donated to the museum. It weighs "probably about 400 pounds," Meinders says, and he would know: he and other board members were tasked with driving it from Connecticut to Iowa, "in the middle of January, in between snowstorms."

Like the desk, many of the collectables inside the museum were donated, and the collections are wide-ranging and fascinating. From the expected figurines and books to the rare lunch pail and ashtray, visitors will find a host of things they may never have seen before. One item of interest: a Mr. Potato Head set that includes Captain Kirk and Klingon Kor. Who knew?

Visitors can take selfies in the transporter, play with the ray guns, and pause with amusement before the Herky statue, who, after acquiring permission, has been fitted with a hand giving the Volcan greeting.

Another section of the museum veers away from Star Trek and focuses on local history. An exhibit of military uniforms, all of which belonged to local service members, a room dedicated to scout memorabilia, and a model railroad setup that helps one visualize how Riverside used to be all await discovery.

All of these exhibits are personal and closely interwoven with the lives of those who call Riverside home.

The Voyage Home History Center is located at 361 E. 1st Street, Riverside. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.




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The 18-hole Reese Jones championship course is open April 2 to November 6; rates start at \$55 for nine holes with cart. Call 319-648-1234 for more information, and enjoy the course at 3184 Hwy 22, Riverside.

Conservation Park

Nature lovers will appreciate Conservation Park, located on Palm Street in Riverside. A large, well-stocked pond offers opportunity for fishing, complete with an accessible fishing deck that provides space for quiet contemplation. Rustic restrooms, running water, and a small shelter house with tables make this a wonderful picnicking destination.

Daugherty Park

The largest park in Lone Tree, Daugherty Park consists of fields for soccer and football playing, as well as a lighted basketball court. A covered shelter offers space for family gatherings or relief from rain or sun.

Located at 608 S. Devoe, Lone Tree.

Hall Park

During summer months, Hall Park buzzes with activity as many activities take place here, including baseball games, the Trek Fest celebration, and the State Fair Talent Show. The covered shelter house was once part of an old barn; modern restrooms, dog park, and kid-friendly play equipment make it a pleasant destination for all. You'll find the park at the intersection of River and Ella Streets in Riverside.

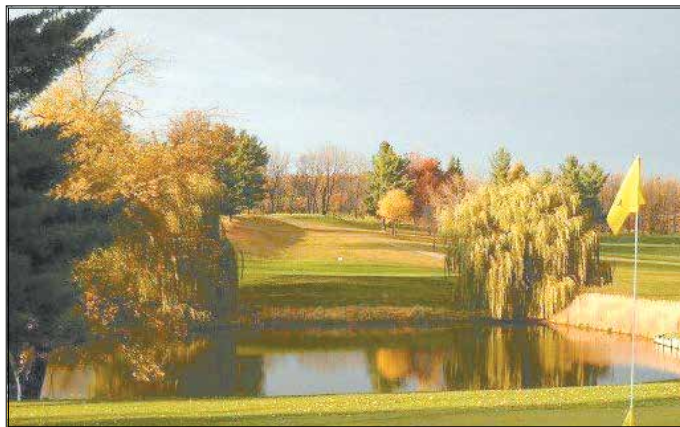


Kalona City Park

You'll find camping, ball diamonds, pickleball courts, playgrounds, and the city pool at Kalona City Park, conveniently located at 1120 E Place, Kalona.

The pool features zero depth entry, two diving boards, two locker rooms, and a concession area. Deck space and chairs offer plenty of opportunity for sun seekers. The pool is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, seven days a week. Open swim hours are 1-7 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday. Daily admission rates are \$4.00 youth/adult and \$1.00 ages 3 and under.

For camping information, see Accommodations



Kalona Golf Club

The Kalona Golf Club, located at 1376 IA-1, Kalona, is a semi-private golf club that welcomes public golfers. The course, which originated in 1928, has twice been named Iowa 9-Hole Course of the Year by the Iowa Golf Association.

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Kewash Nature Trail

So named because it connects the cities of Keota and Washington, the Kewash Nature Trail stretches 14 miles on a former rail line of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. About four miles from the trailhead in Washington, you'll cross a lattice through truss bridge over West Fork Crooked Creek that was built in 1888.

Whether you choose to walk, run, cycle, or ski, you'll enjoy the beauty of woodland and native prairie, wildflowers, and wildlife. The surface is a mix of crushed limestone and pavement; parking, restrooms, and water are available in Sunset Park in Washington, the midpoint of the trail in West Chester, and at the west end in Keota. Open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; the Washington trailhead is located near D Avenue and 5th Street.

North Park (Lone Tree)

Across the street from Lone Tree Cemetery and the American Legion, where you'll find an M1A1 Abrams "Walker Bulldog" tank permanently on display, North Park provides space for all your favorite activities. A skateboarding ramp and horseshoe pit are uncommon finds; courts for sand volleyball and tennis round out the offerings. Plenty of playground equipment, as well as a shelter for family gatherings, will keep you entertained and provide opportunity for rest as well.

Located at 409 N. Devoe, Lone Tree.

North Park & Disc Golf (Wellman)

Sprawling North Park, located at 1215 1st Avenue, Wellman, is the heart of this small town, where runners, dog walkers, ball players, and kids give each other the customary wave or stop for a friendly chat. A paved path traverses the property, which includes playgrounds, ball diamonds, basketball courts, a bandshell, and a newly updated nine-hole disc golf course. Adjacent to the YMCA, there is always something active to do here.

Pechman Creek Delta

Great blue herons and woodpeckers will delight birdwatchers who visit the productive natural area of Pechman Creek Delta, located at 5875 Sand Rd SE, Lone Tree. Twenty-eight fish species, turtles, river otter, beaver, and a variety of oak trees can be found on the 380 acres, which are open to hunting, fishing, and trapping. A 3.7-mile loop trail provides an easy way to appreciate the biological diversity of the Iowa River floodplain.

Railroad Park (Lone Tree)

Lone Tree's small Railroad Park is located right in town at 120 W. Commercial. A playground and shelter provide the essentials.

Railroad Park (Riverside)

Located on Highway 22 across from the Voyage Home Riverside History Center in Riverside, Railroad Park offers modern playground equipment, a restored merry-go-round from the early 1900's, a shelter house, and clean, modern restrooms.

River Junction

For boating, fishing, and camping adventures, consider River Junction, a 12-acre area located at 6051 River Junction Road SE, Lone Tree. Fish the Iowa River from the shoreline or use the boat ramp to get out on the water; just a few hundred feet south of the park, the English River flows into the Iowa, creating the confluence that serves as the park's namesake. Mature trees create shade and a peaceful oasis for campers and anglers. Picnic tables and a latrine are available.

For camping information, see Accommodations.

Veterans Memorial Park

Representing a community effort to honor troops past and present, Veteran's Memorial Park incorporates a peaceful water feature and various monuments in tribute to our men and women of the armed services.

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English River Antiques & Collectibles

417 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-2488

Englishriverantiquesandcollectibles.com

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Colorful collections fill this antique shop, which has a range of specializations, including American currency, carnival and art glass, mineral specimens, marbles, Star Trek memorabilia, costume jewelry, and so much more. This shop is no longer purchasing collections.

Magdalena's on the English

2195 130th St, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-2168

Closed Sun-Fri; Sat 10AM-4PM

Although only open on Saturdays, this pleasant antique shop, which offers a variety of antique agriculture signs in addition to collectibles, pottery, art, and jewelry, is worth the visit. The outdoor Hosta gardens are a special treat.

Pink Begonia

413 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-4550

Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 10:30AM-4:30PM

Vintage goods of all kinds fill the shelves and displays of this fascinating shop in downtown Kalona. Vintage Pyrex, a pumpkin-shaped tea set, cigar cans, buttons, enormous paintings of Elvis; you'll find much to delight the eye and pique your sense of wonder here.

The Refined Collective

433 B Ave, Kalona 52247

Closed Sun-Tues; Wed - Sat 10AM-4PM

This new shop featuring home, gifts, and antiques - a mix of old and new - opened in summer 2024.

The Shop Kalona

424 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-2248

Theshopkiowacity.com

Closed Sun - Tues; Wed - Sat 10AM-4PM

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Vintage Chic

421 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 400-1439

Vintagechic.com

Closed Sun-Tues; Wed - Fri 10AM - 4PM; Sat 10AM - 5PM

If you love the look of time-worn furniture that tells a story, this shop is a must-visit. Unique vintage décor that includes plenty of art for your walls, and a full selection of accessories, including handbags and jewelry, fill this engaging shop in downtown Kalona.

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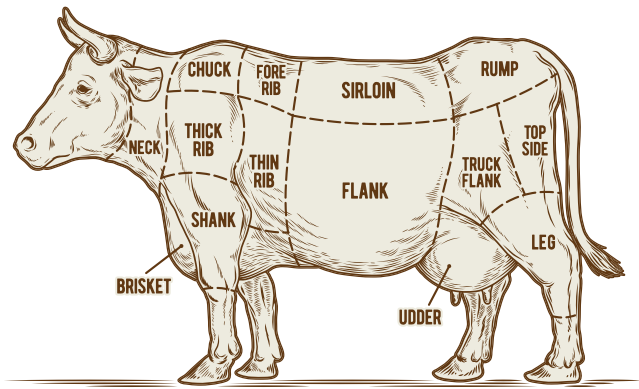
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Kalonachocolates.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 10AM-4PM

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Kalona General Store

121 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247
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Kalonageneralstore.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 9AM-3PM; Sat 10AM-2PM

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2254 540th St SW, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 683-2415
Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-4PM

A regional favorite, no visit to Kalona is complete without a walk through Stringtown Grocery. The Amish store stocks bulk ingredients for bakers who can use 50 lbs. of sugar or 100 lbs. of flour, but plenty of smaller bags fill the shelves, sold by weight. Almost any baking ingredient you can imagine is sold here, as are a huge assortment of snacks both salty and sweet. Whoopie pies, fruit pies, quick breads, and cookies fill a wall until they sell out; inside the cold storage area, you'll find pallet-sized boxes of fruit, butter, cheese, and more. Outside, a garden area stocks outdoor furniture, garden plants and flowers, and décor.

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Locals can't stay out of this attractive shop; it's a go-to for gift buying, with a large selection of locally made goods ranging from wine and maple syrup to candles and soap. Bright charm necklaces, plushies, and retro lip glosses are just a few more youthfully minded finds that will catch your eye. Don't miss the back bakery counter; those cupcakes, cookies, and cinnamon rolls are a must-have.

Kalona Creamery

2206 540th St SW, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-4220

Kalonacreamery.com

Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM

Located on the site of a historic cheese factory, this recently renovated space houses an attractive gift shop featuring all things cow, including clothing, plushies, artwork, and kitchenware. Novelty candies will have you smiling, as will the impressive selection of bottled sodas, cheeses, ice cream, fudge, and other locally made food products. Oh, yes, and there are cheese curds available too, made fresh on Fridays.

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119 8th Avenue, Wellman, IA 52356

Fri. 1-6PM, Sat. 10AM - 4PM; tux rentals by appt.

Located in a recently restored brick building dating to 1909, Simple Happiness offers women's and children's clothing, accessories, jewelry, and home décor chosen by its three proprietors so that there is something for everyone. You'll feel right at home inside the Scandi-style boutique; prepare to leave with a new pair of stylish denim or a wrist full of baubles.

Timeless Charm

210 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-3044

Timelesscharm.com

Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-4PM

Be sure to budget plenty of time for this cheerful shop, because once you go inside, it will be hard to leave. An incredible selection of unique finds fill the shelves and walls, from home décor to personal items, such as aprons and jewelry. Soaps and lotions, bread and dip mixes, art prints and note cards - you could get lost in this wonderland, but you'll be happy that you did.

HANDMADE:

JFH Metal Signs & Fabrication

301 8th Avenue, Wellman, 52656

319-461-2388

Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-11AM.

Notice the awnings, railings, and signage as you walk down 8th Avenue in downtown Wellman; most of the custom metal signs you see are the work of Rick Schickerling of JFH Metal Signs & Fabrication. His creations aren't just for businesses; inside his shop, you'll find walls covered with wall signs you can take home, or you can place your own custom order. Full-color metal American flags are popular, as are riffs on Busch Light and vintage gasoline logos.

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2410 105th St, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-3990

Jkcreativewood.com

Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM

Visit this spacious, light-filled gallery located in the Amish countryside for handmade wood creations, including jewelry, clipboards, chess sets, cutting boards, salt and pepper shakers, door stoppers, and much more. Place an order for custom-made wood furniture, purchase a jar of locally made jam, and find gifts and décor made by the owners' friends and fellow craftsmen.

Jo & Co

218 8th Avenue, Wellman, IA 52356

(319) 621-4676

Joandco.live

Tues 5-7PM; Fri 1-4PM (Hours vary; see Facebook to confirm.)

New in 2023, this charming shop offers the artisan, handmade and personalized wares of the proprietor and her acquaintances. Find stylish tumblers and travel mugs, personalized signs, handmade jewelry, reclaimed furniture and more. Locally made soap bars and fun sweatshirts and tees round out the gift offerings; you won't leave empty handed.

Kalona Makers Market

720 14th St, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 930-7610

Kalonamakersmarket.com

Closed Sat- Sun; Mon-Fri 10AM-3PM.

Located inside of Schlabaugh & Sons Woodworking, this beautiful, modern retail shop includes products from Schlabaugh & Sons and Canaan Home & Farm. T-shirts, wood cutting boards, handmade desk clocks, candle holders, and printed coasters are just a few of the locally made items you'll find here. If you love natural materials and modern style, you'll want to stop by.

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(319) 646-1129

Closed Sun & Thurs; Mon – Wed, Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM – 4PM

Three Amish sisters run this charming fabric shop in the countryside; it serves as a fabric supplier for the local Amish community, who make their own clothing, and the public often visits in search of quilting materials. Their fabric stock is ever growing, and in addition to notions, the large retail space contains scrapbooking supplies, stickers, eyeglass frames, and laundry carts as well.

Stitch N Sew Cottage

207 4th St, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-2923

Stitchnsewcottage.com

Closed Sun; Mon – Sat 9AM-5PM

A beloved Kalona shop since 1982, Stitch N Sew Cottage is filled with fabrics arranged by color, all the better to aid you in designing your next quilt project. If you need sewing help, the shop offers a full range of services, from crafting a complete custom quilt to putting the finishing touches on your own project. Classes are also available.

Willow Creek Quilting & Gifts

418 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-3939

Closed Sun-Mon; Tues – Sat 10AM-5PM

Bolts of fabric fill the back of this cozy shop, including Civil War, 30s reproductions, batiks, Kim Diehl, and lots more. Plenty of finished quilted items are on display to inspire your own creativity. Patterns, wool felt, and other craft supplies fill the front of the shop, alongside fragrant candles, handmade soap, and other gifts.

VARIETY:

Community Country Store Annex

5697 Gable Ave SW, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 646-1125

Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-4:30 PM

This Amish owned and operated store has lot of merchandise to consider, including an impressive selection of kitchenware. Socks, hats, shoes, and work gloves fill aisles, and plenty of food items are available here as well.

Gambles Hardware

523 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-2911

Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 7:30AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-3PM

Whatever the tool you might need, Gambles is sure to have it. Ready to start a new painting project? This hardware shop can mix exactly the shades you desire. Tool rentals and a knowledgeable staff make this shop another that locals depend on.

Pine Ridge Variety

5564 Sharon Center Rd SW, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 930-9725

Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 8:30AM-5:30 PM

A fun stop out in the country, you'll find a wide variety of household goods, clothing and accessories, and food items at this large store. From practical kitchenware and useful work clothes to decorative signs and attractive stationery, you're sure to find something you want or can use.

VARIETY:

Yotty's Ace Discount

501 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-2512

Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 7:30-5PM; Sat 8AM-3PM

Our local go-to when we need a new rake or snow shovel or need to hang a photo or replace a doorknob, Yotty's Ace Discount can help with most of your hardware needs. Especially interesting to visitors are their selections of camp-style dishware, stained glass window panels, and fancy napkins. Don't be afraid to ask for help; their friendly staff is eager to assist.



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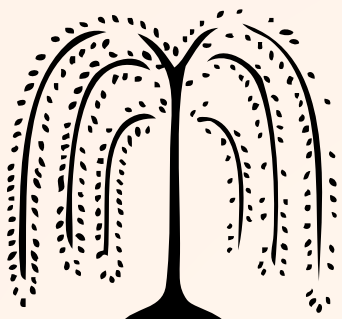
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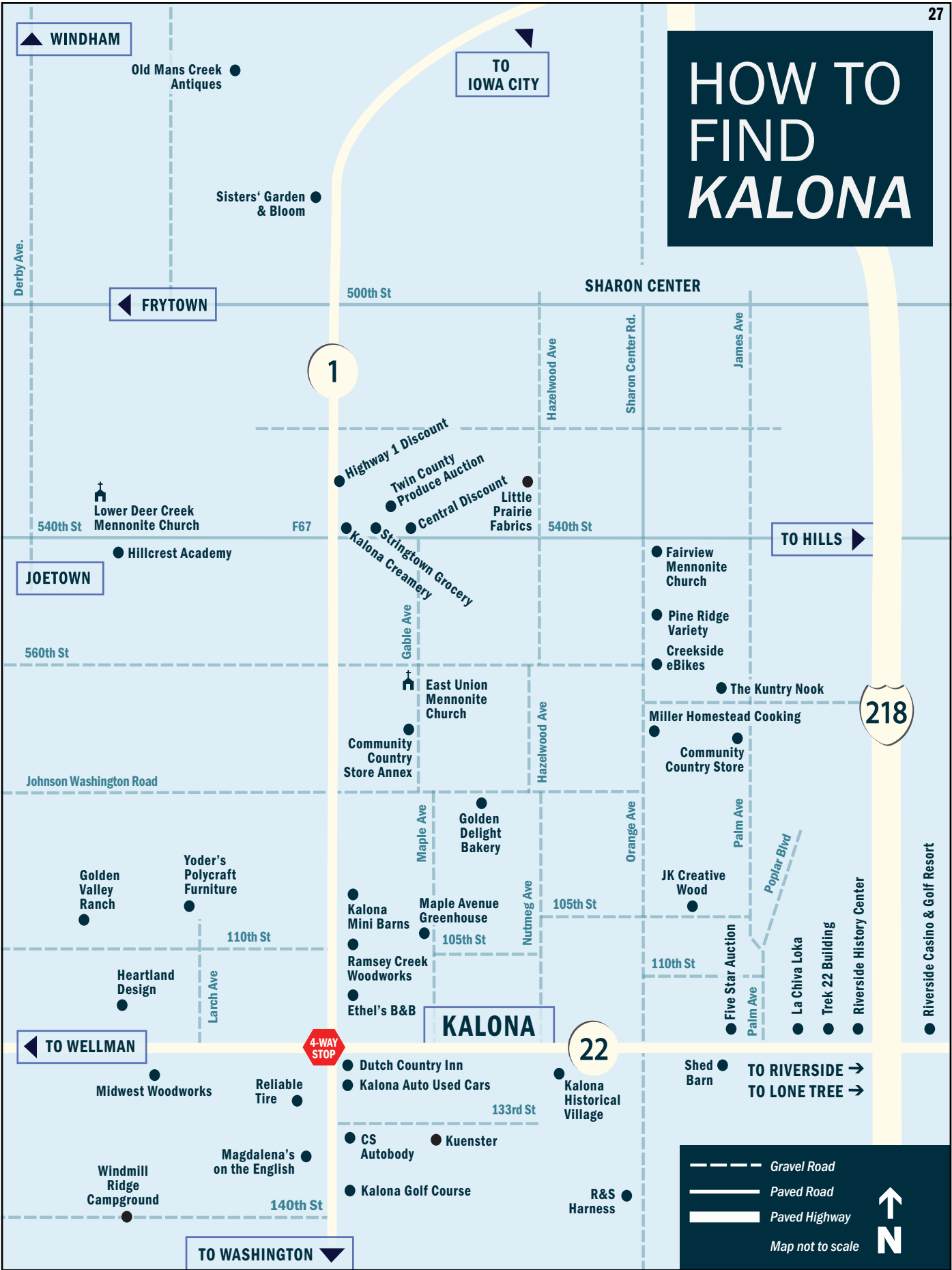
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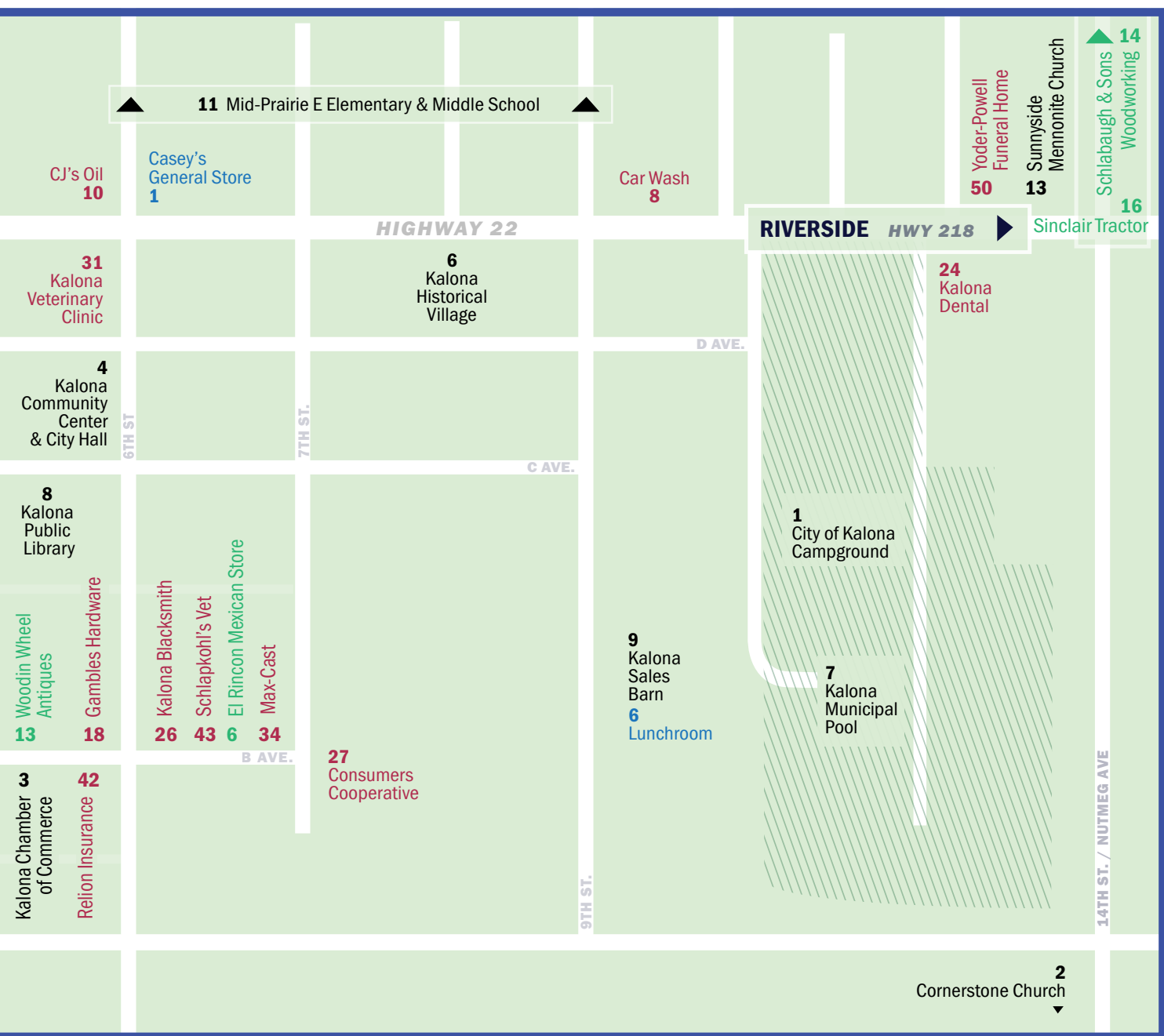
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Share the road

Anyone visiting the Kalona area is bound to come across an Amish horse-drawn buggy at one time or another.

While state highways in the area feature wide shoulders where the buggies often travel, city streets and rural roads do not. As a result, the buggies travel in the lanes of traffic.

Washington County Sheriff Jared Schneider reminds drivers that they need to take precautions when driving around buggies.

"First of all, you have to deal with them just like you would any other slow-moving vehicle," Schneider said.

Rural roads are often narrower or may vary in width more than city streets. A narrow road gives you less room to maneuver and can be especially dangerous when passing horse-drawn vehicles.

Seemingly open roadways may have sharp dips or unexpected turns. Blind corners created by wooded areas, corn fields or other tall crops are also hazardous.

Another hazard to consider is restricted vision from the driver of the horse-drawn vehicle. When pulling large loads of hay or other equipment, drivers may not be able to see cars behind them.

Car drivers, therefore, need to be extra cautious when passing horse-drawn farm equipment.

Also, leave some space between your vehicle and a buggy stopped at a stop sign or light. Buggies may back up a few feet after coming to a complete stop.

A good rule of thumb is to stop your vehicle far enough back so that you can see where the rear wheels of the buggy touch the road.

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Miss Amanda's

An Amish neighbor's kindness inspires an Airbnb

by Cheryl Allen

We may never know whose lives we touch with our simple, everyday acts of kindness. Yet sometimes, those simple things have an outsize impact.

Take, for example, Amanda Hochstedler. When a new family moved in two doors down from her home on 5th Street in Kalona, she took some of the day's harvest from her backyard vegetable garden to them and introduced herself.

"She was our first neighbor to greet us," Courtney Tanning says.

"She was really sweet," Cooper Tanning adds. "Someone you'd want to be your neighbor."

Her thoughtfulness made an impression on the couple and their children, who moved to Kalona in August 2020. However, their time as neighbors would turn out to be brief; Miss Amanda passed away in November 2021 at age 87.

"Spunky," "lively," and "hardworking" are the words Courtney uses to describe Miss Amanda, who was a faithful member of the Old Order Amish Church.

"She was very open to giving away the things she didn't need necessarily," Cooper explains. "All of her extra produce would always seem to go to the neighbors."

Miss Amanda's garden must have been a particular joy to her; she grew both flowers and vegetables, and she had a variety of fruit trees, including peaches and cherries, and bushes, including raspberries and blackberries.

"She was always working, it seemed like, until the day she died," Cooper says. "We'd peek over there, and she's out there by herself, on her hands and knees."

Miss Amanda's passing, however, left the couple wishing they had had more time with her.

"I was hoping and dreaming that I'd be able to sit in her kitchen and have tea with her," Courtney says, but it was not meant to be.

Miss Amanda's house sat vacant for several months. Buyers would not have found it move-in ready; records indicate it was built in 1848 and would have been one of the first houses on the street. It included a barn and area where she would have pastured her horses, and there is a hitching post in addition to the gardens. However, it lacked electricity and updated plumbing. The layout of the living space was out of sync with modern lives.

However, Cooper and Courtney saw the property's potential, perhaps not a surprise, as Cooper works as a real estate agent and Courtney as an interior design consultant.

The couple purchased Miss Amanda's house in July 2022 with the intent to remodel and turn it into an Airbnb that would highlight its Amish heritage and provide a relaxing place to stay.

It took a little time to line up help for the extensive work the property needed.

"We thought we would attempt to tackle it ourselves, but we have four [young] kids," Courtney says. "And I knew I wanted to open up the inside, and that would be way over our capacity. So having the general contractor and engineers and architects get involved was helpful."

The couple called on local businesses to help, including Home Works Remodeling, Graber Heating & Air, and English River Plumbing.

Today, "it's a completely different house," Courtney says, but "to honor Miss Amanda, I want to incorporate some of the colors she had in her home, and I'll keep some of her original doors just to keep that quirkiness to it." She plans to include Amish décor and prints in its decoration as well.

The two-bedroom, one bath home now has all of the modern comforts guests expect, including a freestanding tub, dishwasher, and washer/dryer.

Although remodeling the house – which required taking the walls down to the studs – was an extensive undertaking, it is not the whole of the Tonning's plans for the property.

"Eventually we want to redo the barn, too, and have kind of an Amish museum of different things," Courtney says. "A low-key thing for the guests of the Airbnb."

"We've talked to [Miss Amanda's] family



• Courtney and Cooper Tanning in front of "Miss Amanda's," the Kalona home they lovingly remodeled with its previous owner in mind. •

and we're in contact with her nephew, who is in town as well. He's got a bit of church buy-in, so they're going to help provide some stuff and help us furnish that part of the museum," Cooper adds.

For now, the Tonning's are working on finishing up the house and getting it ready to welcome guests.

"I think it will be a good spot for people to get some respite from Iowa City, or any of the surrounding towns," Cooper says.

And an important part of the experience will be paying forward a bit of Miss Amanda's generosity.

"We have talked about having a butternut squash for our guests, because that was one of the things that she brought us," Cooper says.

The Tonning's hope to have "Miss Amanda's" ready to rent in Summer 2024. Check Airbnb.com for the listing.



- The Tonning's hope to turn this backyard barn into a museum-like space
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Golden Delight Bakery & Gifts

2289 Johnson-Washington Rd, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 646-3030

Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM; Sun Closed

Breakfast

Stopping by Golden Delight for donuts, pecan rolls, or cinnamon rolls for breakfast at least once a week is a must for many locals. Soft and sweet, their pastries are truly a delight. The Amish-owned converted barn sells freshly baked bread in addition to jams, jellies, and a host of interesting gifts and outdoor plants and decorations.

Galaxy Nutrition Shake & Energy Bar

305 5th Street, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-6062

Facebook.com/galaxynutritionkalona

Mon & Fri 6:30AM - 2PM; Tues - Thurs 6:30AM - 4PM; Sat 8AM-1 PM; Sun 11AM-2PM

Galaxy Nutrition Shake & Energy Bar provides healthy meal replacement shakes, healthy energizing teas and protein coffees. Offering indoor and outdoor seating when weather permits, their location is just a short walk from downtown shopping. Check their Facebook page for the menu and the featured teas and shakes each month.

Kalona Brewing Company

405 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

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109 1st St, Kalona, IA 52247

(650) 900-9700

Mon-Thu 11AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-10PM; Sun Closed

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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(319) 656-3133
Tequilagrilliowa.com
Mon-Sat 11AM-10PM; Sun 11AM-9PM

Lunch, Dinner, Drinks

Tequila Grill is a Mexican restaurant with a massive menu, from appetizers to drinks. You'll find vegetarian and seafood selections alongside traditional Mexican cuisine, like burritos, enchiladas, fajitas, nachos and more. Beer, wine, tequila, margaritas, and sodas will make sure you don't go thirsty.

Tuscan Moon Grill on Fifth

203 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3315
Tuscan-moon.com
Sun-Tue Closed; Wed-Sat 11AM-2PM, 5-9PM

Lunch, Dinner, Wine

The cozy Tuscan atmosphere created by this former Kalona Hotel is a draw, but you'll keep coming back for the pasta and wine. Our area's finest dining option is perfect for weekday lunches and special occasions; steak and seafood fill the menu, and the desserts are divine.

Yotty's Ice Cream

501 B Ave, Kalona, IA, 52247
(319) 656-2512
Mon-Sat 11AM-8PM; Sun 12-8PM
Ice Cream

Locals line up down the street for soft serve ice cream and Kalona Bars once the weather warms up. Crunchy bits and flavor swirls create a range of options for your dessert; shakes and malts are popular too. Feeling thirsty after an afternoon of shopping? Stop by for a cold beverage as well.

KEOTA**Prairie Flower Bakery**

214 East Broadway Ave, Keota, IA 52248
(319) 461-7512
Sun 9AM - 12PM
Bakery & Candy

Slices of pie and cake, cupcakes and cookies, cinnamon rolls and muffins line the cases of this adorable bakery in downtown Keota. Freshly made glazed donuts make a great start to your morning, and you can line your pockets with candy for later from the old-fashioned candy counter.

LONE TREE**The Lone Ox Smokehouse & Company**

113 N Devoe St., Lone Tree, IA 52755
(877) 244-7651

Theloneoxsmokehouse.com

Sun 1PM-11:30PM; Mon-Tues 11AM-11:30PM; Wed 11AM - 12:30PM; Thurs-Sat 11AM - 2AM

New in summer 2024, this restaurant run by local pitmasters features vintage-style barbecue. Using only locally-sourced meats and products, they slow smoke their BBQ to perfection.

Tree House Nutrition

111 Devoe St, Lone Tree IA 52755
Mon-Fri 6-10AM and 2-6PM, Sat 7AM-1PM

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Riversidecasinoandresort.com

Mon-Thu 7AM-10PM; Fri 7AM-11PM; Sat 10:30AM-11PM; Sun 10:30AM-10PM

Café Hours: 7AM-1AM

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Dessert

22 & Vine is your classic American restaurant, located inside the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort. Serving from breakfast to dinner, you'll find everything from pizza to burgers and sweets as well. They also have a café within the restaurant, serving "quick bites," like pastries, pre-made sandwiches, pizza by the slice and numerous drinks, such as gourmet coffee, milkshakes and even ice cream.

Down the Street Coffee House & Boutique

81 East First St, Riverside IA, 52327

(319) 325-5914

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From packaged baked goods from local Hometown Bakery, such as freshly baked cinnamon rolls and chocolate pinwheels and mini cakes, to inventive cold brews including chocolate chip cookie dough and cake batter, this spacious coffee shop will wake up your morning hours. While you sit down to enjoy your drinks and treats, have a look around at the boutique goods surrounding you. You're sure to find a locally-made sweat-shirt or tee, or a unique piece of home décor, that will strike your fancy.

La Chiva Loka

70 W First St, Riverside IA, 52327

(319) 648-6103

Lachivaloka.com

Mon Closed; Tue-Thu, Sun 11AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-10PM

Lunch, Dinner, Drinks

This family-owned outpost of Mexican American fusion cuisine offers a warm and friendly atmosphere and a wealth of yummy dishes. Pretzel bites, fried pickles, and Wisconsin cheese curds make great appetizers; try the La Chiva Burger (beef topped with chorizo, crispy hash browns, American cheese, and a fried egg sunny side up) or one of ten different burritos before ordering fried ice cream for dessert.

Robert's Buffet

3184 IA-22, Riverside, IA 52327

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Riversidecasinoandresort.com

Hours vary; see website

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Buffet

Robert's Buffet in the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort is an evolving buffet that has daily menu preparation. Guests can create their own salad with the freshest ingredients and can find Asian specialties, American, seafood and international cuisine along with a dedicated station to fill any sweet-toothed desires.

Ruthie's Steak & Seafood

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Mon 5PM-2AM; Tue-Fri 11AM-1:30PM, 4PM-2AM; Sat 12PM-2AM; Sun 8AM-2AM
Lunch, Dinner, Drinks

Wings, onion rings, burgers, fries – all of your favorite bar foods are here at Bender's. Enjoy a can of beer from Iowa City brewery Big Grove, or have the bartender mix you a fun and colorful drink you can post on Instagram.

Cilino's Italian Restaurant & The Parlor Ice Cream

230 8th Ave SE, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 646-4555

Cilinos.wixsite.com

Mon-Tue Closed; Wed-Thu 11AM-1PM, 4-8PM; Fri 11AM-1PM, 4-9PM; Sat 4-9PM; Sun 11AM-8PM. Happy hours are Mon Closed; Tue-Sun 8PM-2AM.
Lunch, Dinner, Drinks, Ice Cream

Armed with their Italian great-grandmother's sauce recipes, the owners of Cilino's bring pizza and pasta to this little outpost in Wellman. Enjoy drinks or watch the game on a big screen, then slip next door for ice cream at the old-fashioned soda counter.

Country Cookin'

3312 320th St, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 646-6734

Facebook.com/countrycookiniowa

Lunch, Desserts

This lunch wagon, as the owners call it, can be spotted around Wellman and Kalona frequently throughout the fair-weather months; check their Facebook page for a heads-up. Maid-rites, pork tenderloin, hot dogs and sides often appear on the menu board; don't miss out on a slice of those glorious home-made pies.

DJ's Casual Café

603 9th Ave, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 646-9705

Mon Closed; Tue-Sat 6:30AM-8PM; Sun 6:30AM-2PM

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DJ's homemade pie is to die for, but if you don't arrive early, they'll run out! The selection changes daily and isn't always conventional; look for apple crumb, ground cherry, blueberry raspberry, pink lemonade, or all kinds of cream pies. Order it a la mode – it's worth the extra dollar. Burgers and fries, breakfast served all day; the atmosphere is a little vintage, so you'll feel right at home.

Madeline's Coffee House

821 2nd St, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 721-7167

Sun-Mon Closed; Tue-Sat 7AM-12PM

Coffee, Smoothies, Tea, Juice, Breakfast

At this coffee shop in Wellman, you'll enjoy pastries and cinnamon rolls along with coffee drinks like mochas, lattes, cappuccinos, cold brew, or frappes. Their drink menu does not end there, however, as you can enjoy a hot cup of chocolate, a smoothie or different variety of teas as well.

Stonewall Pizza/ Pizza on the Farm

3297 320th St, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 530-3239

Facebook.com/stonewallbrickovenpizza

Lunch, Dinner

You'll find this beloved mobile wood-fired brick pizza oven at fairs, festivals, and events during the fair-weather season. If you get a little lucky, your visit will align with one of their "pizza on the farm" nights in Wellman, where ice cream, drinks, and entertainment make the night something you won't soon forget; check their Facebook page for dates.

The Well

252 8th Ave SE, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 646-2202
Mon-Sun 4PM-2AM
Dinner, Drinks

At this friendly little neighborhood bar, you'll enjoy watching a game on the big screen or the listening to live musical entertainment. Pizza, wings, and plenty of beer will keep you happy and satisfied on a casual night out.

HILLS

Old 218 Tap

108 Main St, Hills, IA 52235
(319) 679-2277

Mon-Thu 11AM-10PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-12AM; Sun 11AM-9PM
Lunch, Dinner

Old 218 Tap, so named due to their location off of U.S. Route 218, is a bar and grill that serves up wings ten different ways, from Garlic Jalapeño to Sweet Chili. They offer many appetizers and signatures, like their Old 218 Burger, an amalgamation of burger, sauteed onions, dill pickle chips and thousand island dressing on sourdough.

WASHINGTON

Café Dodici

122 S. Iowa Ave, Washington, IA 52353
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Cafedodici.com

Sun 11AM – 2PM; Mon- Sat 11AM – 2PM, 5-8PM

Lunch, Dinner, Coffee, Drinks

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Theencountercafe.com

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Washington Chamber President's Welcome

I have been a native of Washington since I was four years old, and I believe Washington to be a thriving community. We have some of the greatest volunteers, and when tragedy strikes, we pull together like no other community can. I'm proud to have been raised in Washington, and while I understand that many high school graduates spread their wings to experience the world, I also see many return because Washington IS home.

I'm also glad to have had the opportunity to be part of all the accomplishments the Chamber has achieved over the last decade plus. Our Leadership Washington is in its 45th season and the Chamber offers several other ways to celebrate, such as Thursday night's downtown in the park with live music, including our very own Municipal Band and a walk through the Farmer's Market. Our Summer Classic with daily event for a week, entertains anyone and everyone, and ends with a community celebration of live entertainment and festivities. We have craft fairs, golf outings and an annual dinner where we recognize businesses and volunteers, to name just a small fraction of what the Chamber does in a year.

The success of Washington is simply because of you, its businesses and patrons! With a town of 7,000 plus, we are home to the world's oldest continually operating theater as certified by the Guinness World Records, a LEED certified library, and a town square that was referred to me as a page right out of a Hallmark movie. With one motel, one hotel, and one soon to be built, five Airbnb's and over a dozen restaurants, Washington is a great place to visit and stay a while. Several small and large businesses, from a County Hospital with nearly every type of care, to a growing public and private school systems, to five banks, three retirement facilities, a couple of large grocery stores, a few clothing stores, a shoe store, jewelry store, florist, art shops, coffee shops, a local minibus service, and over a dozen churches, Washington has something for everyone.

For those looking for a place to hold their family reunions, the Washington Aquatic Center on the west side of Sunset Park is a great place. Right near the park, a fourteen-mile walking trail is perfect for that person who wants a scenic walk on a paved trail through the trees, past a pond and overlook of a few country farms. Or, get in a car and travel to see all the barn quilts Washington County has to offer.

We hope you agree Washington is a great place to live and to visit!

Sincerely,

Erik Buchholz
2024 Chamber President



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Farmers' Market: May 16-October 10 | 5pm
Central Park Thursday evenings until first frost.

Thursday Night Live:
May 30—September 26 | 5:30-7pm
Free live bands in conjunction with the Farmers' Market in Central Park.

Latino Festival: August 3
Latino food, vendors, music, performers and activities in the park.

Movies on Main: August 16 | 8:30pm
How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
Free outdoor movie & popcorn in Central Park.

Corn Country Cruisers: May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10 | 4pm
Enjoy car, truck & motorcycle show along with Y's Men & Women food tent on the second Saturday of the month.

Annual Fall Craft Fair: September 7 | 9-3pm
A 35 year, annual tradition in Central Park with over a thousand types of crafts and delicious food!

Octoberfest Golf Tournament - October 4 | 10am
A 4-person scramble golf tournament featuring all things Oktoberfest!

Choctoberfest: October 17 | 4pm
Calling all chocolate lovers! Sample a variety of chocolate treats & enjoy shopping deals around the downtown.

Ghosts of Washington: October 19
Go on the hunt in Washington, visiting area haunted locations, participate in paranormal investigations, and enjoy a metaphysical fair.

Holiday SNOW Blitz! Jingle Bell Run, Breakfast with Santa, Small Biz Saturday, Santa's House & Lighted Holiday Parade: November 30 | 9am
Join Washington for our holiday kick-off!

32nd Annual Candlelight Tour of Homes: December 7 & 8
Enjoy a sneak peak into the best homes in town all decorated for the holiday season.

UPCOMING 2025 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Farm to Film Festival: April 12th & 13th
Annual film festival to entertain audiences through film & promote the arts while celebrating our film heritage.

Kewash Trail Half Marathon: April 26 | 8am
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Craft Fair: Spring Edition: May 3 | 9-3pm
Discover unique gifts in Central Park with hundreds of craft fair vendors and a range of delicious food vendors!

Farmers' Market & Thursday Night Live: Mid May - Mid October | 9-3pm
Locally grown produce, home-made crafts, food vendors and live music in Central Park.

Washington Municipal Band: June 5 -Aug 7
Enjoy the melodies from 60+ musicians who have been performing for the community since 1937.
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Ridiculous Days June 5 - 8
4 day long summer kick-off with festivities celebrating ridiculous retail bargains, local agriculture, heritage, businesses, parade, family activities, food & music.

Chamber Golf Fun Days: June 19 & 20
Golf fundraiser tournament.
Meal, prizes, raffles, fun!

Washington County Fair: Third Week in July
Enjoy varieties of food and drink while watching endless amounts of shows, including rodeo, motocross, & demolition throughout the week.



Click the QR Code to see all community events in Washington!



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Whether you prefer a personal and homey B&B, a modern oasis convenient to amenities, or rustic camping, we have a great place for you to stay while you visit us. You'll find clean and friendly service at all of our lodging establishments; read on to find a place to rest and relax that suites your preferences best.

City of Kalona Campground

10 A Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-2310

Open from April 15 to October 15, the city campground includes 38 campsites with water and electrical hook-ups available on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$20/night per space. A dumpsite is available for \$10 per use. Register onsite within one hour of occupying the site; checkout time is 1 p.m.

Dutch Country Inn

110 E Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3611

Dutchcountryinnkalona.com

Owned by country farmers who come from Amish families, this affordable hotel aims to provide an atmosphere of rest and refreshment for all who enter. The lobby provides comfortable couches, TV, and books, and tables and chairs are available for work or study. The continental-style breakfast offered each morning includes locally made caramel cinnamon rolls. Room options include double queen, whirlpool suite, family suite, ADA, and single king.

Ethel's Gourmet Kitchen, Bed & Breakfast

1070 Highway 1, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 936-6131

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Hometown Inn & Suites

119 Westview Dr, Washington, IA 52353
(319) 653-6621

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6051 River Junction Rd SE, Lone Tree, IA 52755
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Riverside Casino & Golf Resort

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Riversidecasinoandresort.com

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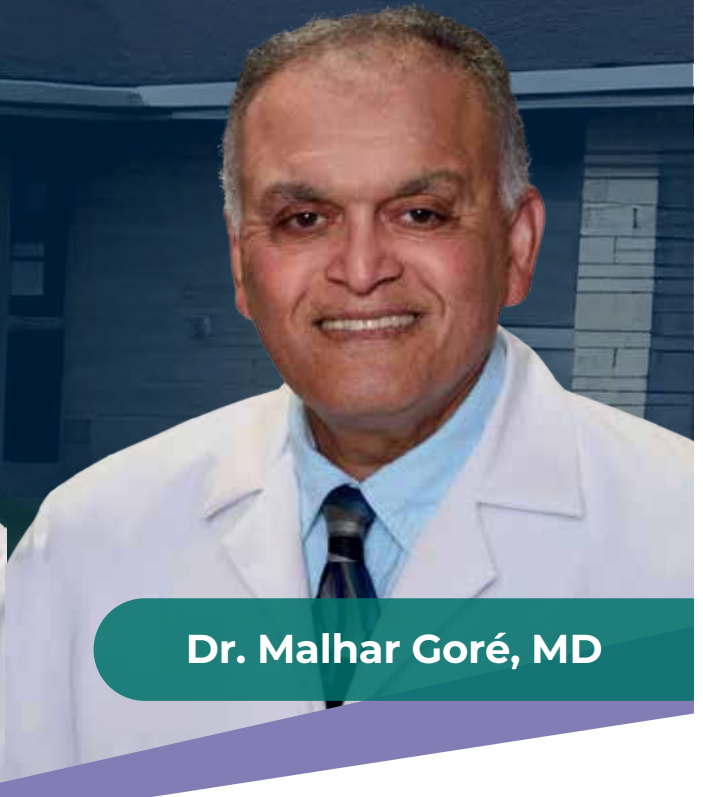


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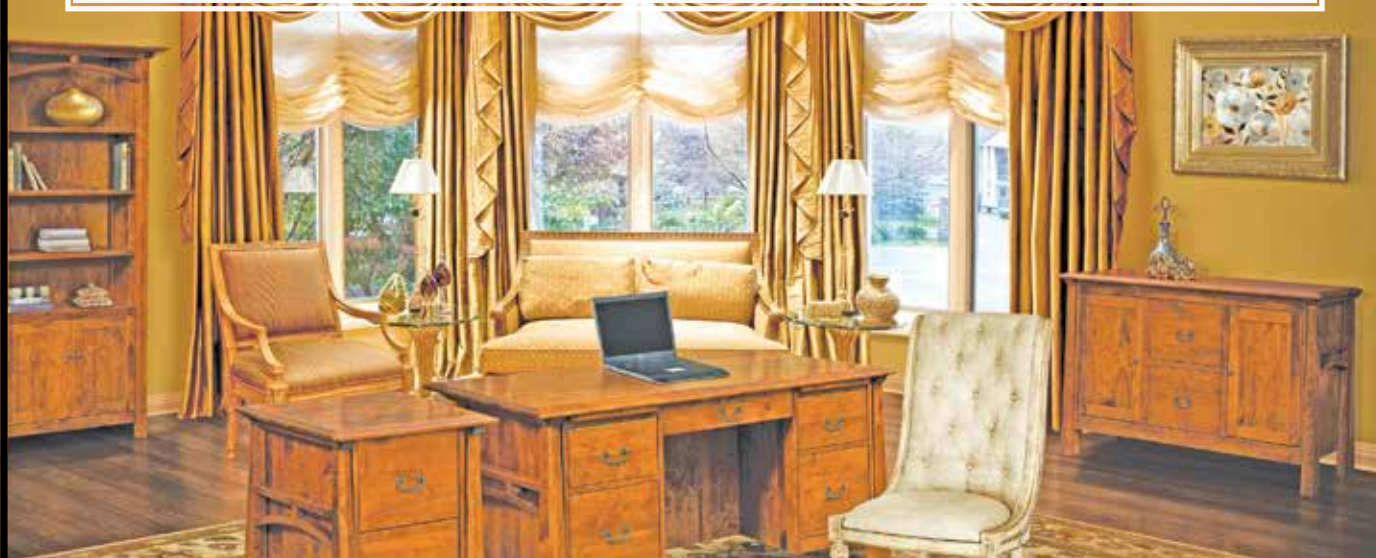
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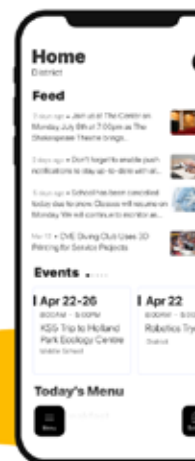
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