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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, 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
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Events

From the dead of winter to the height of summer, we're never at a loss for events to attend, from consumer shows and family festivals to fundraising galas.

MARCH

Kalona Home Show

With a history rooted in craftsmanship, Kalona is currently home to over a hundred trusted businesses that provide services and products that better our homes, inside and out. At the Kalona Home Show, visit with these businesses, see what they have to offer, and ask questions so you can feel confident when you are ready to start your next home project. March 28-29, 2025. Friday 4-8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kalona Community Center/YMCA, 511 C Ave., Kalona. Kalonachamber.com/kalona-home-show.

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt

Kids have so much fun at the Kalona Historical Village's Easter Egg Hunt each year. Come out on April 19, 2025 and enjoy visiting with live rabbits, the mayor dressed in a bunny costume (if you're lucky), and plastic eggs filled with treats hidden around every corner. Bounce houses, pony rides, face painting and crafts round out the morning's activities; hot food available by free will donation. Grounds open at 10 a.m. Kalona Historical Village, 715 D Avenue, Kalona. Kalonalowa.org.

Kalona Quilt Show & Sale

A Kalona tradition since the 1970's, the 54th Annual Kalona Quilt Show and Sale takes place April 24-26, 2025, at the Kalona Community Center/YMCA, 511 C Ave, Kalona. Over 200 unique hand-quilted pieces will be for sale, from small wall-hangings to special antiques. Thursday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Facebook.com/kalonaquilt-show/.

While you're at the Quilt Show on Friday evening, don't miss the Pulled Pork Dinner at the Kalona Historical Village; the tasty eats will keep you satiated, and the proceeds benefit the new historic barn museum.

Kewash Trail Half Marathon, 10K & 5K

Collect another beautiful finisher's medal at the Kewash Trail Half Marathon, 10K & 5K on April 26, 2025. The mostly flat out-and-back course leaves downtown Washington for the Kewash Trail, a rails-to-trails path that is partly paved and partly crushed limestone. Mild early spring temperatures are a plus! Kewashhalfmarathon.wixsite.com/kewashhalfmarathon.

MAY

Kalona Horseshoe Gravel Bike Race

Seven bicycle races round out the Iowa Gravel Series, and the Kalona Horseshoe became one of them in 2024. Choose from 50K and 100K bicycle races on Saturday, May 10, 2025; the gravel backroads of Kalona provide rolling hills through Amish and Mennonite farmland with open sky vistas you won't want to miss. Bikereg.com/kalona

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. 2025 market dates are May 10 & 24, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23, Sept. 13 & 27, and Oct. 11. From 9 a.m. to noon, vendors line downtown streets, offering fresh flowers, produce, baked goods, and hand-crafted delights. Facebook.com/KalonaMarket/.

JUNE

Lone Tree Flyers Fun Fly

The Lone Tree Flyers Fun Fly, June 13-14, 2025, attracts RC pilots and their aircraft from across Iowa and surrounding states. For two days, pilots navigate their jets, warbirds, and helicopters through the skies; by night they bunk up in tents and trailers, taking advantage of a rare exception to the city's no camping law. With a 750 x 85-foot grass runway, 350 x 4-foot Petromat runway, and a max altitude of 1200 feet, the airfield is a pilot's dream and a spectator's pleasure. The airfield is located at 300 N. Devoe St., Lone Tree; for more information, contact John Biondo at lonetreeflyers5005@gmail.com.

Kalona Tractorcade

Plan to be a part of the 4th annual Kalona Tractorcade on June 14, 2025 starting at 5 p.m. Over 100 tractors from the 1940s – 1960's will rumble through the streets in early evening, allowing viewers to see what farm equipment used to be like.

Kalona Days

Celebrate the start of summer in Kalona at Kalona Days on June 20-21, 2025. On Friday night, enjoy musical entertainment and the blindfolded golf cart race. Saturday begins with a 1 mile walk or 5K race, complete with age group awards, a pie baking contest, cookie baking contest for kids, and a parade at 4 p.m. on C Avenue; Old Man Band takes to the stage that evening. Kalonachamber.com

Sons of Amvets 17th Annual Car, Truck, Tractor, Golf Cart, and Motorcycle Show

Join Sons of AmVets Squad 107 on the third Sunday in June for their 19th annual Car, Truck, Tractor, Golf Cart, and Motorcycle Show at 402 AmVets Road, Richmond. Enjoy great food while supporting the projects of our local military veterans.

Trekfest

Fans of the television and movie series "Star Trek" won't want to miss Trekfest 40 on June 26-28, 2025. Held in Riverside, the future birthplace of Capt. James T. Kirk, Trekfest gives Trekkies from around the world a chance to converge and enjoy entertainment, costume contests, sporting activities, celebrity meet-and-greets, and more. Trekfest.org.

JULY

Wellman 4th of July

Wellman's Independence Day celebration is much beloved throughout the community. Join the crowds that fill up our small town on July 4, 2025, for the morning parade downtown, then come back for live music and fireworks at dusk.

Kalona Bluegrass Festival

The best bluegrass bands of the Midwest fill the air with banjo, fiddle, and guitar tunes at the Kalona Bluegrass Festival to be held July 17-19, 2025. Camp onsite with an RV or tent and enjoy delicious food all weekend long at Windmill Ridge Campground, 2114 140th St, Kalona. Banjoy.com/kalonabluegrassfestival.

AUGUST

Mayor's Classic Car Cruise

Launched by Mayor Mark Robe in 2020, the 6th annual Mayor's Classic Car Cruise will delight car lovers on Aug. 2 (always the first Saturday in August), starting at 5 p.m. Watch a string of unique classic vehicles cruise down a parade route starting at Sinclair Tractor before parking at Kalona City Park, giving all a chance to admire their beauty and chat with their owners. Food trucks will be onsite to make sure no one goes hungry. Local bands keep the party going until dusk

Lone Tree Fall Fest

The city of Lone Tree celebrates its 153rd 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 22-23, 2025, downtown Lone Tree.

Kalona Gospel Sing

Folks from across the Midwest look forward to gathering at the Kalona Gospel Sing on August 22-24, 2025. 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. Enjoy the BBQ chicken dinner on Saturday night and the potluck lunch on Sunday following the 10 a.m. church service. 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 2, 2025. 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 on Aug 28 - Sept 1, 2025 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. 26-27, 2025. Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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 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 traditional crafts will keep you entertained all weekend. Kalonaiowa.org/fallfestival.

OCTOBER

Jack O'Lantern Jaunt

Celebrate Halloween at the Kalona Historical Village on October 30, 2025, from 4:30 - 7 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 at the end of October. 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. Contact the city for date and time: 319-653-2107.

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 Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2025, 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 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

Lone 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

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. Mid-December; contact the city for date: 319-648-3501

Christmas in Kalona

If you're looking for a storybook Christmas, be sure to be in town on December 6, 2025, 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.



March 27

Optimist Tenderloin Dinner

March 28-29

Kalona Home Show

April 5

Kalona Firemen's Breakfast

April 5 - Iowa Illinois Quilt Study Meeting

April 14 -15 Spring Draft Horse & Carriage Sale

April 18-19 Junkin' Sisters Shop Hop

April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 24 - 26

Kalona Quilt Show

April 25-26 - Rural Road Trip

April 25 - Pulled Pork

Dinner Fundraiser

May 10

Farmers Market begins

May 10 - Iowa Gravel Bike Race

June 2 - Horse & Pony Sale

June 14

Kalona Tractorcade

June 20-21 - Kalona Days

July 3-5, 10-12 Summer Kalona Getaway

July 17-19

Kalona Bluegrass Festival

Aug 1-2 - Iowa Illinois Quilt Study Group

Aug. 2 - Mayor's Classic Car Cruise

Aug 5 - Special Horse Sale

Aug 22 -24 - Kalona Annual Gospel Sing

Sept 19-20 - Junkin' Sister Shop Hop

Sept 26-27

Kalona Fall Festival

Sept 26-27 - Rural Road Trip

Oct 13-14 - Fall Draft Horse Sale

Oct 16-18 - Nuttin' but Fun Kalona Getaway

Nov. 14-15 - Kalona Holiday Open House Getaway

Nov 14-15 - Rural Road Trip

Nov. 29

Small Business Saturday

Dec. 6 - Christmas in Kalona

Dec 6 - Historical Village Tree Walk

54th Annual Kalona Quilt Show *is not to be missed*

By TJ Rhodes

If you're looking for the quilt capital of America, you've come to the right place. Kalona and the art of quilting are so intertwined that sidewalks feature intricate quilt-like designs and barns hang barn quilts for a unique display.

Woodin Wheel, located at 515 B. Ave, is the largest American-made quilt retailer in the Midwest with a wide array of hand-crafted Amish and Mennonite quilts that are new and old, with antiques aplenty. They have hosted the Kalona Quilt Show for the last 53 years and this year is no exception.

Over 200 quilts will line the walls at the Kalona Community Center from Thursday, Apr. 24 to Saturday, Apr. 26, 2025 for the 54th annual Kalona Quilt Show, the quintessential Kalona experience. The \$6 price of admission covers all three days.

During the quilt show, there will be different vendors selling gifts, antiques, books about quilting and more. Host Katie Karnes of Woodin Wheel will attend as well.

The quilt show is a big deal and brings buyers from all corners of America. This is the aspect that excites Karnes the most.

"We have different ladies from all around the United States. It's always fun to see where all the different people come from," Karnes said.

The quilts for sale vary in size, design, and price, going anywhere from \$4 to \$1,200. Karnes recalls a quilt that sold for \$16,000 in recent years. Various factors lead to prices reaching the stratosphere.

For instance, hand sewing. This painstaking process creates unique quilts that have a special touch, a touch that machine-manufactured quilts can't quite replicate.

These hand sewn quilts can take a very long time to finish. The hours dedicated show in the final product.

"Just the intricacy of most of them would be [why the price is high]. It's all done by hand," Karnes said. "You can see the intricacy of the detail of the work on it. One little block [of the quilt] usually takes about 40 hours to make."

The Kalona Quilt Show is educational as well. Many people come to the quilt show just to learn new tricks and to gather inspiration.

"We [see] a lot of quilters come just to see what's new," Karnes said. "[I'm excited] to see where different people come from and the different quilts, because you always get some patterns [that] are more prevalent in some years than others."

Additionally, the Kalona Quilt Show can feature antique quilts. To be an antique quilt, it must be made within a specific 100-year range, between 1840-1940, according to Karnes.

Each year the show finds new opportunities for improvement. Using the Community Center's new gym helped gain more space, allowing them to hang quilts from existing PVC piping compared to roping in 2x4s to create a "tight maze."

The new look creates "little booths" that are more organized. When a quilt is sold, another will take its place, creating a new look every time there is a sale.

Most quilts not sold at the show return to Woodin Wheel. Karnes estimates that around 50 quilts sell at each show, leaving another three quarters of the quilts homeless. You can help these quilts find a home by stopping in the shop anytime.

Woodin Wheel, along with its quilt collection, sells various antiques, furniture, gifts, knick-knacks, and locally made soap that impresses the senses immediately. Some of these locally crafted items and antiques will make their way to the Kalona Quilt Show as well.

Woodin Wheel is open Monday through Saturday from 10-4 and is closed on Sundays. Located in the heart of downtown Kalona, it is the perfect place to visit before and after their impressive quilt show.



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Washington, Iowa, is a community filled with charm, history, and countless opportunities to connect and celebrate. From lively events to unique attractions, our town offers something for everyone, whether you're visiting for a day or planning to stay a while.

Thursday evenings in Washington come alive with music and community spirit. Stroll through our vibrant Farmers' Market, and enjoy the sounds of live performances, including our beloved Municipal Band. Our annual Summer Classic is a week-long celebration packed with daily events, culminating in an unforgettable evening of entertainment and festivities that bring neighbors and visitors together.

Throughout the year, we host a variety of events, including craft fairs, golf outings, shop hops, marathons, car cruise nights, a Latino festival, and holiday events that are annual traditions. If you're looking to immerse yourself in these activities, we welcome volunteers! Reach out to us at 319-653-3272 to explore ways you can get involved and play a part in Washington's thriving community.

Washington is a town that proudly combines small-town charm with big-time attractions. Did you know we're home to the world's oldest continuously operating cinema theater, certified by the Guinness Book of World Records? Or that we boast a LEED-certified library, and a picturesque town square often likened to a scene from a Hallmark movie?

For those planning to visit, we offer a range of accommodations and over a dozen restaurants to satisfy any craving. Our town also features a thriving local economy with small and large businesses, a county hospital offering comprehensive care, excellent public and private schools, retirement communities, grocery stores, boutiques, jewelry stores, florists, art shops, coffeehouses, and much more. With over a dozen churches and even a local minibuses service, Washington has everything to make visitors feel at home.

Nature lovers will find plenty to enjoy here as well. The Washington Aquatic Center, located on the west side of Sunset Park and inside the Washington County YMCA, are favorites for family fun. Right nearby, a 14-mile paved walk-

ing trail (Kewasb Trail) winds through beautiful scenery, including tree-lined paths, a tranquil pond, and views of the countryside. For a unique driving tour, explore Washington County's barn quilt trail, which offers a colorful showcase of art and heritage across the area.

Whether you're here for an event, a weekend getaway, or simply to explore, Washington is a town full of heart and hospitality. Together, our businesses, residents, and visitors make Washington a truly special place to live, work, and play.

Thank you for being a part of what makes Washington extraordinary!

*Michelle Redlinger
Washington Welcome Center
& Chamber Director*

Learn more about our town and all we have to offer at washingtoniowa.gov/experience-our-town/.

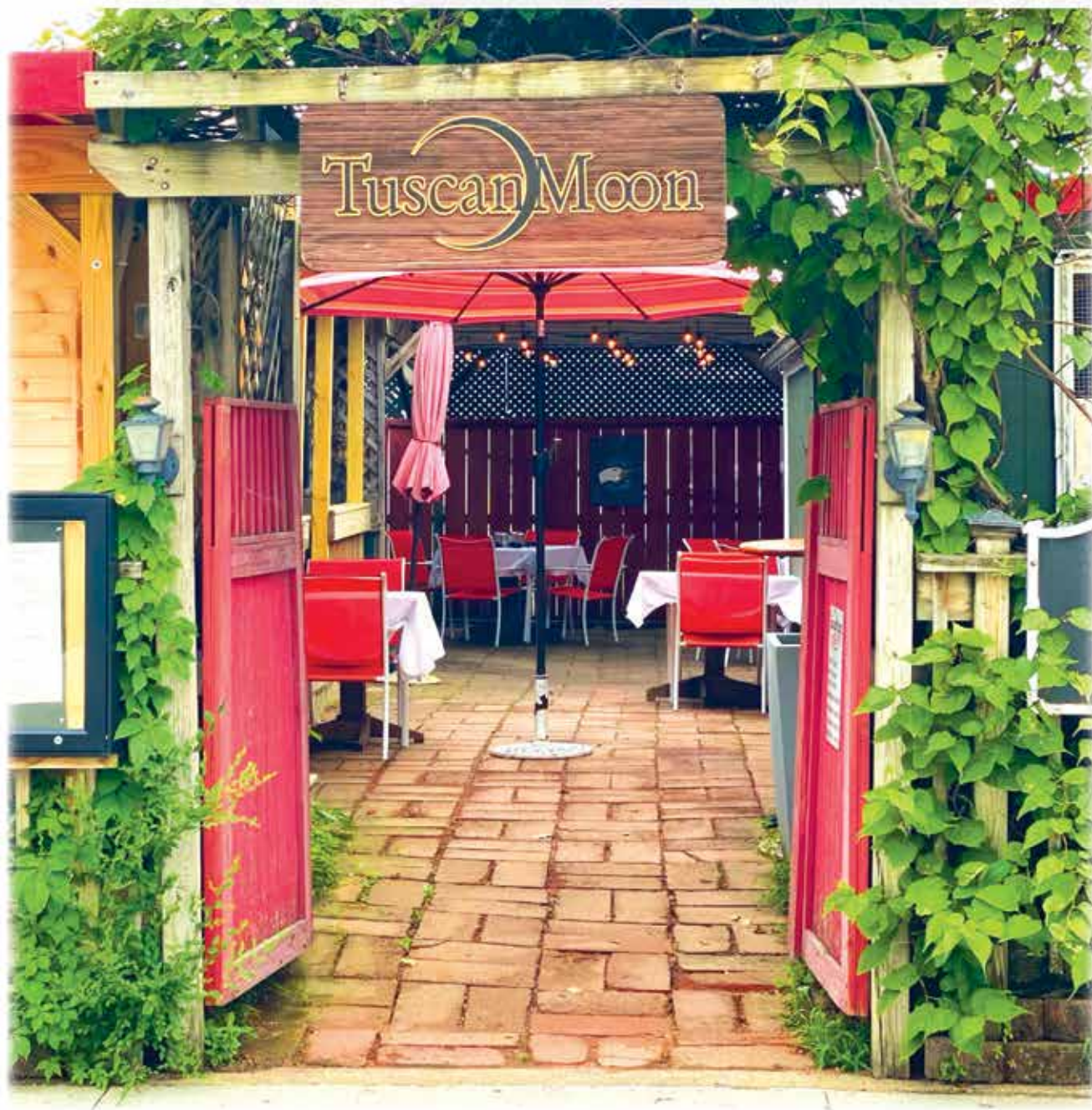
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Excitement builds at Kalona Historical Village



New railcar boosts depot exhibit; historic barn arrives for new ag museum

By Cheryl Allen

When the people of Kalona gather to celebrate, to learn, or to regroup before and after adventures, they often find themselves at the Kalona Historical Village. This place that houses the history of the town's heritage, its craft, and its people is also where what will become history tomorrow is happening today.

Throughout the year, local friends, families, organizations, and business groups come to the Village for events, ranging from the annual Fall Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, and Jack o' Lantern Jaunt to Christmas parties and business meetings. The Village is truly a community partner.

The Village is also a platform for and container of the area's history. Starting in the Visitors Center, where various short-term exhibits are on display, the story of Kalona is told throughout the grounds on which stand an entire village of historical buildings, including a post office, a school, a loom house and a lineshaft. Also a part of the Village is the Wahl Museum, which contains a life-size streetscape exhibit, completed in 2023, in which one can walk about turn-of-the-century Kalona.

Like the people of Kalona, the Village never stops evolving. It is always looking to the future as it recreates the past.

One of the Village's current projects is building upon the railroad depot building, which houses a telegraph exhibit and other artifacts that bring to life what was originally the center of life in Kalona. In 2024, a wooden boxcar was added, a platform installed, and a working signal put in place. Today the Village staff is working on completing the train station with artifacts and interpretive

information that will help tell a more complete story of Kalona's founding as a depot town on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern railway.

Also in 2024, a historic century barn in the county needed a new home, and the Village jumped at the chance to provide it. However, moving a huge barn miles to the Village was not a simple process. Experienced barn movers would need to be found. Power lines would need to be temporarily taken down. But the opportunity to preserve such a structure – something familiar to those who grew up on Iowa farmsteads – was one the Village did not want to miss.

In early 2025 the barn arrived at the Village and was relocated in a vacant space adjacent to the Ag Building. Now work is progressing on shoring up the structure so that it can become home to Iowa's 11th barn museum, where it will be filled with exhibits that will tell the story of Kalona's agricultural past.

"Farming was one of the early reasons the town thrived, and that's something that we don't tell here. So that's what this barn's purpose is going to be," Managing Director Nancy Roth said.

It may take years for the barn museum's exhibits to be completed, but that's just fine with Roth, who is happy just to see the barn in place. Taking a slower approach allows time for ideas to percolate and the community to contribute to the final result, in the form of both donated objects suitable for exhibits and financial support.

The Kalona Historical Village invites you to visit and take a look at all of the exciting new additions underway.

2025

May 13: Fox Hill Troubadours
May 20: Heartfelt Trucking
May 27: Surf Zombies
June 3: Cedar County Cobras
June 10: Two Bit Maniac
June 17: Todd Partridge
June 24: Pigs & Clover
July 1: Saint Silver
July 8: Tanya English Band
July 12: Doris Park Memorial
July 12: 4pm Band TBA 6:30
July 15: Banjoy
July 22: Lojo Russo
July 29: Dave Zollo
August 5: Whiskey Fund
August 12: Terry McCauley
August 19: Silt Creek
August 26: The Big Begonias

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Celebrating Tradition and Innovation: The Midwest Old Threshers Legacy

The Midwest Old Threshers grounds in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, serve as the heartbeat of Henry County, attracting thousands of visitors each year. From its humble beginnings in 1950 to its status as a nationally celebrated event, the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion has grown into the largest annual event in the county, drawing guests from around the globe to experience the charm and heritage of rural America.

A Vision Rooted in Heritage

The story of Midwest Old Threshers began with a spark of inspiration. In September 1949, four visionaries—Clark Everts, W.E. (Ted) Detrick, Ray H. Ernst, and Herman E. Elgar—visited the Zehr Threshing Reunion in Pontiac, Illinois. Inspired by what they witnessed, they set out to create a similar event in Mount Pleasant. With an abundance of steam engines and separators in Henry County, the idea gained traction. After months of planning and community effort, the Midwest Old Threshers Association (MOSTA) was officially chartered on August 21, 1950.

Less than a month later, on September 20–21, the first Old Threshers Reunion debuted, featuring 15 steam engines, 8 separators, and an impressive turnout of 10,000 attendees. What started as a celebration of agricultural heritage quickly became a cornerstone of the community, blending historical preservation with entertainment and education.

The Reunion: A Celebration of the “Good Ol’ Days”

Held annually during Labor Day weekend, the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion offers something for everyone. It kicks off on Wednesday with the Harvest Parade and continues through the weekend, showcasing a dazzling array of steam engines, antique tractors, gas engines, and more during the daily Cavalcade of Power Parade.

Visitors seeking a slower pace can explore the Log Village, a living history exhibit that transports guests to Mount Pleasant’s pioneer days. Here, attendees can play old-time games, make ropes, and learn about life on the plains. The experience even includes a reenacted Wild West gunfight, ensuring excitement for all ages.

Music is another hallmark of the Reunion. From billboard-topping artists performing at nightly concerts to free daytime musical acts scattered throughout the grounds, there’s a tune for every taste. The event’s dynamic entertainment complements its deep historical roots, creating an unforgettable experience for families and history buffs alike.

Beyond the Reunion: Year-Round Attractions

The Midwest Old Threshers grounds are not just bustling during the Reunion. In October, the Thrashers House of Terror and Midwest Haunted Rails attract thrill-seekers from across the tri-state area, offering a mix of spine-tingling frights and family-friendly Halloween fun. When winter rolls around, the grounds transform into a festive wonderland for the annual Mount Pleasant Festival of Lights, a holiday drive-thru light park that delights visitors of all ages.

In addition to these seasonal events, the grounds are home to the Heritage Museum and the Theatre Museum, preserving and showcasing the area’s rich cultural and theatrical history. These attractions ensure that the spirit of Old Threshers lives on year-round.

A Legacy That Lives On

As we celebrate 75 years of the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion, the event continues to honor its founders’ vision by bringing people together to experience the rich heritage of rural America. With over 2,000 exhibits and attractions and more than 35,000 annual ticket sales, the Reunion remains a testament to the enduring appeal of agricultural history and community spirit.

Join us in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where history comes to life, tradition thrives, and memories are made. Whether you’re drawn by the roar of steam engines, the melodies of live music, or the nostalgia of simpler times, the Midwest Old Threshers grounds promise an experience like no other.

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39th Annual Kalona Bluegrass Festival: A true bluegrass experience

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A true bluegrass experience is a collaboration between artists and listeners of all ages—that's when the music really comes alive. The 39th Annual Kalona Bluegrass Festival, held at the beautiful Windmill Ridge Campground on July 18-20, 2025, will be a celebration of this uniquely American art form. Professional stage performances along with impromptu jam sessions will make the festival a true bluegrass experience for everyone, from children to grandparents.

Banjoes, fiddles, guitars, dobros, and upright basses will be accompanying songs of life, love, joy and sorrow. The festival involves the whole family; indeed, many of the featured bands are made up of families including young and old, all singing, performing, and sharing the values that bind them together.

Musical groups will include The Roe Family Singers from Kirkwood Hollow, Minnesota; The Bluegrass Blondies from Ottumwa; Flash in a Pan from Iowa City; The Anderegg Family from Ryan; Bob & Kristie Black and Banjoy from North English; The McPunk Brothers from Sharon Center; and The Dodge Street Duo from Iowa City.

Traditional and modern bluegrass music, including gospel, will be featured. In addition to the stage shows there'll be lots of informal picking and singing around the campground. Put your worries aside and prepare yourself for a weekend of fun and music.

Delicious food, including home-made pies, great burgers, soft drinks, coffee and other outdoor delicacies will be on sale, once again provided by Play Life Ministries. A complete Saturday night supper—always

a popular feature of the festival—will be available.

Windmill Ridge Campground is located at 2114 140th St, Kalona, IA (Highway 1 two miles south of Kalona, then 1 mile west). For RV and tent reservations call 319-330-3012 or go to windmillridgescampground@gmail.com.

For further festival information/admission prices, and a list of generous sponsors who make this possible, see the ad in this issue of the Kalona Visitors' Guide, or call Kristie Black at 319-330-2413 / 2462, Paul Roberts at 319-683-2222, or go to www.banjoy.com/kalonabluegrassfestival.

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Activities

Our world-class historical museum, unique bus tours of the Amish countryside, and one-of-a-kind artists' foundry provide experiences here you won't find anywhere else. Add a 24/7 casino and funky Star Trek museum to the mix, and everyone in your party will go home with unforgettable memories.

Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives

**715 D Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3271
Kalonaiaowa.org**

Open April – October,
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon-Sat; closed Sun
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;
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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
Kalonaiaowa.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
(319) 300-4605**

Open by appointment only
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.

Max-Cast Sculpture & Foundry

**611 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-5365
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Open Mon – Fri 8:30 a.m.
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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

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By appointment only.

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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.

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Wellman Heritage Society

228 8th Ave,
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(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 Maplecrest 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.

Wooden Wheel Vineyards & Winery

1179 IA-92, Keota, IA 52248
(641) 636-2180

Woodenwheelvineyards.com

Open Sat. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
and by appointment

With an 80-acre vineyard, 4,000 square foot rustic-modern events center, and award-winning selection of sweet and dry wines, Wooden Wheel Vineyards and Winery has it all. Owner Mike Vincent aims to make wines people like, and that requires growing high-quality grapes on land that has been in the family for over 170 years. The original barn built by Vincent's great grandparents has been refurbished into a gorgeous space that seats 300 and has kitchen space for caterers; consider hosting your next wedding or business meeting here as well.

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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Recreation

Our communities pride themselves on providing top-notch recreational opportunities, from dog parks and splash pads to wooded trails and golf courses.

Blue Top Ridge Golf Course

The diverse terrain and beautiful vistas on this world-class course at the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort provide a one-of-a-kind experience for beginners and pros. Be sure to wear appropriate attire: for men, golf shirts with collar or mock neck and slacks or golf shorts are standard; for women, a golf blouse or shirt and slacks, golf shorts, or golf skirt are expected. Denim of any color is prohibited.

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

Throughout the year 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, accessible 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 \$5.00 youth/adult and free under 2 years old.

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.

Please reserve a tee-time online at kalonagolfclub.com or 319-656-3844 and register in the clubhouse before playing. Each player must have their own bag and clubs. Soft spikes only. Shirt and shoes are required, and USGA Rules govern play.

Rates start at \$19.00 to walk nine holes on weekdays; contact the club for additional information.

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 new nine-hole disc golf course and splash pad. 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.

Southtown Recreation Area

A new development completed in Fall 2024, the Southtown Recreation Area on the southern edge of Kalona features aggregate and natural surface trails that allow for miles of walking and hiking within old growth timber; the 9-hole Black Locust Disc Golf course; and Vista Park, which boasts small and large dog parks, restrooms, accessible playground equipment, and a huge splash pad.

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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Wellman Golf Course

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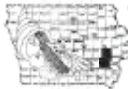


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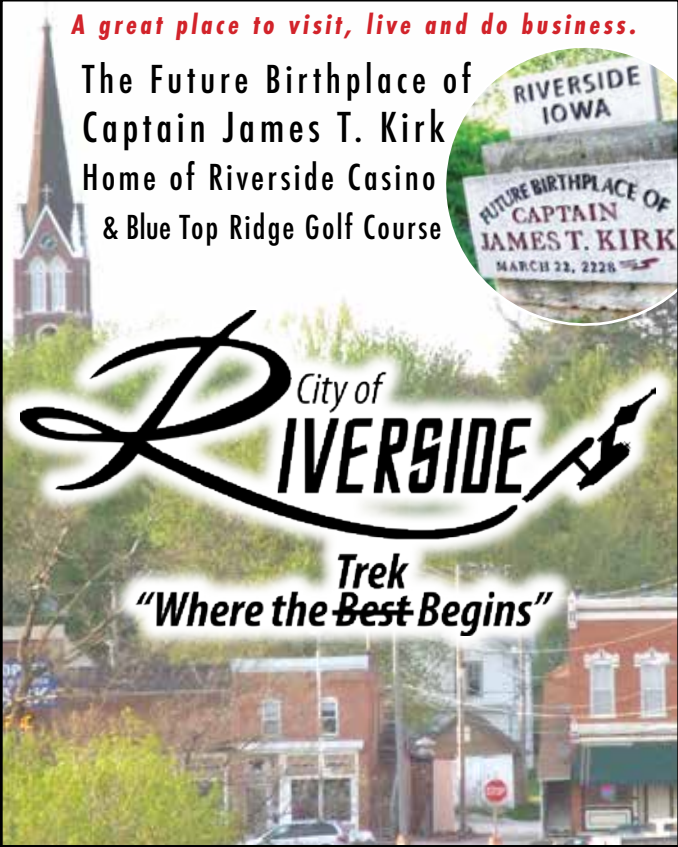
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111 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247
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Bestofiowakalona.com
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Locals can't stay out of this attractive shop; it's a go-to for gift buying, with a large selection 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.

Collected Treasures Antiques & Quilts

417 B Ave., Kalona, IA 52247
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Mon-Sat 9AM – 5PM

New in spring 2025, this spacious and welcoming shop is a truly local endeavor. As its name suggests, inside you'll find a treasure-trove of collected and handcrafted items, ranging from vintage glassware, salt and pepper shakers, and primitives to handmade baby quilts, table runners, and purses. Jewelry both handmade and antique, as well as collectable cards, round out the mix. Make this a repeat stop: the selection of goods available changes daily.

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.

Dantiques, Etc.

4846 Derby Ave SW,
Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 325-4086
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Local craftsman Dan Bender takes time and care to create furniture from old barn wood and is open to custom orders. Furniture takes center stage at his shop, but other finds, such as dishware, jewelry, and glass can be found inside his spacious location as well.

Gambles Hardware

523 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-2911
Closed Sun; Mon-Fri
7:30AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-3PM
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Golden Valley Ranch

2032 110th St, Kalona, 52247
Mon-Fri 8:30AM – 5PM, Sat
8:30AM-4PM

New in 2024, this new Amish-run store in the countryside features bulk foods, frozen foods, fresh produce, meats and cheeses, and a deli. Stop by to support the community and stock your pantry with all of the essentials, many of which are available in larger quantities and at lower prices.

JK Creative Wood

2410 105th St,
Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3990
Jkcreativewood.com
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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.

JW's Foods

122 E Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-2661
Jwsfoods.com
Closed Sun;
Mon-Sat 7AM-9PM

This 50-year-old grocery store stocks everything you need for your weekly shop, including a deli, bakery, frozen foods, and dry goods. Specialty pastries fill a case at the front, right next to seasonal goods and a good produce selection.

Kalona Chocolates

211 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3839
Kalonachocolates.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat
10AM-4PM

Whether your preference is for dark, milk, or white chocolate, Kalona's own chocolatier has plenty of beautiful sweets to suit your taste. Classic chocolates like turtles and caramels fill the counter front cases, and colorful novelties like chocolate covered Oreos decorated to resemble cows and pigs line the back shelves. Whatever the holiday, Kalona Chocolates has something special for gifting or indulging.

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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Kalona General Store

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Reopening spring 2025 under new ownership, the Kalona General Store preserves the charm and nostalgia of an old-fashioned general store while incorporating some new elements to enhance the shopping experience. Look for traditional offerings like bulk foods, spices, barrel candies, and specialty yarns, as well as modern touches like a peanut butter grinder and coffee station where you can grind your own coffee.

Kuntry Nook Greenhouse

2748 560th St SW, Kalona, IA, 52247
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM

When you're out exploring the Amish countryside northeast of Kalona, consider a stop by Kuntry Nook Greenhouse. Purchase hanging baskets, bedding plants, coneflowers, and more for your spring, summer, and fall porches and gardens.

Little Prairie Fabrics

5259 Hazelwood Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(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, eye-glass frames, and laundry carts as well.

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.

Maple Avenue Greenhouse

1069 Maple Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3759
Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM;
Sun Closed

This spacious Amish-owned greenhouse grows every plant you need to fill out your garden, including tomato and pepper plants; annual and perennial flowers; and rhubarb and berry bushes. You might ask to see the private covered bridge that goes over the creek on the way to the tree nursery; it's a fun little discovery!

Midwest Woodworks

2019 IA-22, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 646-3200
Amishfurnitureia.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 10AM-5PM

This family-owned and operated custom furniture store provides handmade furniture built by expert Amish craftsmen. Explore the large retail space, which contains both indoor and outdoor furnishings, and choose quality wood pieces for your every room.

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.

The Refined Collective

433 B Ave, Kalona 52247
Closed Sun;
Mon-Sat 10AM – 4PM.

This new shop featuring home, gifts, and antiques – a mix of old and new – opened in summer 2024. The engaging and ever-changing selection includes vintage dishware, hand towels, handmade aprons, soaps, house-made scented candles, books, vintage board games, and occasional furniture; it's a rare person who leaves without a new treasure.

Sisters' Garden & Bloom

4895 IA-1, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 683-2046
Closed Sun and Tues;
Mon 12-4PM; Wed 11AM-4PM; Thu 12-4PM;
Fri-Sat 11AM-4PM

Located on Highway 1 between Iowa City and Kalona, this farmhouse property is worth exploring. You'll find a range of antique goods inside and out: outdoors you might find a wrought iron bistro set, a cement duck for your garden, or a rustic table for potting. Inside, unique vintage furniture, dishware, seasonal décor, and mirrors are all likely discoveries.

Stringtown Grocery

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.

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.

Tequila Wine/Spirits

316 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 208-4779
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 11AM-2PM; 4PM-10PM

Whether you're looking for local beer and wine to take home from your visit, or a bit of hard liquor to prepare a nightcap, Tequila Wine/Spirits has a comprehensive selection to choose from.

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.

Vintage Chic

421 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 400-1439
Vintagechicia.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.

The Vintage Society

413 B Ave., Kalona, IA 52247
319-656-4550
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 10:30AM – 4:30PM.

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(319) 656-2240
Woodinwheel.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat
10AM-4PM

The largest retailer of American-made, hand-quilted quilts in the Midwest, Woodin Wheel has a long history dating back to the 1970s. You'll find antique quilts here, as well as newly-made creations lovingly crafted by Amish and Mennonite quilters. In addition, the shop offers handmade Amish dolls and crafts, Amish and quilting books, and other antiques and gifts.

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.

Lone Tree

Deeply Rooted Beauty & Boutique

117 N. Devoe St.,
Lone Tree, IA 52755
(319) 629-4458
Deeplyrootedbb.com
Tues 9AM-5PM, Wed
10AM-7PM, Thurs 1PM-7PM,
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The three ladies behind Deeply Rooted are warm and welcoming; their focus is on individualized looks and personalized service whether you book a hair appointment or simply want to browse the boutique. Women's apparel, jewelry, home décor, and gift items fill the shop; you're sure to find something special that suits your personal style.

Julie's Fountain of Flowers

103 N. Devoe St., Lone Tree,
IA 52755
(319) 629-5522
Juliesfountainflowers.com
Mon-Fri 9AM-3PM

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3027 IA-22,
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(319) 648-3999
Budscustommeatsonline.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Fri
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The Hall Closet

21 W. First St.,
Riverside, IA 52327
(319) 322-8228
Facebook.com/thehallclosetia/
Tues 10AM-5PM, Fri
10AM-5PM, Sat 10AM-1PM,
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A new resale shop opened in fall 2024, The Hall Closet is a kid-centric treasure hunt, filled with clothes, toys, and books for the small set, as well as a selection of adult items and home décor.

Monarch Nursery and Garden Center

5276 Oakcrest Hill Rd SE,
Riverside, IA 52327
(319) 679-4276
Closed Mon; Tues-Sat 10AM-6PM; Sun 1-5PM

Specializing in high quality plants, trees, and groundcover, this nursery and garden center offers a broad selection of items as well as a full landscape design team that can help make your dreams a reality. Look for annuals, perennials, and containers in the spring, as well as birdseed, feeders, and outdoor furniture year-round.

Washington

Dutch Market

2324 Hwy 1,
Washington, IA 52353
814-279-5760
Dutchmarketllc.com

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

This large market, newly opened in summer 2024, has everything you're looking for: a deli of sliced meats and cheeses, a bakery serving fresh bread, cinnamon rolls, and cookies, and plenty of other grocery items, including produce and frozen. An in-house coffee shop, complete with drive thru window, serves up all of your favorite drinks, as well as soups and ice cream.

Wellman

Freeman Foods

268 8th Ave,
Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 646-6721
Mon-Sat 7AM-8PM;
Sun 9AM-6PM

In an area where most everything is closed on Sunday, Freeman Foods is open. Adequate to all your grocery needs, this store also contains the best beer and wine selection in the area, with a full department on the lower level. With pet food, hardware, and stationery sections in addition to fresh produce, frozen foods, and dry goods, Freeman Foods can supply most of your essentials.

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.

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.

Simple Happiness

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.

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HOW TO FIND KALONA



28 GOOD BEANS

There's a whole world of coffee out there, and in downtown Wellman, Jeff Yoder is learning how to roast it. The results are good to the last drop.

By Cheryl Allen

Prior to owning Kalona Coffee House with wife Rhonda, as he has since 2010, Jeff Yoder was never really that into coffee. She was the passionate one, learning the ropes at Caribou Coffee while Jeff studied at Kirkwood and the University of Iowa; he didn't even touch the stuff until she started bringing him iced white chocolate Americanos, a cold drink more sweet cream than espresso.

While he eventually grew to love coffee more than sugar, you still wouldn't see him with a hot cup at his coffee house, even on a cold day. "I almost exclusively drank iced coffee" up until this year, he says.

But learning to roast green coffee beans woke up his palate and his appreciation for a cup of freshly ground, freshly brewed, hot black coffee.

"Once I started this process of finding coffees and sample roasting and tasting it all the time, I realized, wow, hot coffee is really great," Jeff says as we stand inside his Wellman roastery, waiting four minutes for a cup to brew. "Now I drink a hot black coffee every morning."

When the time is up, we take the round cupping spoons and sample the single-origin Ethiopian light roast that started out as a bag of green beans less than an hour before.

"Hmm, that's really mild," I say. "I don't know what I was expecting,

but I was not expecting that."

I am not a coffee drinker either; the number of cups I've had in my lifetime can be counted on one hand. This in spite of, or perhaps because of, growing up in a household where coffee was something of a religion; my parents imbibed it in all of its forms, from percolator-brewed to instant, always unadulterated black.

This cup opened my eyes in wonder. "That's really nice," I say. "This is smooth."

The Road to Roasting

After owning a coffee shop for over a decade, Jeff and Rhonda began to think about roasting their own beans just a couple of years ago.

"We just love unique, great-tasting coffee and wanted to be more involved in the process of finding and developing the kinds of coffee that we love," Jeff says.

Early conversations with Kalona native Hans Hochstedler, who owns Florin Coffee in Columbus, Ohio with wife Joelle, whose parents founded Hemisphere Coffee Roasters in nearby Mechanicsburg, helped the Yoders know what to expect.

There wasn't enough space in their Kalona location to house a roasting machine, never mind the required sinks, storage, and packaging space, so the couple looked to Wellman for a separate manufacturing outpost. In early 2024, they purchased

the single-story building downtown that used to be Young's Law Office and began working to build Ambrosia Brew Coffee Roasters.

They outfitted the workspace with a 2K Mill City drum roaster, which produces about four pounds of coffee per batch, with an average roast time of about 11-12 minutes. Natural gas heats the rotating drum, while air flow provides convective heat and removes chaff from the roasting coffee.

With the infrastructure in place for roasting beans, the next step was to learn the process. Last spring Jeff headed to Mill City Roasters in Minneapolis for a three-day course where he learned about roasting times, temperatures, and factors that affect taste. He learned about the phases beans go through as they roast, from the drying and Maillard phases, through first crack and development.

"I knew it was going to be a lot of practice before you were good, but it was a fun class," Jeff says.

Today, as he has about a year of roasting experience under his belt, Jeff's favorite part of the process happens the day after he's turned off the roaster. Once the beans have rested overnight, he grinds a scoop and brews a cup of coffee to taste, a process called 'cupping,' the purpose of which is to assess quality and make notes for future batches.

"That's definitely the best part," he says. "It's really interesting how the same green coffee can taste so different depending on the speed and length of the roast."

Even though the tasting and discovery process is fun, "There are definitely some challenges," Jeff admits. "Sometimes you'll think it tastes really good at the cupping table and then it tastes different when it's brewed on a commercial machine."

Other types of challenges the roaster faces are those of personal taste vs. customer preferences, and the way each bean variety responds differently to roasting. The availability of beans is also always in flux thanks to seasonal and market fluctuations, so he is constantly learning and adapting to new beans.

"There's so much to learn, some days I feel like I'm just playing coffee professional, hoping to turn into one," Jeff says. "Especially with the process of cupping and trying to detect all the different flavors. It's a process."

Tasting Territory

Oenophiles (wine connoisseurs) are familiar with the concept of 'terroir,' the characteristic taste and flavor imparted to a wine by the environment in which it is produced. So it is with coffee.

Ambrosia Brew Coffee Roasters is a small batch roaster of specialty coffee, which means that it has scored at least 80 points or higher according to an expert evaluation using Specialty Coffee Association guidelines.

"What makes specialty coffee better is that you're really tasting the flavors of that region or that farm," Jeff says. "Even in the same farm, there might be plots of land at different elevations or different varieties. So, coffee can taste pretty different, even within a farm."

"That is what really gets me excited," he continues, "Bringing in different coffees where you can really taste the region."

The Yoders source beans from all

over the world. An Ethiopian bean from the Kayon Mountain Farm in the Guji region has a strong blueberry note with wine-like acidity. Beans from Papua New Guinea and Guatemala make delicious dark roasts and are components in Ambrosia Brew's Bulltown Blend. Mexico's Puebla Region produces beans so versatile that they can be roasted light, medium, or dark.

"My favorite coffees are light roasts from East Africa, especially with a fruity note," Jeff says. "A coffee bean is actually the seed of a coffee cherry, and I really love a coffee that reminds you that you're drinking a fruit."

He is also especially excited about their first direct-trade relationship with the Gaucha farm in the Cerrado Mineiro region of Brazil.

"We met Caroline Seibt Kruse, a third-generation farmer, and her husband and Iowa native Matthew in October, and their high-quality coffee has been an amazing addition to our lineup," Jeff says.

Making the most of those specialty beans, which farmers cultivate with such care, is of great importance for the Yoders.

"The most important thing for us is to honor the work of the people producing this amazing coffee on farms all over the world," Jeff says. "They're finding the varieties and processing methods that are going to raise the value of their crop, and it's our job to bring out the flavor, sweetness, acidity and balance in that coffee so our customers can appreciate its unique qualities."

Finding Ambrosia Brew

In August the roastery was licensed by the state. Now Jeff roasts 100 pounds of beans a week for the coffee house, mostly espresso blend; maintains the website, AmbrosiaBrewCoffee.com; and fills and ships orders.

He's also worked hard to make his coffee available locally. In Wellman, folks can purchase fresh packages of whole bean coffee at Simple Happiness and ground coffee at Freeman Foods. In Kalona, Ambrosia Brew coffee is served at Kalona Coffee House and the Lambs and Ivy Play Café; whole beans can be purchased at the Kalona Coffee House, and ground coffee is available at JW's Foods.

Great coffee isn't cheap; as Jeff notes, "It's a tough time to start a roastery, with average coffee prices reaching a 50-year high last week and specialty coffee soaring even higher." But locally roasted coffee is sold at peak freshness, and for those seeking art and beauty in a cup, this is where you'll find it.

And if you're not a coffee drinker already, one sip of Ambrosia Brew just might wake you up.

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2289 Johnson-Washington Rd, Kalona, IA 52247
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Galaxy Nutrition Shake & Energy Bar

305 5th Street, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-6062
[Facebook.com/galaxynutritionkalona](https://www.facebook.com/galaxynutritionkalona)
Mon- Fri 6:45AM – 1:30PM, Sat 8AM-2PM, 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 Coffeehouse

425 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-5333
Kalonacoffeehouse.com
Mon-Fri 6:30AM- 9PM; Sat 7AM-5PM; Sun Closed
Coffee, Tea, Smoothies

Inside the Kalona Coffeehouse is a laid-back environment with plenty of space for relaxation, meeting friends or doing work. The space doubles as a tourism destination for those who enjoy local artwork. Locals depend on this establishment for their daily coffee hit and look forward to seasonal flavors; the cookies, bars, and coffee cakes made by The Rolling Pin are delicious accompaniments.

Lambs & Ivy Play Café

219 1st St, Kalona IA 52247
Mon-Fri 9AM-6PM, Sun 9AM-12PM, Sat Closed
Drinks, snacks

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109 1st St, Kalona, IA 52247
(650) 900-9700
Mon-Thu 11AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-9:30PM; Sun Closed
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Los Amigos Taquería has everything you could ask for. Starting with breakfast, they also offer veggie options and a wide selection of seafood. If there is anything you want on the menu without a flour or corn tortilla, don't worry, as Los Amigos Taquería offer a variety of bowls for their most popular dishes.

The Lunch Box

121 5th St., Kalona, IA 52247

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Tequila Grill

125 4th St, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3133
Tequilagrillliowa.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-5PM
Ice Cream

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Keota

Prairie Flower Bakery

214 East Broadway Ave, Keota, IA 52248
(319) 461-7512
Mon-Fri 7AM-1PM, Sat 9AM-Noon
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
Wed Noon-9:30PM, Thurs 4-11:30PM, Fri and Sat 1PM – Midnight

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. Unique craft cocktails are also a specialty.

Tree House Nutrition

111 Devoe St,
Lone Tree IA 52755
Mon-Fri 6-10AM and
2-5PM, Sat 8AM-2PM,
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A Herbalife-based nutritional shop offering drinks such as protein coffees and energy teas, Tree House Nutrition also offers meal-replacement shakes and personal coaching with 21-day challenges. You'll find plenty of naturally caffeinated beverages here, as well as boba tea and more.

Riverside

22 & Vine

3184 IA-22,
Riverside, IA 52327
(319) 648-1234
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

Tues-Sat 7AM-Noon, Sun-
Mon Closed
Coffee, Bakery

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 sweatshirt 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-8PM;

Fri-Sat 11AM-9PM

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.



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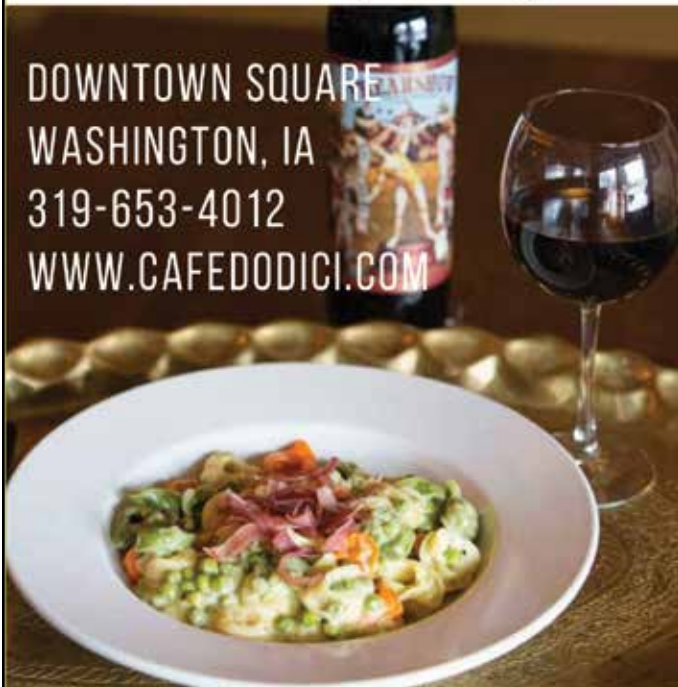
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Riversidecasinoandresort.com

***Hours vary; see website
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner,
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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.

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**3184 IA-22,
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(319) 648-0064

Riversidecasinoandresort.com

Mon Closed; Tue-Thu

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**251 8th Ave SE,
Wellman, IA 52356**

(319) 646-7900

Mon 4PM-9PM;

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Lunch, Dinner, Drinks

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**230 8th Ave SE,
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(319) 646-4555

Cilinos.wixsite.com

Mon-Wed Closed; Thurs

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Lunch, Dinner, Drinks, Ice Cream

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Country Cookin'

**3312 320th St,
Wellman, IA 52356**

(319) 646-6734

Facebook.com/country-cookiniowa

Lunch, Desserts

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DJ's Casual Café

**603 9th Ave,
Wellman, IA 52356**

(319) 646-9705

Mon 6:30AM-1:30PM,

Tues-Sat 6:30AM-8PM,

Sun 6:30AM-1:30PM

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.



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821 2nd St,
Wellman, IA 52356
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Mon Closed, Tues-Sat 7AM-Noon

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.

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Sun 3PM-Midnight

Dinner, Drinks

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Hills

Old 218 Tap

108 Main St,
Hills, IA 52235

(319) 679-2277

Mon-Sat 11AM-9PM, Sun 11AM-8PM

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

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Iowa City

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376 South Clinton St,
Iowa City, IA 52240

(319) 519-2044

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Let's eat at the Lone Ox

"We want Lone Tree to be known for the best barbecue in Iowa. . . The town deserves more than frozen pizzas."



By Giovanni Coronel

When the small town of Lone Tree comes up in conversation, barbecue might not be the first thing mentioned. But this will no longer be the norm, and all it took was the introduction of an Ox.

Bringing a new flavor to Lone Tree, Zee and Tony Brown kicked off a brand-new food venture in July 2024 with the opening of The Lone Ox Smokehouse & Company, which specializes in vintage-style BBQ and custom cocktails.

"We love feeding people," Zee said about one of the motivations she and her husband Tony have for being in the food business. "I get a gratification from that. We'd be happy when people come in and they say that's the best ribs they ever ate."

Well-experienced in the way of food service, Zee and Tony started running a food stand in 2010, which then progressed to running a food truck in 2020, and then culminated into the opening of a brick-and-mortar establishment in 2023, Da Flava Unit Xpress, located at the Iowa City Marketplace.

Now, their next step is venturing into Lone Tree, but with most of their previous experience being in the Iowa City area, this begs the question, "Why Lone Tree?"

"Our goal was to open up here in Lone Tree because it's all about rural economic development and bringing businesses to places that don't have special investments," Zee said. "It's all about the greater area, and building the greater Iowa City area, and Lone Tree is a part of that."

Lone Tree has been on Zee and Tony's radar for over a year, and when they were finally able to make the move, they did so after thorough research.

"We studied the history of Lone Tree," Zee said. "We

knew exactly what to open. We know the demographics. We studied the surrounding area. We know what's needed. We know the population."

Even the name, The Lone Ox Smokehouse & Company, is something that was created with great attention to detail.

Taking inspiration from the history of Lone Tree, the couple wanted to be represented by an Ox in their logo -- designed by Clifford McFerren from Cardinal Sign and Graphics -- because of all the positive attributes the animal boasts.

"The reason why we chose the Lone Ox was from the actual history when they discovered the lone tree. It was the history of the buffalo eating under the elm tree. The ox referenced the buffalo and the strength of buffaloes," Zee said about how the logo and the name came about.

"It's similar animals, little bit different animals, but they still have the same strong qualities, hard workers, determined planners, because ox and buffaloes are very smart, intelligent, and it commemorates us, because we are the ox, and we are the Lone Ox, because we belong to Lone Tree, and we're serving this community, and we believe in the history of Lone Tree, and it symbolizes everything we stand for."

They even took their own history into account when deciding on the name. The "smokehouse" portion is represented by Tony, who wears many hats at the Lone Ox and is the primary owner of the establishment.

"My role is owner, manager, cook, server, bartender. Overseeing things my wife does, just making sure we're on the same page," Tony said. "I've been cooking for over 25 years. That's my passion. I really like the meats; I am the meats."

When it comes to the food they serve, it is sourced locally,

as both Zee and Tony make it a point to keep their business local.

"We locally source food. We don't step outside of the county to receive nothing. We only do everything local. The whole goal is to reinvest into local businesses because they reinvest into the community, and they reinvest into us."

Zee and Tony started their first business during the days of COVID, so for them, being locally sourced has become the norm and has become a good way to keep the money in the community.

"From the beginning, we always were locally sourced, and our meats, everything is fresh, and then you know where you are getting your meat from, you know where you are getting your produce from. You know it's fresh. You know it's cleaner and it's safe," Zee said. "For every dollar we spend in the local community, it comes back to dollars, that's the goal."

Shifting over to the "company" portion of the name, it is represented by Zee, who serves as the secondary owner of the Lone Ox.

"I do all of the media. I'm the talker. He's the smokehouse. I'm the company," Zee said.

"The company part is the cocktails. It's introducing our \$3 tacos that we have in our first establishment, Da Flavor Unit. That's the company. It's introducing some of the items other than the smokehouse items. Smokehouse items are the main important items, but the company part is everything else that plays up our menu."

The signature cocktails they create and serve at the Lone Ox was an idea pioneered by Zee because she knows the impact of a happy hour is a surefire way to quickly establish camaraderie in a small town.

"Our happy hours consist of bringing a community togeth-

er to focus on what's needed in that community," Zee said. "It was my idea to have a happy hour in a rural area and then have one in an urban area."

A great idea, but there was a slight hitch: neither Zee or Tony has much experience when it comes to tending bar, but this is a situation where family can help.

"I'm not a bartender, but that's where our adult children play a role," Zee said. "Our adult or young adult children, they have that bartending experience, and that's what they've been doing. They have been creating these signature cocktails."

Even if the cocktails aren't your cup of tea, worry not, as they also provide customers with what Zee calls "Iowa water".

"This is a rural community. They want to drink beer. They need 'Iowa water,' and we provide them with 'Iowa water' too," Zee said.

It is no small feat to start from zero and build a strong and favorable relationship with the community, but this is something Zee and Tony hope to accomplish with hard work and dedication.

"Me and my husband work 80-plus hours a week. We are working nonstop, and it would take a person to know and have a restaurant and run to know and understand that it's hard work," Zee said.

"We're not only the chefs. We're cooking, we're preparing, we're serving, we're taking orders, we're ringing up, we're cleaning, we're managing, we're everything."

Being food providers is something both Zee and Tony take great pride in, and their menu of smokehouse ribs, steak, wings, jerk chicken tacos, pulled pork sandwiches, and much more is grabbing the attention of the community.

"It's important that people have access to food despite where they live, what demographics they belong to, or what socio-economic status they have," Zee said.

There is no shortage of passion for Zee and Tony when it comes to their food establishment and now Lone Tree is a benefactor of what their hard work and effort can produce.

"We don't want to leave in three years. We don't want to leave when the lease ends," Zee said about the long-term plans she envisions for The Lone Ox. "We want this to be a Lone Tree staple. We want Lone Tree to be known for the best barbecue in Iowa. It can happen, I believe it can happen. Lone Tree deserves something like that."

A pioneering spirit encapsulates this couple. They are working toward building something that will last and eventually become a place that draws people to Lone Tree, but not at the displeasure of current residents.

"I see a grander vision, but also keep it cute and small. I don't want [Lone Tree] to turn into a place where everybody who's lived here for years can't live here anymore because it's too expensive," Zee said. "I want to keep this small town, but we need things here to feed the people and primarily feed the farmers. How can the farmers not get fed and they're providing everybody the food? That's not fair."

Running a bar and restaurant is a challenge, but it's important to the Browns that they provide good food and a great experience.

"I want to have the bar open with some good food, and not just bar food and frozen pizzas. I think the town deserves more than frozen pizzas," Zee said.

Enjoy vintage-style barbecue and custom cocktails at The Lone Ox Smokehouse & Company, 113 N. Devoe Street, Lone Tree. Hours are Wednesday 12-9:30 p.m., Thursday 4-11:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. to midnight. Hours are subject to change; call 319-629-4517 to confirm.



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Signs of the times

Some invite you in, others warn you away; whatever their message, Hal Colliver's world of signs is a sight to behold

By Cheryl Allen

Hal Colliver's Keota farmstead is like the Iowa 80 Truckstop: its big, its blingy, and everyone really should pull in at least once. When you do, expect to meet a few characters.

On a Tuesday in October, the creak and squeal of metal filled the ears at Colliver's property. Wind gusts activated every swinging sign as an informal car club from Cedar Rapids arrived in their rides, both classic and conventional, to check out the spectacle.

"It's unbelievable, isn't it?" one club member said as we stood outside one of the many buildings, his eyes crawling over the advertising eye candy. "They're telling me that at night, all of these pumps and signs are lit up."

For both of us it was our first visit to what is known online as "Hal Colliver's Acreage and Sign Extravaganza." For others, including Ron and Carol, the organizers of the day's car cruise, this was their fifth or sixth visit.

"We just like looking at it again," Carol said. "Every time you see something different, because there's so much."

Ron himself collects signs, which he displays in his garage; Colliver's property serves as a bit of inspiration. But sign collecting isn't cheap, Carol points out, "And they're hard to come by." Colliver purchased his farmstead in 1951, and his sign collection began in 1973 with a placard that said, "Enter at your own risk."

As businesses and practices changed over the following decades, the career truck driver collected the cast-offs, assembling a veritable museum of American signage. From segregation to rail travel to phone booths, the history of our culture is cataloged in vivid color on the surface of every barn and outbuilding, inside and out.

Word has gotten around, and Colliver and his dog Lindy Lou play host to visiting groups and individuals often. He takes them through the buildings, pointing out items of special interest, including his favorite sign – a huge one for The Chicago Livestock Market – and one that he could have made a quick profit from – a round orange Gulf dealer sign he paid \$20 for when similar ones go for \$2,400.

Most of the signs have a story, and Colliver enjoys telling them as people look around, bedazzled. He also has a cheeky sense of humor, as a giant pair of underwear and a bottle opener that says "Take your top off" will attest.

"You first," one of the car club members retorts when he draws attention to it.

There are signs from across the nation, but locals especially will appreciate a few: Maplecrest Turkeys (Wellman), International Harvester (Washington), West Chester South, Central Café (Keota), Brighton Fairfield Feed Store, and Ainsworth Four Corners, for example. "I'm about the oldest thing around here, except for that old truck," Colliver responds when I point those signs out, motioning toward the

1930 truck that has him beat by eight years. "I paid \$105 for it 63 years ago. That was a lot of money back then, or it was to me."

Colliver has lived a fascinating life, as his stories, photos on the walls, and previous media coverage indicate. His collection has taken a lifetime to accumulate, and he still occasionally picks up something new; if there are limiting factors these days, it's both space and price.

For the most part, however, when people aren't renting his neon-filled barn for parties, Colliver simply enjoys what life just south of West Chester has to offer. He enjoys lunch at Goodwin Dining in Wellman most days – "They serve great meals; it's \$8 for good old home-cooked food" – and a weekly drink with dinner at The Well.

If he has any regrets, it's that he didn't catalog the date, location, and price of every piece of Americana he purchased over the years.

The Cedar Rapids car club – or rather, the "bunch of guys [that] have coffee together" – did not appear to have any regrets as they moved on to the next stop on their car cruise.

"If I know my small-town papers, and I do, because I'm from a small town," one of them remarked, "this will be a big story."

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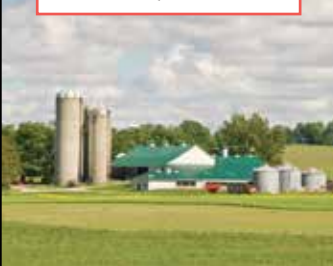
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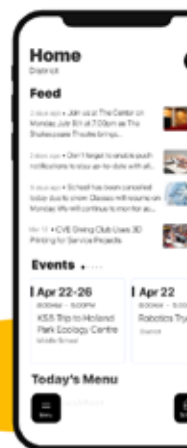
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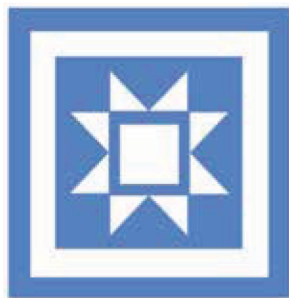
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