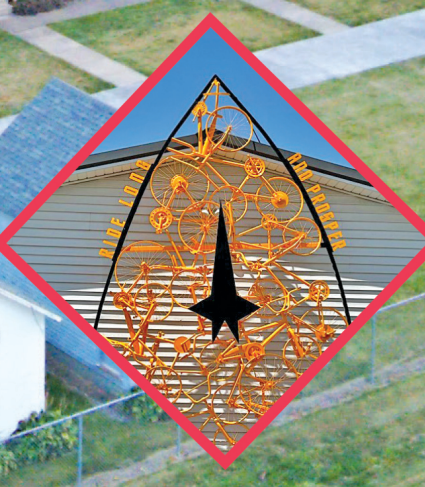


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When coal was discovered in Eastern Iowa, the Burlington, Cedar Rapids, and Northern Railroad saw a reason to extend a line 70 miles west from the Mississippi River. In 1879, new depots were established every seven miles, effectively establishing towns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

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

As the second-largest city in Washington County with more than 2600 residents, Kalona is our heart. Nicknamed the Quilt Capital of Iowa, Kalona's storybook downtown hosts a perfect mix of shops selling fabrics, quilts, antiques, and locally made treasures. As you walk down the sidewalks inlaid with 40 different brick quilt blocks,

you'll discover our local brewery, chocolatier, and coffeehouse, as well as our very own ice cream treat, the Kalona Bar.

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

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

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

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

Follow Iowa Highway 22 seven miles east of Riverside, and you'll find Lone

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

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

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

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OUR MAYORS WELCOME YOU!



Kalona

On behalf of our city, I welcome you to enjoy all that Kalona has to offer.

Take a step back in time to see and learn how our Amish community and Mennonite settlers made Kalona what it is today. Visit our vibrant downtown district filled with family-owned and operated businesses, restaurants, and shops that showcase all that makes Kalona special.

Our Kalona Chamber and Historical Village work hand-in-hand to provide unique opportunities to our visitors, from touring the original train depot

on the Historical Village grounds to riding on our Chamber van, experiencing the rural community, and enjoying a traditional Amish meal.

Kalona's residential growth and beautiful public amenities tied to our commitment to our heritage make Kalona a great destination for all ages.

Enjoy your visit!

Mark Robe
Mayor, City of Kalona

Lone Tree

Welcome to Lone Tree, a wonderful hidden gem located 15 minutes south of Iowa City. We offer small-town living within just a short drive of larger city amenities.

Lone Tree has been around for 150 years. Its gradual growth, including two new subdivisions in the last 15 years, continues to this day.

Our three well-maintained parks in town offer many activities for both children and adults. North Park features an M41 "Walker Bulldog" Abrams Tank, which provides a popular photo opportunity. We also have a wellness center, which is a

great place to exercise or catch a Lone Tree Lions basketball game.

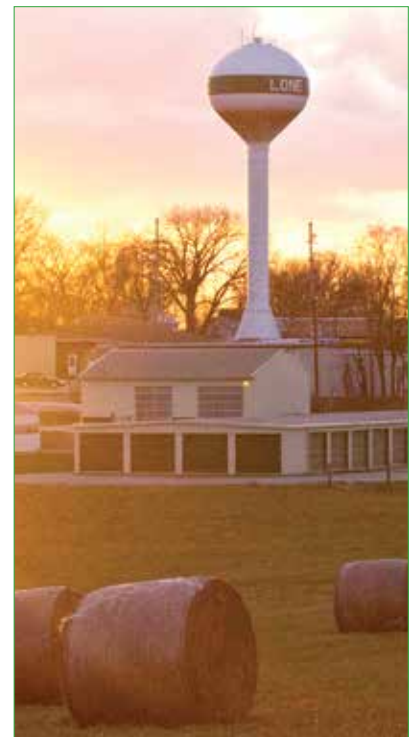
The great thing about our school is that grades K-12 are located in a single building, an increasingly rare find. We appreciate this arrangement because it allows the high school students to mentor elementary students. We are a very close community, with many people volunteering and helping with whatever needs to be done at school or around town.

Lone Tree has two festivals each year organized by the Chamber of Commerce. The Fall Festival in

August consists of carnival rides, games, and a street dance. We also have a winter carnival on Thanksgiving weekend where we decorate a tree for Christmas, shop the offerings of local vendors, and enjoy taking hayrides.

For me, Lone Tree has been a great place to learn through the school system and raise two children. I look forward to many more great years here with our wonderful community. Go LIONS!!!

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Riverside

Hello from Riverside!

I want to thank you for your interest in our community. You may know us as the home of the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, one of the best destinations for fun and relaxation in Iowa. You may also know us as the future birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk from the “Star Trek” series. We are both of those things and much more.

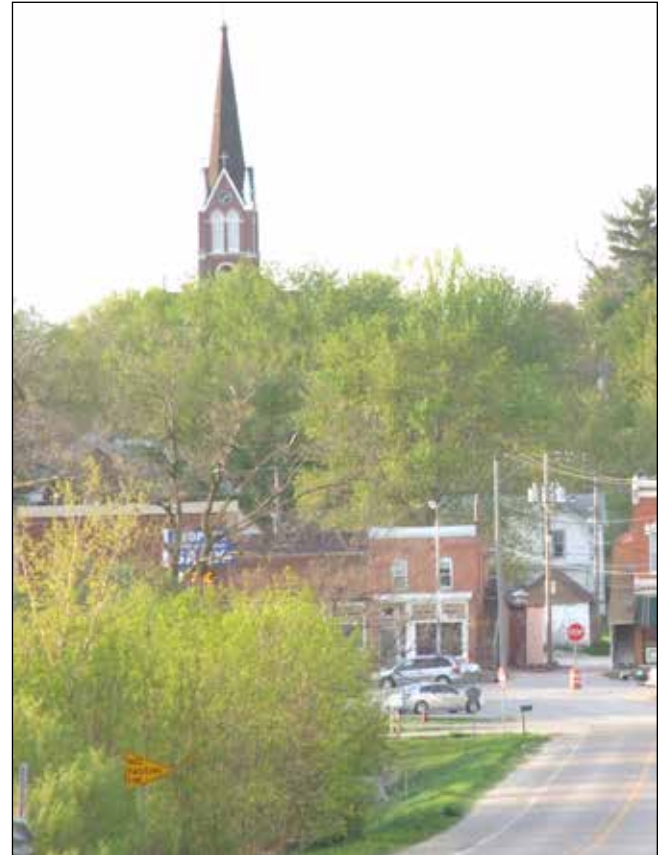
Riverside and the other communities in Washington County are great places to visit. We’re a short drive from the Iowa City-Coralville area and the University

of Iowa. You’ll find numerous unique options for dining, shopping, and recreation.

“Star Trek” fans will notice many nods to our famous future son around town, and no visit is complete without a stop at the Voyage Home History Center, which features exhibits of our town history along with Star Trek memorabilia.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Allen Schneider
Mayor, City of Riverside



Wellman

I would like to invite you to visit the City of Wellman and to experience all that our community has to offer. Wellman is a town of 1500 located just west of Kalona on Hwy 22 in northern Washington County.

We have some unique recreational activities available that appeal to people of all age groups. Wellman is the home of one of the last three “sand green” golf courses in the state of Iowa. This 9-hole public course offers a unique challenge to golfers of all skill levels. Our North Park has tennis and basketball courts along with a new disk golf course. Wellman is also fortunate to have a roller-skating rink that has seen numerous updates over the past few years and is fun for the entire family. The skating rink is open

to the public various times throughout the week and can be rented for private parties.

Our historical museum has a variety of displays and items from Wellman’s past, including items from Maplecrest Farms, which put Wellman on the map as the “Turkey Capital of the World.”

Wellman also has several delicious dining options, including two restaurants, two bar and grills, an ice cream shop, and a coffee shop.

I hope that you will take the opportunity to visit us in Wellman and experience what small town living is all about!

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The perfect start to your Kalona area adventure is a stop at the Kalona Chamber of Commerce. Here you will find friendly staff members Tonia Poole, Heather Kemp, and Judy Bontrager, all of whom grew up in the Kalona area, ready to answer your questions and guide you to the Chamber's comprehensive resources.

In addition to local maps, brochures for area businesses, and regional tourism magazines, the Chamber provides public restrooms. Watch a short video on the history of Kalona and pick up a guide for the Quilt Block Walking Tour while you are here. Kalona keepsake ornaments and shirts are available for purchase.

From April to October, the Chamber offers Byways Tours of the Kalona 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.

When planning your visit, Tonia Poole, Executive Director of the Chamber, encourages you to stay for a couple of days, as there is so much more to experience than a single afternoon would allow.

For more information on [Byways and Specialty Tours](#), contact the Kalona Chamber of Commerce, 319-656-2660. The Chamber's staff looks forward to meeting you.

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EVENTS

We live in small towns, but our events draw large crowds! We're eager for you to join us for the kind of fun only Eastern Iowa can offer. Kalona's Fall Festival ushers in our fall calendar with an opportunity to appreciate the craftwork and traditions of a simpler time while enjoying autumn's best foods and entertainment. In late October, there are no shortage of dress-up, candy-collecting events in our downtowns; don't be surprised if you see more cows and pigs than ghouls and goblins on our streets! All of our towns love Santa and the holiday season, and the many free treats you'll find during our Christmas events showcase this area's inherent generosity.

AUGUST

Lone Tree Fall Fest

The city of Lone Tree celebrates its 151st 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 25-26, 2023, downtown Lone Tree.

Kalona Gospel Sing

Folks from across the Midwest look forward to gathering at the Kalona Gospel Sing on August 25-27, 2023. Held outdoors at the Windmill Ridge Campground, 2114 140th St, Kalona, the three days of music and relaxation are filled with performances by quartets, trios, duets, and family groups. Admission is by freewill donation. Kalonagospelsing.com.

Kalona Car Show

If classic cars are your thing, don't miss the Kalona Car show on August 26, 2023. Held in downtown Kalona

from 5-8:30 p.m., this event features cars, music, trophies, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Registration is \$5/car; proceeds benefit Iowa City Hospice.

Midwest Old Threshers Reunion

About 45 miles south of Kalona in Mount Pleasant, the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion Aug 31 - Sept 4, 2023 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. 29-30, 2023. A celebration of

Kalona Farmers Markets
 Every second & fourth Saturday
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 With live music, kids' activities, and a variety of vendors, every Kalona Farmer's Market is an event not to be missed. Held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from May 13 to October 14, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., vendors line the north side of 5th Street downtown, offering fresh flowers, produce, baked goods, and handcrafted delights.
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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 new, nearly-life size streetscape exhibit will be open inside the Village's Wahl Museum; don't miss it! A host of delicious foods, including apple fritters, onion rings, cheese curds, and pie will have people lined up to purchase. Kids activities, musical performances, and demonstrations of spinning, weaving, quilting, cornmeal grinding, chainsaw carving, and more will keep you entertained all weekend. New this year: brass-era vintage vehicles made before 1928 will be on display Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. KalonaIowa.org/fallfestival.

OCTOBER

Jack O'Lantern Jaunt

Celebrate Halloween at the Kalona Historical Village on October 31, 2023, from 5:30 - 8 p.m., where local businesses decorate the historical

buildings and hand out candy from their porches. Make sure kids come in costume and enjoy the treats, bounce house, and movie showing indoors once darkness falls. Adults, take note of all those adorable cow, pig, and chicken costumes!

Trunk or Treat

You won't want to miss Trunk or Treat in downtown Wellman on the from 6-8 p.m. on October 31, 2023. Locals park their decorated vehicles along 8th Avenue and hand out candy to costumed kids, and there's plenty of free food thanks to area banks and food producers.

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

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Historical Village

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Christmas in Kalona

December 2nd

more info at
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NOVEMBER

Pleasantview Benefit Sale

Every year Pleasantview, a non-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 66th annual benefit on November 2-3, 2023, 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-Schofield 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. A home decorating contest brings out the best in creative folks, who dress their homes in lit-up holiday strands in hopes to win the award. 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. Expect the unexpected; last year's event featured llamas dressed in holiday finery. 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. December 9, 2023.

Christmas in Kalona

If you're looking for a storybook Christmas, be sure to be in town on December 1-2, 2023, 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 downtown stores. Horse-drawn carriage rides provide a snug family ride, and the golf cart parade lights up the night.



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DEC. 2

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The Reunion unofficially kicks off Wednesday before Labor Day, with the Harvest Day Parade at 3:30 pm that runs through the four lanes of Washington St. to downtown Mt. Pleasant.

Thursday starts the five-day event that ends on Labor Day. With plenty of activities and demonstrations throughout the grounds to keep you entertained. From the North Village with the OT Smokin Gunslingers and the Golden

Slipper Saloon Girls. Hop on a train in the North Village, take a ride to the south to visit the Heritage Museum, and then climb aboard an electric streetcar to the Log Village that will transport you back to the 1850s pioneer life.

Many attractions range from steam

engines, antique tractors, antique cars, antique trucks, gas engines, steam trains, electric streetcars, horses and wagons, agricultural exhibits, interpretive historical exhibits, educational programs, and demonstrations are available throughout the Reunion grounds. There is also plenty of music around to entertain you while you sit

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

While raising funds for the Kalona Historical Village and the Mennonite Museum, both of which attendees may tour during the festival, Fall Festival offers food for both mind and body.

For kids, young minds can find engagement with pony and barrel train rides, and library-sponsored programs and crafts in addition. While being surrounded by an entire village of restored historical buildings, including a train depot built in 1879 and a stage-coach stop hotel built in 1892, kids can’t help but feel wonder at a way of life long past.

Live demonstrations help activate the imaginations of both young and old on the Village grounds. How to weave, spin, and quilt are shown right in front

of your eyes, and you’re free to ask questions about tasks rarely witnessed today. Broom making, cornmeal grinding, and apple butter making also happen on site, causing us to marvel and imagine a different sort of life.

The historical buildings offer more to see and absorb with their antique displays. The new nearly life-size street-scene exhibit inside the Wahl Museum on the grounds will be open for the first time, allowing visitors to enter the grocers and stockyards of a previous time and engage with local history in a way not previously possible.

Plenty of entertainment will also be on offer on both days of Fall Festival on the main stage. Bands, orchestras, and choirs from area schools will perform, as well as musical groups beloved by the community.

To keep your energy up, a huge range of food offerings will be available again this year, including worth-waiting-for apple fritters and giant soft pretzels. Cheese curds and slushies make for easy walking while eating; if you prefer to sit down for a real meal, organic burgers, chicken and shrimp po’boy sandwiches, and steak and cheese sandwiches will all be on offer. Don’t miss dessert: you’ll want to save room for delicious homemade pie!





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CHRISTMAS IN KALONA

The perfect weekend for a storybook holiday

If snuggling up for a wagon ride with friends and family after a day of shopping and afternoon snack of s'mores sounds like perfection to you, plan on attending Christmas in Kalona on December 1 and 2, 2023.

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

Get started on - or finish up - your holiday shopping downtown and at the Kalona Christmas Market. Keep kids engaged by picking up a free stocking at the Kalona Chamber, YMCA, or Historical Village, and then collect free goodies from down-

town businesses as you shop. At the YMCA, the Kalona Christmas Market hums with activity on Saturday. Crafters, artists, and vendors from Riverside, Wellman, Kalona, and beyond will have their wares for sale; among the offerings will be baskets, soaps, knives, jewelry, teddy bears, dog treats, and quilted table runners.

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

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

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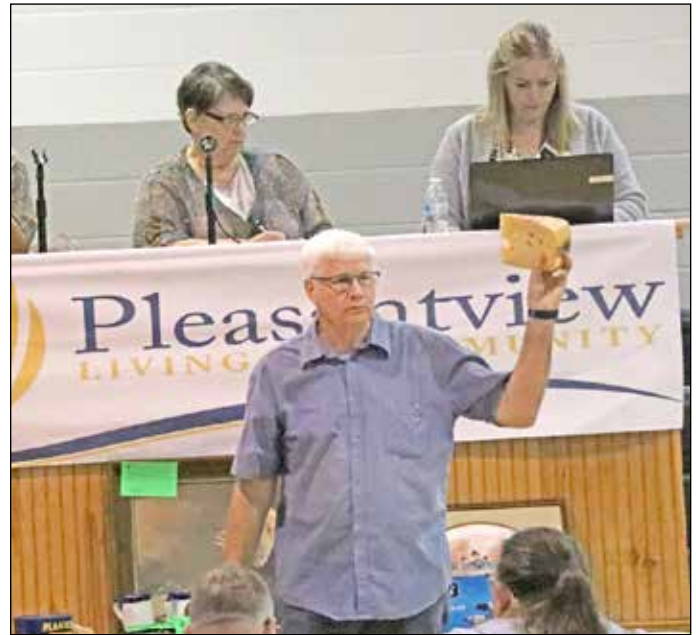
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Please mark your calendars for November 3-4 for the Benefit, to be held on the campus of Hillcrest Academy, located eight miles northwest of Kalona (15 miles southwest of Iowa City).

The Benefit was first held in 1956, in preparation for construction of a senior living facility initially named Pleasantview Home (known simply as

Pleasantview for the past three years). In 2020 and 2021, the event, as did most public activities, entered a forced hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the fall of '22, the Benefit returned... resulting in record numbers, both in attendance and in net proceeds.

Pleasantview is a non-profit long-term care facility that also includes

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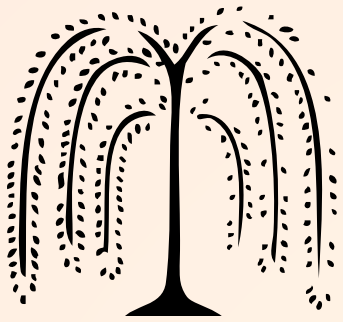
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Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives

715 D Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3271
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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
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From April to October, the Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce offers 90-min-

ute 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.
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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.

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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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The Voyage Home Riverside History Center

361 W First St, Riverside, IA 52327

(319) 648-2226

Voyagehomemuseum.org

Mon-Sun 12-4 p.m.

Free

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

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

Wellman Heritage Society

228 8th Ave, Wellman, IA 52356

(319) 646-2673

Open Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.

Free

A repository for historical artifacts and stories from Wellman's rich history, the Wellman Heritage Society features information about 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.

Wellman Skating Rink

1003 6th St W, Wellman, IA 52356

(319) 646-2231

Cityofwellman.com

Open Wed. 5 - 8 p.m., 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.

Wooden Wheel Vineyards & Winery

1179 IA-92, Keota, IA 52248

(641) 636-2180

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their uncovered outdoor area. A magical stone fireplace will set a romantic mood for all to enjoy, and the rustic wooden features will set the tone for a country-style wedding.

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Kalona Golf Club *Kalona*

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 the 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 \$18.00 to walk nine holes on weekdays; contact the club for additional information.



Kalona City Park *Kalona*

You'll find camping, ball diamonds, pickleball courts, playgrounds, and the city pool at Kalona City Park, conveniently located at 1120 E Place, Kalona. The pool features zero depth entry, two diving boards, two locker rooms, and a concession area. Deck space and chairs offer plenty

of opportunity for sun seekers. The pool is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, seven days a week. Open swim hours are 1-7 p.m. Monday - Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday. Daily admission rates are \$4.00 youth/adult and \$1.00 ages 3 and under. For camping information, see Accommodations.



If you prefer to spend the warm-weather days outdoors, our communities have so many options for you. Whether your active kids need a playground to run, slide, or swing in, or you want to soak up the sun poolside, we have a park for you. Each of our three golf courses will provide you with very different experiences, and our 14-mile-long nature trail will give you a place to run long or cycle far. If hunting, fishing, and camping are more your style, we have lots of wilder places for you to explore as well.

WELLMAN

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

Wellman Golf Course *Wellman*
For a truly unique golfing experience,

consider the nine-hole sand green Wellman Golf Course, one of only four left in the state. Established in 1925, the privately owned course offers a minimum service club house, three cart sheds, and an honor system for out-of-town golfers to pay the \$10 greens fee. Use the lock box outside of the clubhouse to deposit your fee. Please keep your shirt on and music volume low for the sake of residents who live along the course. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The course is located at 905 1st Avenue, Wellman. For more information, call 319-646-9717.

WASHINGTON



Kewash Nature Trail *Washington*

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.



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LONE TREE

Daugherty Park *Lone Tree*

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.

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.

River Junction *Lone Tree*

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.



Pechman Creek Delta *Lone Tree*

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

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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.

RIVERSIDE

Conservation Park *Riverside*

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.

Hall Park *Riverside*

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



Railroad Park *Riverside*

Located on Highway 22 across from the Voyage Home Riverside History Center in Riverside, Railroad Park offers modern play-

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Riverside

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AMISH HISTORY

The association between Kalona and the Amish is an old one, for the Amish arrived in 1846, more than 30 years before Kalona was even a name. For more than 150 years, the Amish have remained and prospered in this area, becoming, in the process, an expected and accepted part of a community. Today, the Kalona area is home to one of the largest Amish-Mennonite settlements west of the Mississippi River, something that began when three Old Order Amish families established homesteads near Deer Creek the year Iowa became a state.

During the 1850s and 1860s, numerous Amish immigrated to the region and a congregation was formed in 1851 with 27 charter members. Jacob Swartzendruber and John P. Guengerich, both of who later wrote about the early years, were the first ministers. Frederick Swartzendruber served as deacon.

Believers in a literal interpretation of the Bible, the Amish oppose anything worldly, living without electricity, telephones, automobiles and the hundreds of other conveniences of the modern world.



Firm practitioners of “waste not, want not,” they live close to the soil, for they believe God meant humans to work with the land and return to it as much as they take from it. And, if there are no luxuries in the orderly Amish way of life, neither are there the complexities, confusion or haste of the modern one.

nonites, are staunch pacifists. Unlike the Mennonites, though, the Old Order Amish have no church buildings, worshipping in homes on a rotating basis every other Sunday, alternating with German-language Sunday School.

It is a life of strict discipline with carefully considered roles for man and woman, providing security at all levels. Yet, the Amish are not an isolated, forbidding group, but rather prove repeatedly to be friendly people who offer aid and service to non-Amish in times of trouble and who, like the Men-

Although the Amish regularly use English, they speak a German dialect among themselves and use High German for their worship services. Of course, through the years, the religious conferences in the area were realigned, and there is no longer a simple division of Old Order Amish and Mennonites in and around Kalona.



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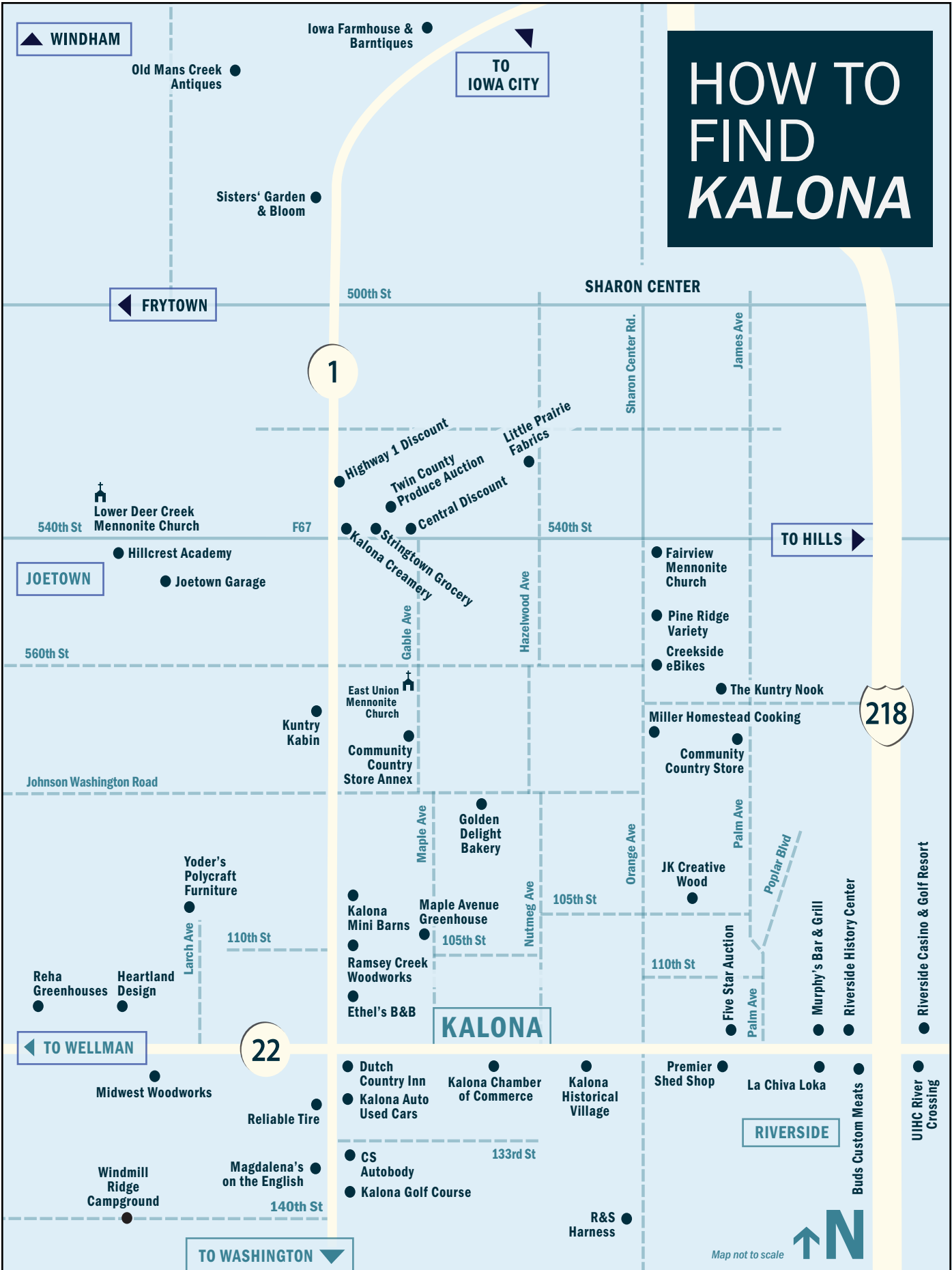


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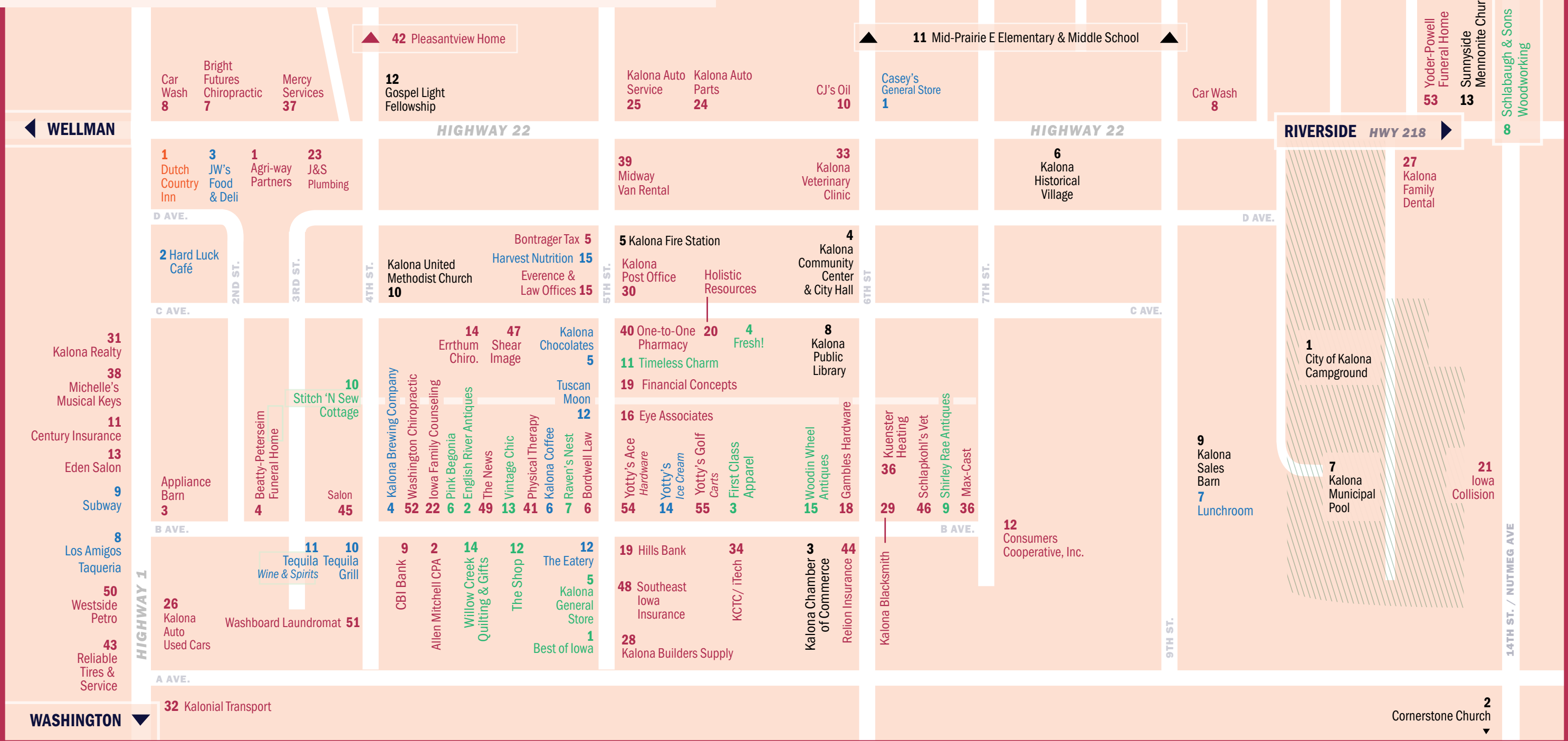
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SHOPPING

ANTIQUES & VINTAGE

Dantiques, Etc.

4846 Derby Ave SW, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 325-4086

Hours vary; call ahead.

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 dish-ware, jewelry, and glass can be found inside his spacious location as well.

English River Antiques & Collectibles

417 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-2488

Englishriverantiquesandcollectibles.com

Sun Closed; Mon-Sat 10AM-5PM

Colorful collections fill this antique shop, which has a range of special-

izations, including American currency, comic books, carnival and art glass, mineral specimens, marbles, Star Trek memorabilia, costume jewelry, and so much more.

Magdalena's on the English

2195 130th St, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-2168

Closed Sun-Fri; Sat 10AM-5PM

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

Pink Begonia

413 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-4550

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

Vintage goods of all kinds fill the shelves and displays of this fascinat-

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

Raven's Nest Antiques & More

433 B Ave, Kalona, IA, 52247
(319) 656-3020

Sun-Mon Closed; Tue-Sat 10AM-5PM

You never know what you might discover inside this eclectic antique shop. Mid-century lamps, pottery and planters, soy candles and succulents have all been known to grace this space in downtown Kalona.

The Shop Kalona

424 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-2248

Theshopiowacity.com

Closed Sun; Mon - Tues 10AM-2PM;

Wed - Sat 10AM-4PM

A selection of vintage, new, and hand-

made items fill this beautifully curated shop in downtown Kalona. From furniture and home décor to clothing and treats for your bath, you'll find so much that is gift-worthy, even if those gifts are for yourself.

Vintage Chic

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

Vintagechic.com

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

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

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Woodinwheel.com

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FOOD & GROCERY

Bud's Custom Meats, Inc.

3027 IA-22, Riverside, IA 52327

(319)648-3999

Budscustommeatsonline.com

Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 6AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-12PM

Our region's premier butcher, at Bud's Custom Meats you'll find an impres-

sive selection of meats and cheeses. Moist, tender beef sticks and their famous beef jerky are just the beginning; pick up grilling meat for your burgers and brats, or consider exotics like frog legs, lamb and buffalo. You'll appreciate the friendly staff; your friends and family will appreciate the gifts you bring them back home.

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 Sundays, 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.

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 General Store

121 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-3535

Kalonageneralstore.com

Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 9AM-3PM

An impressive selection of Amish products lines the shelves at this historic general store, whose history dates back to 1883. Jams, popcorn, mustard, and noodles are but a few of what you'll find, alongside old-fashioned candies - including gummies shaped like pigs and cows - cheeses, and local wines. A range of gifts unique to Kalona, such as socks patterned with horse and buggies and magnets symbolizing the region make stopping here an essential Kalona experience.

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(319) 683-2415
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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.

Tequila Wine/Spirits

316 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 208-4779
Mon-Sat 8AM - 11PM; Sun 8AM - 9PM
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.

GARDEN & GREEN-HOUSE**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.

Maple Avenue Greenhouse

1069 Maple Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-3759
Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM; 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!

Monarch Nursery and Garden Center

5276 Oakcrest Hill Rd SE,
Riverside, IA 52327
(319) 679-4276
Mon-Fri 9AM- 6PM;
Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 9AM-2PM
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.

Reha Greenhouses

1160 IA-22, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 936-0291
Rehagreenhouses.com
Open April - September; hours vary - call or see website.
Known for their quality and variety of plants, this family-owned greenhouse in Wellman has been a destination for folks in our region since 1974. Stop by for succulents, houseplants, annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs. In fall, look for mums and asters in a large variety of colors.

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 prop-

erty 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.

GIFTS**1st Class Embroidery & Apparel**

511 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-5160
1stclassapparel.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-12PM
This small, custom embroidery shop will help you personalize a huge variety of garments and accessories, from t-shirts and hats to baby blankets and pillows and everything in between. Choose from over 20,000 stock embroidery designs and create a special gift; single item orders are welcomed, and occasionally items can be embroidered while you wait (although a 2-week processing time is the norm). If you desire a custom graphic or screen printing, those services can be provided as well.

Best of Iowa

111 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-4692
Bestofiwakalona.com
Sun-Mon Closed; Tue-Sat 9AM-4PM
Locals can't stay out of this attractive shop; it's a go-to for gift buying, with a large selection of locally made goods ranging from wine and maple syrup to candles and soap. Bright charm necklaces, plushies, and retro lip glosses are just a few more youthfully minded finds that will catch your eye. Don't miss the back bakery counter; those cupcakes, cookies, and cinnamon rolls are a must-have.

Kalona Creamery

2206 540th St SW, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-4220

Kalonacreamery.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM
Located on the site of a historic cheese factory, this recently renovated space houses an attractive gift shop featuring all things cow, including clothing, plushies, artwork, and kitchenware. Novelty candies will have you smiling, as will the impressive selection of bottled sodas, cheeses, ice cream, fudge, and other locally made food products. Oh, yes, and there are cheese curds available too, made fresh on Fridays.

Timeless Charm

210 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3044
Timelesscharm.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 10AM-5PM;
Sat 10AM-4PM
Be sure to budget plenty of time for this cheerful shop, because once you go inside, it will be hard to leave. An incredible selection of unique finds fill the shelves and walls, from home décor to personal items, such as aprons and jewelry. Soaps and lotions, bread and dip mixes, art prints and note cards - you could get lost in this wonderland, but you'll be happy that you did.

HANDMADE**JK Creative Wood**

2410 105th St, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3990
Jkcreativewood.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM
Visit this spacious, light-filled gallery located in the Amish countryside for handmade wood creations, including jewelry, clipboards, chess sets, cutting boards, salt and pepper shakers, door stoppers, and much more. Place an order for custom-made wood furniture, purchase a jar of locally made jam, and find gifts and décor made by the owners' friends and fellow craftsmen.

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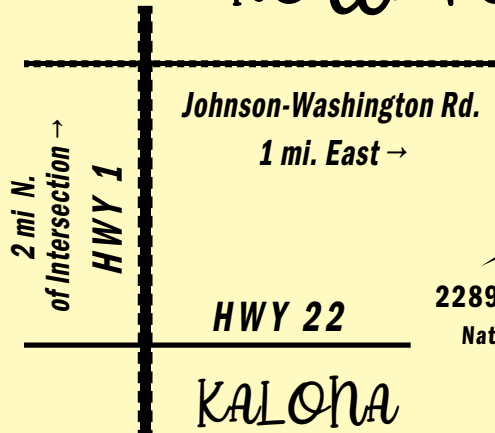
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720 14th St, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 930-7610

Kalonamakersmarket.com
Closed Sat- Sun; Mon-Fri 10AM-3PM.
Located inside of Schlabaugh & Sons Woodworking, this beautiful, modern retail shop includes products from Schlabaugh & Sons and Canaan Home & Farm. T-shirts, wood cutting boards, handmade desk clocks, candle holders, and printed coasters are just a few of the locally made items you'll find here. If you love natural materials and modern style, you'll want to stop by.

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.

QUILTING**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 lo-

cal Amish community, who make their own clothing, and the public often visits in search of quilting materials. Their fabric stock is ever growing, and in addition to notions, the large retail space contains scrapbooking supplies, stickers, eyeglass frames, and laundry carts as well.

Stitch N Sew Cottage

207 4th St, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-2923

Stitchnsewcottage.com
Closed Sun; Mon - Sat 9AM-5PM
A beloved Kalona shop since 1982, Stitch N Sew Cottage is filled with fabrics arranged by color, all the better to aid you in designing your next quilt project. If you need sewing help, the shop offers a full range of services, from crafting a complete custom quilt to putting the finishing touches on your own project. Classes are also available.

Willow Creek Quilting & Gifts

418 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-3939

Closed Sun-Mon;
Tues - Sat 10AM-5PM
Bolts of fabric fill the back of this cozy shop, including Civil War, 30s reproductions, batiks, Kim Diehl, and lots more. Plenty of finished quilted items are on display to inspire your own creativity. Patterns, wool felt, and other craft supplies fill the front of the shop, alongside fragrant candles, handmade soap, and other gifts.

VARIETY**Community Country Store Annex**

5697 Gable Ave SW,
Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 646-1125
Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM;
Sat 8AM-4:30 PM
This Amish owned and operated store has a lot of merchandise to consider, including an impressive selection of kitchenware. Socks, hats, shoes, and work gloves fill aisles, and plenty of food items are available here as well.

Gambles Hardware

523 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-2911

Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 7:30AM-5PM; Sat
8AM-3PM
Whatever the tool you might need, Gambles is sure to have it. Ready to start a new painting project? This hardware shop can mix exactly the shades you desire. Tool rentals and a knowledgeable staff make this shop another that locals depend on.

Highway 1 Discount Surplus

5308 Hwy 1 SW, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 541-4628

Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM
From the outside it looks like a standard farmhouse, but for the reader board on the roadside inviting you to come in and shop. All sorts of discounted wares can be found here, including furniture, electronics, toys, novelties, hardware and more.

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.

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.

Important tip:

Due to Kalona's strong Amish-Mennonite heritage, many shops and restaurants in Kalona are closed on Sundays and holy days. In addition, our many Amish-owned businesses accept cash payment only.



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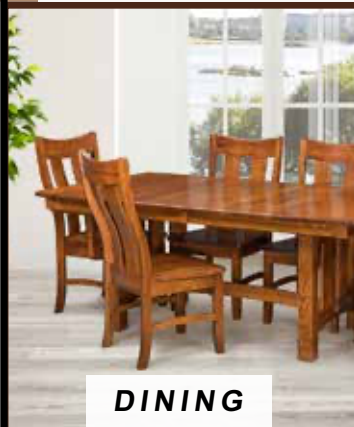
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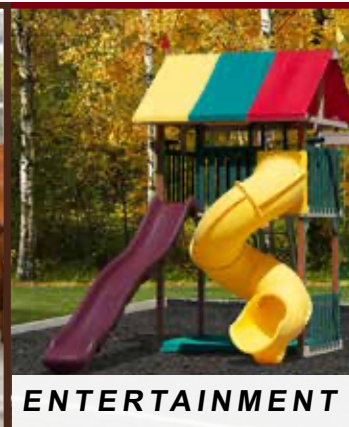
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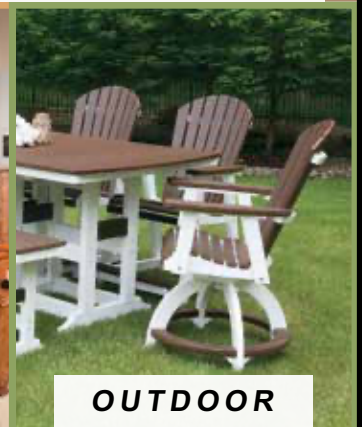
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If you find yourself driving down U.S. Highway 218 or Iowa Highway 22 through Riverside, and you're in need of a long-lasting snack, one that you can eat both now and later and take home to share with your friends in addition, you need to stop in at Bud's Custom Meats.

Owner Doug Havel and his friendly staff will be happy to point you to what a traveler wants: Bud's famous beef jerky.

"We'll do 800 pounds of beef sticks and bologna every week, and then we also piece out pretty close to 1200 to 1500 pounds of jerky every week, which yields about 600-650 pounds of dried jerky weight. We sell a lot of jerky," Havel says.

Folks rave about the stuff. When those in the know find themselves in the area as they travel from their homes in cit-



ies like Cedar Rapids, Mount Pleasant, Iowa City, Fort Madison, and Burlington, they head into Bud's Meats and stock up.

"Some people buy just one bag; other people buy 20-25 bags. 'I get up this way once a month, so I'm getting my fill now,' [they say]. A guy just left here a little bit ago; he had one of the Thank

You bags and it was heaped up," Havel chuckles.

What makes Bud's jerky so special? Havel says that their unique seasoning mix, coupled with a traditional process, set it apart.

"Our jerky is more the old-fashioned jerky," Havel explains. "It's like the [American] Indians used to do it.

They used to strip the meat out with the grain. So our jerky is really tough; you're not going to put it in your mouth and bite it and chew it and swallow it. You're going to sit there and you're going to tear it the long way and put it in your mouth and you're going to chew it for five minutes, and that flavor just stays in your mouth. That pepper and salt and everything just puts your mouth on flavor."

To make that incredible jerky, the butchers "take any piece that's out of the round - that's the hind end of the beef - and take all of the fat and the membrane off of it so it's just pure meat. Then we'll put it in the freezer and get it temped to where its half frozen, half fresh. Then we bring it out, put it on the slicer, and we slice it with the grain. Then we hand-dip each piece in our seasoning, and then it sits for 36 hours in the cooler. Then we lay

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each piece out on wire racks, and then its smoked for about six hours and that dries it down. Then we cut these singles. They do about 2000 of those pieces each week,” Havel says.

Bud’s Meats didn’t start out making jerky and meat sticks; when Havel’s late dad Raymond (or “Bud,” for whom the shop was named) started the butcher shop in 1984, it was because the farmer had been helping out so many neighbors with the butchering of their animals, that the state told him he either had to stop or open a shop. He opened a shop. After a couple of years of providing custom butchering services, he started experimenting with jerky. Once that original recipe was perfected, the shop has stuck with it.

Havel says that he has never lost his preference for that original flavor - labeled Bud’s Famous Beef Jerky - in the 39 years that the shop has offered it. But the shop does offer other spin-off flavors, such as Hot, Cajun, and Teriyaki. Havel says that occasionally they will play with new flavors, but not too



much.

Butchering animals for local producers is still a large part of Havel’s business, which he purchased from his dad in 1997. “We do about 15 head of beef a week, and probably 10 head of hogs and probably 15 head of sheep each week,” he says.

Once you step inside the shop, you’ll find that far more is available for purchase than jerky and meat sticks should you be so inclined. An impressive range of meats, both fresh and frozen, are available, and a selection of cheeses, jams, and noodles from local producers are for sale as well.

You may expect to find steaks, burgers,

and pork chops in the freezer case, and you will; however, the selection of exotic meats may be a bit of a surprise. Bud’s Meats stocks rabbit, frog legs, alligator, and sometimes even turtle. “We sell quite a bit of frog legs, actually,” Havel says. When people have fish fries, they like to throw in some alligator; when they have wild game nights, they cook up rabbit and turtle.

Bud’s Meats is also a fantastic source for frozen fish and seafood, should you have trouble finding your favorites, such as walleye filets, locally. Bud’s Meats has a selection of wild game fish shipped in from Canada so that the freezer is always stocked.

Should you find yourself distant from Riverside but dreaming of giving Bud’s Famous Beef Jerky as gifts to your friends and family during the holiday season, Bud’s Meats has you covered. Online orders are accepted through their website, budscustommeatsinc.com, and the staff is used to increasing their production before Christmas in order to meet the demand, although sometimes that’s a challenge.

“We’ll run out [and] people will stay out there [behind the counter] and wait until the next batch comes out,” Havel says. “We’ll come in in the middle of the night and put more jerky on,” he says, in order to keep orders filled and mouths happy.

A lot of hard work goes into keeping all of Bud’s meats in stock and ready to enjoy. Are the results worth it? Drop by 3027 IA-22 in Riverside and taste for yourself. Bud’s Custom Meats is open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday; 8 a.m. to noon Saturday; closed Sundays.

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RESTAURANTS

KALONA

The Eatery Restaurant

121 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-3535

Kalonageneralstore.com

Eatery Hours: Mon-Sat 10:30AM-1:45PM; Sun Closed

Lunch/Snacks

Burgers and hot dogs, clubs and paninis; you're sure to find a satisfying lunch at the Eatery inside the Kalona General Store. If you're in search of Amish-style offerings, choose the potato salad, pie slice, or giant pretzel. Although there's no shortage of sandwich meats available, vegetarian burgers and sandwiches are on the menu as well.

Golden Delight Bakery & Gifts

2289 Johnson-Washington Rd,

Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 646-3030

Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM; Sun Closed

Breakfast

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

The Hard Luck

304 1st St, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-9003

Mon 3PM-12AM; Tue-Fri 3PM-2AM;

Sat 12PM-2AM; Sun Closed

Dinner

Catfish strips, pork tenderloin, and smoked Iowa pork chops are just a few of the dishes you'll find at this classic bar and grill. Have a drink and stay to enjoy the music or play a game of pool.

Harvest Nutrition

305 5th Street, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-6062

blakeshebek.goherbalife.com

Mon-Fri 7 AM to 2 PM; Sat 8 AM to 12

PM; Closed Sun

Harvest Nutrition is a passion project for owner Blake Shebek. With its re-opening in June 2023, Shebek has taken over to provide Kalona and neighboring towns a healthy alternative to meals and drinks, including protein shakes and various teas with choices of gluten-free and caffeine-free. They offer personalized meal plans, and their products can be purchased off the website above. Shebek recommends coming into the restaurant to receive the personalized meal plan. While there, you might as well order a drink and relax in the cozy hall with a couch and plenty of tables to provide a new experience each time.

Kalona Brewing Company

405 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-3335

Kalonabrewing.com

Mon-Tue Closed; Wed-Thu 11AM-8PM;

Fri-Sat 11AM-3PM, 5-9PM; Sun 11AM-

8PM

Lunch, Dinner, Sunday Brunch, Drinks Sit down for a delicious meal at this brewpub in downtown Kalona. Their beer battered local cheese curds and onion rings appetizer is the most-ordered item on the menu, but the salads, sandwiches, and pizzas are inventive and wonderful. Craft beers from the brewery are on tap, and wine is also available by the bottle.

Kalona Coffeehouse

425 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247

(319) 656-5333

Kalonacoffeehouse.com

Mon-Fri 7AM-6PM; 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.

Los Amigos Taquería

109 1st St, Kalona, IA 52247

(650) 900-9700

Mon-Thu 11AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-10PM; 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.

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-8PM; Sun 12-8PM

Ice Cream

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

LONE TREE

El Guanaco

113 N Devoe St, Lone Tree, IA 52755

(319) 900-1484

elguanaco-oaklandpark.com

Mon-Sat 11 AM to 9 PM; Closed Sun

El Guanaco is an authentic El Salvadorian and Mexican restaurant, newly opened in the heart of downtown Lone Tree. El Guanaco was opened by Rodolfo and Ana Ramirez of Lone Tree in June. They've always had a passion for cooking, and it shows. Despite being new, it is already gathering attention as locals are raving. They serve the likes of flautas (which are to die for), among other traditional and American dishes for all tastes and preferences. Be sure to check out El Guanaco anytime you're in the city of Lone Tree, you will surely leave with a satisfyingly full stomach.

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.

La Chiva Loka

70 W First St, Riverside IA, 52327
 (319) 648-6103
 Lachivaloka.com
 Mon Closed; Tue-Thu, Sun 11AM-9PM;
 Fri-Sat 11AM-10PM
 Lunch, Dinner, Drinks
 This family-owned outpost of Mexican American fusion cuisine offers a warm and friendly atmosphere and a wealth of yummy dishes. Pretzel bites, fried pickles, and Wisconsin cheese curds make great appetizers; try the La Chiva Burger (beef topped with chorizo, crispy hash browns, American cheese, and a fried egg sunny side up) or one of ten different burritos before ordering fried ice cream for dessert.

Murphy's Bar & Grill

71 E First St, Riverside, IA 52327

(319) 648-3381
 Mon-Fri 9:30AM-12AM; Sat-Sun 11AM-12AM
 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Drinks
 Community-minded Murphy's is always willing to support local causes. One of the few places serving breakfast, you'll find cinnamon rolls and biscuits and gravy here, as well as other morning favorites. Soups, sandwiches, burgers, and pasta - adults and kids alike will find something tasty to eat and drink here.

Robert's Buffet

3184 IA-22, Riverside, IA 52327
 (319) 648-1234
 Riversidecasinoandresort.com
 Hours vary; see website
 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Buffet
 Robert's Buffet in the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort is an evolving buffet that has daily menu preparation. Guests can create their own salad with the freshest ingredients and can find Asian specialties, American, seafood and

international cuisine along with a dedicated station to fill any sweet-toothed desires.

Ruthie's Steak & Seafood

3184 IA-22, Riverside, IA 52327
 (319) 648-0064
 Riversidecasinoandresort.com
 Mon Closed; Tue-Thu 5PM-9PM; Fri-Sat 5PM-10PM
 Dinner
 Ruthie's Steak and Seafood specializes in, guess what? Steak and seafood, of course! This dedicated sit-down restaurant in the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort has many seafood delicacies like octopus and oysters. Their wide selection of steak dishes are served with a cabernet reduction and Ruthie's Herb Steak Butter.

(319) 646-7900
 Mon 5PM-2AM; Tue-Fri 11AM-1:30PM, 4PM-2AM; Sat 12PM-2AM; Sun 8AM-2AM
 Lunch, Dinner, Drinks
 Wings, onion rings, burgers, fries - all of your favorite bar foods are here at Bender's. Enjoy a can of beer from Iowa City brewery Big Grove, or have the bartender mix you a fun and colorful drink you can post on Instagram.

Cilino's Italian Restaurant & The Parlor Ice Cream

230 8th Ave SE, Wellman, IA 52356
 (319) 646-4555
 Cilinos.wixsite.com
 Mon-Tue Closed; Wed-Thu 11AM-1PM, 4-8PM; Fri 11Am-1PM, 4-9PM; Sat 4-9PM; Sun 11AM-8PM. Happy hours are Mon Closed; Tue-Sun 8PM-2AM.
 Lunch, Dinner, Drinks, Ice Cream
 Armed with their Italian great-grandmother's sauce recipes, the owners of Cilino's bring pizza and pasta to this little outpost in Wellman. Enjoy drinks

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Bender's Bar & Grill

251 8th Ave SE, Wellman, IA 52356

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3312 320th St, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 646-6734
Facebook.com/countrycookiniowa
Lunch, Desserts

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

DJ's Casual Café

603 9th Ave, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 646-9705
Mon Closed; Tue-Sat 6:30AM-8PM;
Sun 6:30AM-2PM
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
DJ's homemade pie is to die for, but if you don't arrive early, they'll run out! The selection changes daily and isn't always conventional; look for apple crumb, ground cherry, blueberry raspberry, pink lemonade, or all kinds of cream pies. Order it a la mode - it's worth the extra dollar. Burgers and fries, breakfast served all day; the atmosphere is a little vintage, so you'll feel right at home.

Madeline's Coffee House

821 2nd St, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 721-7167
Sun-Mon Closed; Tue-Sat 7AM-12PM
Coffee, Smoothies, Tea, Juice, Breakfast

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

Stonewall Pizza/ Pizza on the Farm

3297 320th St,
Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 530-3239
Facebook.com/stonewallbrickoven-pizza

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



The Well

252 8th Ave SE, Wellman, IA 52356
(319) 646-2202
Mon-Sun 4PM-2AM
Dinner, Drinks
At this friendly little neighborhood bar, you'll enjoy watching a game on the big screen or the listening to live musical entertainment. Pizza, wings, and plenty of beer will keep you happy and satisfied on a casual night out.

HILLS

Old 218 Tap

108 Main St, Hills, IA 52235
(319) 679-2277
Mon-Thu 11AM-10PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-12AM; Sun 11AM-9PM
Lunch, Dinner
Old 218 Tap, so named due to their location off of U.S. Route 218, is a bar and grill that serves up wings ten different ways, from Garlic Jalapeño to Sweet Chili. They offer many appetizers and signatures, like their Old 218 Burger, an amalgamation of burger, sauteed onions, dill pickle chips and thousand island dressing on sourdough.



WASHINGTON

Café Dodici

122 S. Iowa Ave, Washington, IA 52353
(319) 653-4012
Cafedodici.com
Sun 11AM - 2PM; Mon- Sat 11AM - 2PM, 5-8PM
Lunch, Dinner, Coffee, Drinks
A jewel box of a restaurant, the dishes at Café Dodici are as beautiful as the décor. For lunch consider salads, sandwiches, pizza and pasta; for dinner, try a mouth-watering appetizer such as Brie en Croute or Goat Cheese Torta before choosing an entrée such as Roasted Duck or Filet Mignon. Coffee drinks and a full bar are at your service as well.

IOWA CITY

The Encounter Café

376 South Clinton St,
Iowa City, IA 52240
(319) 519-2044
Theencountercafe.com
Closed Sun; Mon-Sat 7AM - 3PM
Breakfast, Lunch, Pastries, Coffee
If your visit to our communities includes time in nearby Iowa City, enjoy breakfast, lunch, or a relaxing break at this peaceful eatery. Rural Kalona residents own this coffeehouse-style restaurant that serves all of your favorite coffee drinks hot or cold, tea, and 100% fruit smoothies. Freshly made pastries, including cinnamon rolls and soft pretzels, will satisfy a light appetite; for heartier fare, try their omelets, breakfast sandwiches, pancakes, or French toast. Paninis, wraps, and salads make for delicious lunches.



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Kalona has a lot to offer!

Ideal home neighborhoods

- Southtown Development
- Harvest Hill subdivision
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Great Local Schools

- Mid-Prairie Community Schools
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- Pathway Christian School

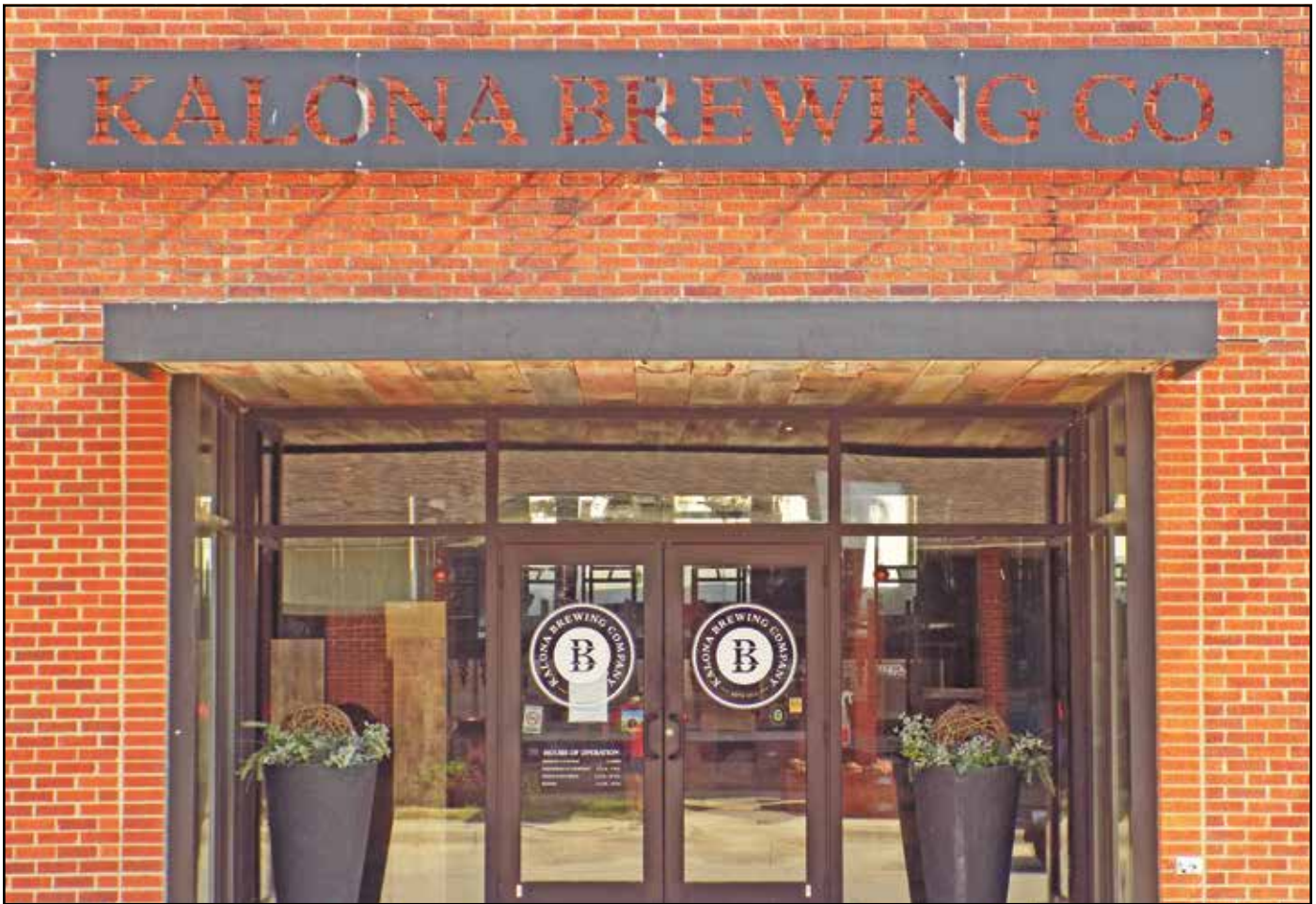
Parks & Recreation

- Large City Park with baseball and softball fields
- YMCA and Community Center
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- 6 Churches plus others nearby
- Pleasantview Home, a Christian based retirement center
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‘The living room of Kalona’ celebrates 10 years

Located in a small city that attracts visitors from around the country and serves as a hub for surrounding smaller towns, Kalona Brewing Company excels at striking a balance between giving tourists an unforgettable experience and giving locals a second home.

There are good reasons to stop by the brewpub: the beer, the food, and the building. If you linger a bit and look deeply into those things, you'll gain something more: insight into the people of this community.

Let's start with the beer. "We've got 15 beers on tap that we make all in-house. The only things that we don't

make are the cider and the soda, so there really is something for everyone to try," says General Manager Shauna McKnight.

The craft beer list includes mainstays like Kalona Classic Light Lager, Sucha Much IPA, and Lewbricator Wheat Doppelbock. Other brews are seasonal and experimental; you might find pints of pineapple Belgian, coffee-chocolate stout, or amber ale on tap at times.

"I think we've turned a lot of people from drinking Busch Light to Kalona Classic, so we're pretty proud of that," McKnight says. "Our other experimental ones are really fun as well. We've

got a sour that's really popular with people who don't even like beer."

"Our staff is really knowledgeable and can guide you through the different flavor profiles and get you something that you're going to really like," she adds.

The food at Kalona Brewing Company is worth savoring. "Everything's 100% from scratch. We've been doing that since day one," McKnight says. "We try to keep our focus on local products. Our cheese curds are from the cheese factory right outside of town. Our beef comes from JimRay Farms, which is about five miles north of Kalona. We've worked hard to build those

relationships with the community."

The menu may shift with the seasons, but some items won't budge: beer-battered cheese curds and onion rings is one of the most-ordered appetizers; wood-fired pizzas made with fresh herbs and local meats aren't going anywhere. Soups, salads, sandwiches, and entrees will satisfy a range of appetites and preferences.

The quality of the beer and food will be evident the moment they cross your palate, but the significance of the building in which Kalona Brewing Company is housed may not be evident based on appearance. To appreciate

that, you'll need a bit of insider knowledge.

Head Brewer Warren "W" Yoder is a fount of historical information when it comes to Kalona. The life-long resident spent a portion of his childhood hanging out inside the building in which he now performs alchemy on wheat and hops; in the 1970's and 80's, his mom worked as a seamstress at Ellen's Sewing Center, one of the businesses previously at 405 B Avenue.

"This was known as the B-4 building because it's on the corner of B Avenue and 4th Street, and it originally was built in 1946," he says.

The brick building began as an Alis-Chalmers tractor dealership; it then became a Farmers Supply John Deere

dealership. A car dealership and auto repair shop followed; then it was occupied by Ellen's Sewing Center in half the space, and a weekend flea market took place in the other. In 2012, the building changed ownership again and Kalona Brewing Company was created. "My mom's sewing machine was right over here where the hot liquor tank is," Yoder says, pointing out an area now filled with shiny stainless steel brewing tanks.

"It's a building that has a lot of history and a lot of connection with people from Kalona and the surrounding area, because a lot of people came to those flea markets or had memories here. It's always neat to see people who haven't been here for a while come back, and their eyes bug-out a little bit when they see what it's become," he

continues.

Although much has been updated and reconfigured inside, the brick exterior, concrete floor, and exposed river rock are all original.

Kalona Brewing Company is rooted in the community and provides a place to come together. It also extends its reach out and supports things that matter to the local population.

One recent partnership the brewery has formed is with PAWS & More, an animal shelter in nearby Washington that also serves Kalona. The building PAWS is using has deteriorated to the extent that the organization must build a new shelter, and the Kalona Brewing Company has helped it raise funds. The partnership seemed natural be-

cause "We love dogs here," McKnight says, noting that several beers have been made in memory of the staff's dogs.

The brewery makes Red Rover Cherry Belgian Ale every year and donates a portion of the sales to the Kalona Volunteer Fire Department, where Yoder's late dad was chief. It also supports local events, such as RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa), and Trek Fest, a celebration of Star Trek in nearby Riverside, by setting up tents and pouring pints.

As it celebrates its 10th anniversary, Kalona Brewing Company invites you into Kalona's living room. Enjoy its beer, enjoy its food, enjoy its history, and enjoy its people.



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Encounter Café

Food for body and soul

When you enter Encounter Café, located in the heart of downtown Iowa City, don't be surprised if you find a line to the door. This beloved bakery, breakfast, and lunch spot has a loyal following, and only part of the reason for that is the food.

The six-year-old restaurant, which doubled in space a year ago, is the project of two conservative Mennonite churches, Sharon Bethel in Kalona and New Hope in Washington. Its purpose is not financial gain, but to create a place where the church communities could offer service and love.

Manager Ray Yutzy says that when work on the restaurant was underway but not yet completed, church members gathered for a dedication prayer, which included "a request that God would provide his presence for this place, so when people come through the door, they would feel something different. That it would be an atmosphere of



friendship, love." By all indications, visitors to the restaurant do, in fact, feel the love. They also tend to reciprocate.

Intended to be a safe haven and gathering place for college students at the nearby University of Iowa, the café has become exactly that; various groups of students come in to work, socialize, and have fun on a daily basis. Four campus ministry groups use the café as a base where they're comfortable discussing the Bible, which Yutzy says

contributes to the atmosphere. "Anytime the Word of God is opened out here, that alone is an atmosphere of love and support," he says.

The café has exceeded its intentions, however; families flock to the restaurant to share stacks of pancakes and french toast, and people of all ages make the drive from Kalona to enjoy fresh-from-the-oven cinnamon rolls, scones, and soft pretzels. Friends meet for lunch, hungry for hot panini sandwiches and fresh salads.

The food served is as important as the open, friendly ambiance. Encounter Café makes bakery items from scratch and sources the highest-quality, freshest ingredients they can from local producers, including eggs from Farmer's Hen House in Kalona, and whole milk from Kalona Organics.

The restaurants' mission of "serving people and loving people" has turned out to be a financially profitable one, but the churches behind it were never out to make money. All the profits go to local charities and ministries; you'll find thank you notes filling the entry-way corkboard.

"If people want to know what we're promoting," Yutzy says, "We're simply promoting the love of Jesus, by serving, then trying to live our lives in a way that they're examples of that love and that compassion. That's our motive. That's our main reason for being here."



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KALONA

Dutch Country Inn

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

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

Ethel's Gourmet Kitchen, Bed & Breakfast

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

Reserve a room in advance for this popular B&B in the heart of Amish country. Ethel's cozy accommodations include a large, comfortable common area with cable TV, internet, and fireplace. Her delicious food includes a dessert and beverage each evening, and a gourmet breakfast in the morning.



City of Kalona Campground

10 A Ave, Kalona, IA 52247
(319) 656-2310
Open from April 15 to October 15, the city campground includes 38 campsites with water and electrical hook-ups available on a first-come,

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319-656-4488

Windmillridgecampground.com

Open April to October, Windmill Ridge offers a stunning natural environment for overnight stays in Kalona. Over 70 sites with electricity, fire pits, tables, and restroom/shower access will keep you comfortable in your RV or tent. A free sewer dump station is available, and kitchen and pavilion rentals are available as well.

WASHINGTON**Hawkeye Motel**

1320 W Madison St,
Washington, IA 52353
(319) 653-7510

Quiet and affordable, the Hawkeye Motel is convenient to the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort and the Kewash Nature Trail. Single, double, and triple

rooms are available, all with refrigerators. This pet-friendly property has ample parking to accommodate most cars, trucks, and busses. An especially unique feature, the Hawkeye Motel offers a free indoor pheasant-cleaning area, with stainless steel sink and table, and hot and cold water.

Hometown Inn & Suites

119 Westview Dr,
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Things were already in place for Kalona to become a stable town with the establishment of a railroad depot in 1879. However, many pieces needed for a thriving town were still missing; basic things that are commonplace today, like roads and a bank, had yet to be established. Allen pushed for growth in Kalona by pleading for said roads and bank through the editorials for which she would become known.

Allen's ambitions can be compared to an adage commonly used when discussing the Field of Dreams located in Dyersville: if you build it, they will come. If Kalona could develop the needed amenities, the town could attract new residents, grow, and thrive.

In 1893, publisher J.A. Dunn started the string of 10 different publishers that would follow Allen, many of them integrating the new technologies of their time.

The method used to set type during the paper's first 29 years was known as handset. With the handset method, type is assembled line-by-line in a composing stick, and then locked in for printing. The handset method was brushed aside in June of 1918 when publisher D.C. Miller began using linotype, which needed less effort and setup, allowing for more in-depth stories and larger issues. In 1973, Robert and Dora Kallaus were the final publishers to use linotype, and eventually gave it up for cold type, or photo composition.

Ron and Helen Slechta followed the Kallaus tenure in 1992. The Slechtas embraced digital photography and began utilizing the internet to send images. They were also one of the first to use color photography in a weekly paper.

In addition, the Slechtas moved the newspaper from its longtime office on 5th Street to 419 B Avenue in Kalona.

"At the time we bought the paper, it was at a location that was 10 feet wide by 60 feet deep. Those were rather cramped quarters. When this [419 B Avenue]



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became available, we purchased it," said Ron Slechta.

More changes came about in September of 2016 when W. James and Bridget Johnson purchased The Kalona News, and combined it along with the Wellman Advance, Riverside Current, Highland Review, and Lone Tree Reporter into one newspaper named The News.

Ron and Helen Slechta took ownership once again in 2020 and continue to keep it relevant and accessible by offering an e-version available online and encouraging staff to utilize social media to keep the community updated on breaking news and sports.

"We try to keep up with the times," Slechta says.

"Give us then your encouragement and support and we will endeavor to give you a paper that will speak well for the enterprise of the town," Emma Allen once wrote. The current publisher and staff still abide by this agreement. From its first volume in November of 1891, to the latest issue in 2023, The News is one of the many thriving businesses in Kalona thanks to a large circulation and support from the towns they cover.

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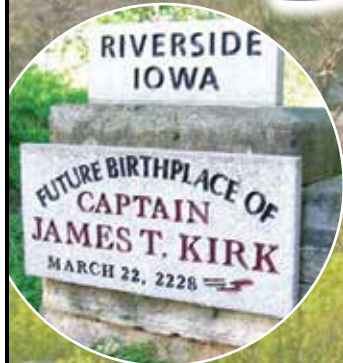


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Washington offers fun events for all ages every year. Many include delicious food and music. During the summer, Central Park in the town square features Thursday Night Live musical performances, a Farmers' Market followed by a performance of the Municipal Band.

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Family friendly health fair featuring 25+ booths with summer activities, health, safety tips, food & fun!

Farm to Film Festival: May 20-21

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Farmers' Market: May 18-October 12 | 5pm

Central Park Thursday evenings from May 18th to October 12th, or until first frost.

Thursday Night Live and Washington Municipal Band:

June 1-Aug 17 | 6-9pm

Free live bands in Central Park.

Summer Classic: June 1-3

3 day long Summer Kick-off with festivities celebrating ridiculous retail bargains, local agriculture, heritage, business, parade, family activities, food & music.

Flightline Live: June 3 | 5-midnight

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Chamber Golf Fun Days:

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Relay for Life: June 24 | 12pm

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Washington County Fair: July 16-21

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Movies on Main: June 2, July 7, August 4 | 8:30pm

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Corn Country Cruisers: May 13-August 12 | 4pm

Saturday nights enjoy car, truck & motorcycle show. Y's Men & Women food tent.

Latino Festival: August 5

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Annual Fall Craft Fair: September 9 | 9-3pm

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