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Welcome

...to Kalona and surrounding communities

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

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

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

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

Wellman is Kalona's neighbor to the west. A quieter city of about 1500, Wellman residents appreciate the benefits of small-town living, such as friendly neighbors and being able to walk to the city park and YMCA for recreation. For visitors, Wellman offers unique experiences to enjoy, such as one of only four sand green golf courses left in the state, and a retro-cool, recently remodeled roller-skating rink. Some of the best pie you'll ever eat can be found in a local cafe.

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

Follow lowa 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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38th Annual Kalona Bluegrass Festival July 19-21

"[Bluegross] is music that finds its way deep into your soul..." - Allison Krauss.

"Bluegrass is country music in its oldest and purest form. It speaks to the heart, validates the feelings of the common people, and celebrates the treasure of human emotion that is the very essence of life."

-Bob Black (Come Hither to Go Yonder).



Now in its 38th year, the Kalona Bluegrass Festival offers something positive for the whole family, from children to grandparents. 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. They will be playing banjos, fiddles, guitars, mandolins... all types of acoustic instruments.

Traditional and modern bluegrass music, including gospel, will be featured – along with songs of life, love, joy, and sorrow. 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!

This popular event takes place at Windmill Ridge Campground (Hwy 1, two miles south of Kalona, then one mile west). For RV and tent reservations call 319-656-4488 or go to windmillridgecampground@gmail. com

Showtimes will be Friday, July 19, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 20, 1:00 and 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday, July 21, 10:00 a.m., to be followed by a Hymn Sing at 10:45 a.m. Opportunities for guest performers will be provided for 30 minutes before each show on Friday and Saturday.

Admission: \$20 Friday night; \$25 on Saturday (after 5 p.m. \$20); and \$5 on Sunday. Weekend pass: \$30, children under 14 free. Bring lawn chairs!

Delicious food, including homemade 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.

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

"We'll see you there," says Kristie Black. "Let's keep bluegrass alive!"



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Saddle up, riders!

Kalona backroads bost new cycling race in Jowa Gravel Series



By Cheryl Allen

67,585 miles of Iowa's public roads are gravel, making up 60% of the state's road system. And cyclists love them.

Caleb Wilson is one of those cyclists. And because he lives in Kalona, he knows and loves Kalona gravel. And Kalona gravel, he felt, was perfect for a cycling race.

"We are lucky. The roads are beautiful. It's a really fun but challenging area," he says from the perspective of having ridden gravel roads all over the state of lowa.

Thanks to Wilson's ambition to share the gravel roads of our area with others, on Saturday, May 11, 2024, Kalona will host the first Kalona Horseshoe cycling race, one of seven races in the lowa Gravel Series. The event offers 50 km and 100 km distances, as well as a 10K run the night before. The bicycle races are open to both adult and junior (ages 6-17) divisions.

Chris McQueen, the series director, started the Iowa Gravel Series in 2021 with five races across the state in places such as Silver City, Waukon, and Albia. Adding in Kalona and Fairfield this year will push the number of races to seven.

"Gravel bike racing is the fastest growing kind of cycling, kind of bike racing, in the world, and the U.S. is like the epicenter of it," Wilson says. "It's one of the only types of bike racing that has found its roots, its focus, in the U.S., where mostly Europe kind of dominates everything else. And Iowa has like 70,000 miles of gravel, which a lot of people don't know, and some of the best gravel roads in the world."

Wilson himself was bitten by the cycling bug as an adult who felt his vitality fading as he spent day after day trapped in an office. His coworkers introduced him to cycling, and then racing, and it renewed his zest for life.

"The culture in the cycling community is just incredible," he says. "People are so welcoming. They're just fun. Even people who are really good are still pretty nice, and you don't see that across a lot of sports."

In addition to finding a community of kindred spirits, Wilson found that having an event to train for helped him stay focused and motivated. In a world of complexity and challenges, the straightforward task of training, racing, and achieving a goal had a lot of appeal.

"To have something really concrete to work toward and try to push yourself and achieve goals has been really, really life-giving to me. It's changed my life in a lot of ways," he says.

"I think you'll find in cycling there are folks who just love the challenge," McQueen says. "They start off small, they start off somewhere, and then they find a way to say, 'OK, I did that. Now, what's next?'"

There are "endless possibilities" for what a cyclist can take on next, and thus we have the Kalona Horseshoe, which Wilson calculates will have almost 5000 feet of climb. The route he's devised is by no means the lowa-flat stereotype; it's filled with rolling hills.

It's also kind of horseshoe -shaped, if you look at it drawn on a map, although that is not how the race got its name.

"I've ridden every road within a 20-mile radius of my house," Wilson explains, "We primarily ride in Amish country for a lot of reasons, but one of them is the Amish [buggy] wheels grind that gravel up, and it's so fine and the roads are smoother. It's better to ride on."

And when he and his 14-yearold son go riding, they often come across horseshoes.

"You see footprints from the horses everywhere, all over these roads," he says. "And we're passing buggies like crazy, and sometimes getting passed by them, depending on the day. And it's really, really cool."

Wilson notes that one of the things that McQueen is great at is finding unique communities to host races and



identifying what makes them unique. For Kalona, the Amish community, that horseand-buggy iconography, is part of the draw.

There will be about eight aid stations on the course, places where cyclists can refill their water bottles and grab a snack. One of them will be at Golden Delight Bakery, an Amish bakery out on the gravel roads that locals adore for their iced cinnamon rolls, soft donuts, and a host of other breads, sweet rolls, and pies.

"It's just such a feature of the area that a lot of people from out of town don't even know about," Wilson said, "So we thought that [including it on the route] was pretty cool."

The lowa Gravel Series aims to "show the best and most unique places of lowa," McQueen says, noting that the series is "about adventure and exploring and going in and being part of these lowa communities" that are off the beaten path, but have so much to offer.

Kalona is honored to be one of them.

The Kalona Horseshoe 50 km and 100 km cycling races take place on May 11, 2024, in Kalona. Learn more and register at iowagravelseries.com/kalona.

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Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives

715 D Ave, Kalona, IA 52247 (319) 656-3271 Kalonaiowa.org Open April – October, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Access included in admission to Kalona Historical Village

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

Kalona Byways Tours

514 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247 (319) 656-2660 Kalonachamber.com \$25 adults; \$15 youth 7-12; 6 and under free

From April to October, the Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce offers 90-minute

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

For those who desire a more immersive experience, the Chamber's seasonal

Specialty Tours provide the sounds and scents of Amish daily living. You might witness maple syrup tapping, explore barns, or find yourself on goat, cattle, and chicken farms. Specialty tours vary and are offered for a limited time.



Kalona Historical Village

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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 quilt galleries only; \$10
Wahl Museum only; free admission to gift shop. Special rates for veterans, youth.

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.

Outdoors, the village grounds include a country church, wash house, well, log house, and schoolhouse, all filled with authentic artifacts that suggest how life used to be in Kalona. The 4800-foot Wahl Museum houses brand new world-class exhibits, including a walk-through streetscape that renders the experience of historical downtown Kalona life-size. The original American Indian population is not overlooked; their story, along with an impressive display of locally found projectile points, is also told here.

Lone Tree Historical Museum

203 Wapsi Ave SE, Lone Tree, IA 52755 Open by appointment only (319) 331-9453 Free

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

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Sculptor and owner Stephen Maxom 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. Maxom's life-size bronze replica of the famed butter cow can be seen at the Iowa State Fairgrounds; his Hayden Fry bronze can be found on 9th Street in Coralville; and his Irving B Weber bronze is located at the intersection of Linn and Iowa Avenue in Iowa City.

Old Man's Creek Vineyard & Winery

4625 Black Hawk Ave SW, Parnell, IA 52325 (319) 430-3545

By appointment only.

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

Riverside Casino & Golf Resort

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

Open 24/7, the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort will dazzle your eyes and ignite your hopes and dreams with more than 800 slot machines, 39 table games, a poker room, and ELITE Sportsbook. The Spa at Riverside, Cete Boutique, gift shop, show lounge, and event center will keep you relaxed and entertained. Four food outlets and 201 hotel rooms, in addition to the 18-hole Rees Jones championship golf course will ensure you need never leave the property.

The Voyage Home Riverside History Center

361 W First St, Riverside, IA 52327 (319) 648-2226 Voyagehomemuseum.org Mon-Sat 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

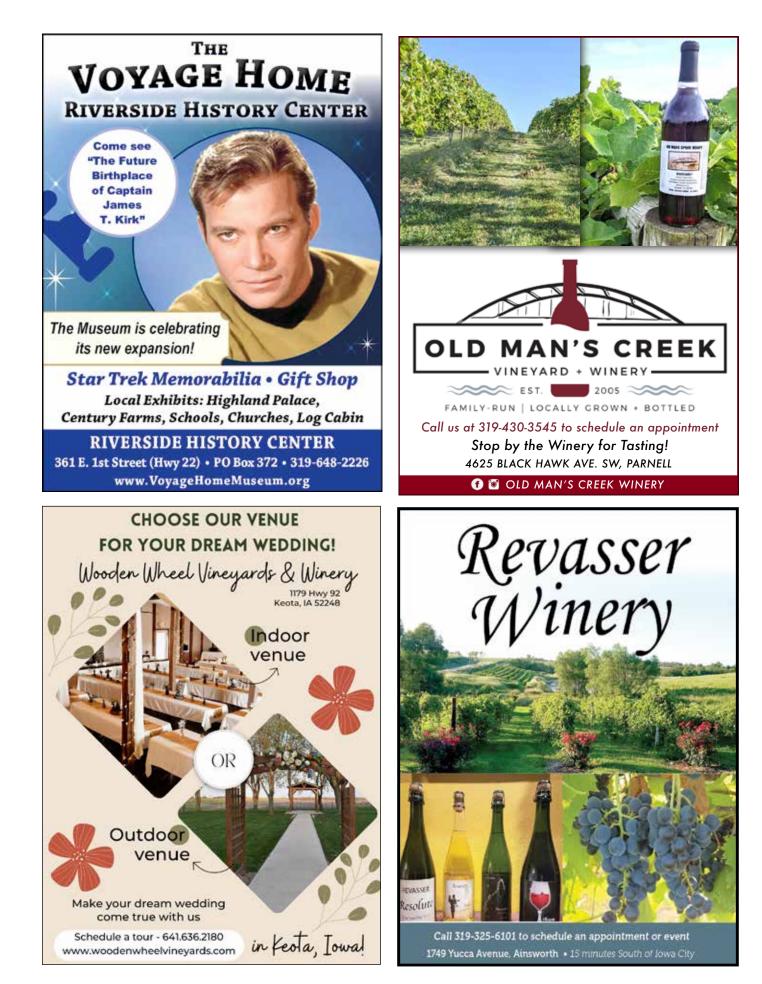
1003 6th St W, Wellman, IA 52356 (319) 646-2231 Cityofwellman.com Open Sat 6:30 – 9 p.m., and Sun 1:30 – 4 p.m. \$6 admission; no skate rental fees.

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 Woodenwheelvinyards.com Open Fri 1-5 p.m. and Sat 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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.



Seeing is Believing

Historic St. Mary's Catholic Church has recently been restored – and it's a beauty to behold

By Cheryl Allen

Stepping inside St. Mary's Catholic Church in Riverside, one can't help but be awed by its beauty. Robin-egg blue walls, trimmed in gilt, rise up to meet spectacular ceiling arches. Stained glass windows glow with color and light. Statuary beckons; frescos intrigue. It may take hours to take it all in.

When Father Bill Roush arrived in 2018, his first impression was a little different.

"You couldn't look anywhere in that church and not find something that needed attention," he says of the historic church, which was built in 1906.

Fr. Bill isn't your typical parish priest. "I'm a second vocations priest," he explains. "I had a wife. I've got two daughters."

He continues, outlining the path that took him from married life, which ended in 1997 with the death of his wife, and a career at Monsanto, working his way up from the floor to OSHA Process Safety Management, to the priesthood.

It's not hard to imagine what those OSHA-trained eyes saw when he stood looking out on a nave that's upkeep hadn't been a priority for many years.

"I couldn't sit in the presider's chair without looking at something that needed repaired or painted or fixed," he says. "It was just so obvious. The paint was falling off the ceilings and the statues were all chipping and peeling. The carpet needed replaced. You didn't know where to start."

Fr. Bill had promised himself that he wouldn't change anything at the church during his first year while he acquainted himself with the people in the parish. But once that time was up, he brought the issue before the parishioners.

"I can nickel and dime you the whole time that I'm here," he told them, "Or we can do a capital campaign and get this stuff taken care of."

There was a lot of stuff, including repainting and plastering the church's interior; repainting and restoring the statues and stations of the cross; restoring the stained-glass windows and pipe organ; and tuck pointing the bell tower. In addition, new carpeting and safety rails were needed in the sanctuary and choir loft, and new concrete, parking spaces, and a driveway to the rectory were needed ed outdoors.

These needed improvements would require close to \$1 million to complete.

"We started with pamphlets explaining what needed to be done, and created pledge cards and let people pay over a threeyear period of time," Fr. Bill says. "We made plaques for all of the people that donated more than \$5,000. We sent out letters to all the family members of the parish, and there's three churches in our community."

In less than six months, they had the funds they needed.

"People in this area are very generous when it comes to their faith," Fr. Bill says.

The work that needed to be done was completed for the most part by Christmas 2019, although restoration of the 1912 pneumatic Wangerin pipe organ continues. Original estimates



to clean the keyboard, replace the bellows-like leathers, and remove the dents and bends from the 800-plus individual pipes fell far short of reality. The church used proceeds from their 2023 Labor Day Celebration, which the church puts on annually, to help cover the approximately \$170,000 total cost.

More than just beauty

"The trained eye sees more"

is a phrase often used when talking about the natural world. When we learn to identify the individual species of trees or butterflies or can differentiate between different types of rocks, we do, in fact, see more of the world around us. We see 'maple' and 'elm' instead of trees; we see 'monarch' or 'painted lady' instead of butterflies. The world depicted inside St. Mary's Church is no different.

The statues, frescos, and stained-glass windows inside the church are more than just beautiful images intended to delight the eye.

"There's a story behind every window and statue in the church," Fr. Bill says. "Either it's a replication of one of the apostles, or it's a bit of a Bible story in the windows. In the medieval days, that was all a part of your worship. You went in, and

you got this story from the stained glass windows or the paintings. There's a lot of tradition that's handed down in the Catholic Church, and everything has a meaning behind it."

Cataloging those meanings and stories is a project he is currently working on. In progress is a booklet containing a photo of each statue, window, and artwork inside the church, alongside a description of the person or story the piece depicts. Once complete, Fr. Bill hopes to have complementary copies of the booklet available at the back of the church.

Knowing what you're looking at can make all the difference to your life.

Fr. Bill compares the artwork in the church to "The Chosen," a multi-season TV series about the life and ministry of Jesus presented in a personal and relatable way. The series "takes liberties" when it comes to its portrayal of Jesus and the apostles, but it is Biblically-based.

"You can relate to these apostles and recognize they were human too," Fr. Bill says. "So, looking up at the apostles in the ceiling, you can connect the scripture with maybe what was going on in their life at the time.

"That's what people need to recognize, that all of these characters are human and are going through all the same life problems that we're going through with relationships. Peter and Paul didn't get along all the time. They had conflicts. I think that pictures and paintings help people recognize that, if they know a little background," he says.

Fr. Bill says that for him, the church has always been a place of solace, and he hopes that St. Mary's can be that for others as well. The public is always welcome; if the doors are locked, stop by the office inside the Education Center next door and someone will let you in.

For more information about St. Mary's Church, located at 41 St. Mary's St., Riverside, visit clusterparishes.org, call 319-648-2331, or email riversideholyfamily@diodav.org.













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Washington's State Theater: *The longest continually running*, *movie theatre in the world*

By TJ Rhodes



There is a stark

difference between the silver screen and a flatscreen at home. There is an even further divide between an old movie theater and one newly built.

The lights dim, the curtains rise, and the acoustics match each thump of a character's step.

Movie buffs and theatre geeks alike: rejoice. The State Theatre, featured prominently in Washington, still offers the homey, inviting theatre experience of old, with two floors of seating in the one theatre hall, while introducing quality-of-life improvements for all customers, whether they have top billing, appear for a cameo or are an extra.

The space was originally named The Graham Opera House, and it hosted many theatrical plays and events. In 1897, they began running motion pictures and never stopped, allowing them to earn the "longest continually running movie theatre in the world" title, verified by The Guinness Book of World Records in 2016.

The State Theatre's prominence shows how transformative the medium was, and still is, proving some things never change.

In the century-plus that followed, business ran smoothly with just minor inconveniences.

One was the constant shift of ownership in the 1900s. In 2001, the State Theatre was purchased by Fridley Theatres, an lowa-based company that owns 18 theatres – 17 in lowa and one in Nebraska – giving the State Theatre the consistency it deserved.

Another inconvenience was the fire of 2010. The fire started in the projection room, and although it was contained rather quickly, smoke and water damage spread throughout the building. The theatre remained closed from November of 2010 to April of 2011 for repairs. A gala reopening ceremony marked a return to the big screen.

Positive results did come from the wake of the fire. During restoration, larger, more comfortable theatre seats replaced the old ones, and the bathrooms were improved.

Following was another landmark project which began in 2013. The Graham Opera House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This allowed Fridley Theatres to access tax credit programs for an exterior renovation, completed in 2014, to reflect the theatre's appearance from the 1940s, according to Washington's official city website.



Enough history. What about today?

Manager Brenda Myers has been with the State Theatre since 2021, and she adores the job.

"I'm from Washington; I love our town. I love the theater, it's beautiful," Myers said. "It just feels good when you come in here."

Myers previously worked at Mercy Hospital but wanted to do something different, so she applied for the State Theatre job. She described the theatre business in great detail.

Most importantly, the movies. Fridley Theatres is in charge of what is played, sending a list each Monday. Because of the sole theatre hall, scheduling conflicts ensue. The theatre usually has a small list of showings for this reason.

Fridley Theatres must also be aware that the State Theatre is almost exclusively supported by locals rather than tourists or lowa residents outside of Washington. Newly released movies carry a contract of three weeks, making them undesirable from a business standpoint. When new releases do find their way to the theatre, Myers noted that the first two weeks can be busy but the third is usually slow.

Movies that have been out for a while only have a one-week contract, making these films much more intriguing for a small-town movie theatre.

This is how films are selected.

The importance of concessions

Something synonymous with movie theatres are the concessions.

A movie theatre relies on concession sales to stay afloat. This is why concession prices remain "high," according to public perception. This connection is likely how the symbiotic relationship between movies and popcorn was born.

"Most of your money that you make from your films go back to the companies," Myers said. "The main thing that the theater makes its money off of is our concessions, no doubt. Everybody loves our popcorn."

Renting out a movie theatre

The State Theatre does not run movies 24/7. Buffer periods exist, and during these times people can rent out the space.

If they choose a current film, they'll pay a \$50 rental fee and must have a party of 50 or more, paying an additional matinee rate per person. If they choose a film not currently playing, they must pay \$750. \$50 can be removed if the concessions remain open. Disney and Fox products are not available for rental events.

But that's not all. The space can be used for birthday parties, meetings, video games and more. These additional options start at \$450 for two hours and an additional \$100 for each hour that follows.

No matter the event, a minimum of 10 days is required to book the space.

Myers hopes that people renting out the space become more creative, especially signaling the idea of a wedding.

"I think it'd be so cool to have a wedding here," Myers said. "Somebody [could] rent it out on a Sunday morning and [the ceremony could] be up on the stage. I just think that'd be so cool [and] perfect for a movie buff." Despite the State Theatre's prestigious title of the "longest continually running movie theatre in the world," it's not the oldest theatre ever. That title belongs to The Vitascope, which opened in 1896 and was operational in Buffalo, NY, for two years.

So, the State Theatre may not be the oldest, but it's outlived countless movie theatres in its time and is still kicking, providing a unique movie experience for locals and tourists alike.

The State Theatre is located at 123 E Washington St., Washington. For movies and showtimes, visit fridleytheatres.com/ movie-theater/Washington-state.



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Kalona Historical Village: a hub of culture and community



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-thecentury 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 next ambitions is to build upon the railroad depot building that currently houses a telegraph exhibit and other artifacts that bring to life what was originally the center of life in Kalona. Before the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railway established a depot in Kalona, the area wasn't a dot on the map; the depot birthed the town.

This year the Kalona Historical Society is working to obtain a railroad box car that would be mounted on a section of track accessible from a platform built around the depot. Visitors could enter the railcar, which would serve as a miniature museum, filled with artifacts and displays illuminating just how the train built and served Kalona. A working railroad signal would also be part of the exhibit.

"We want to be able to show how things were shipped," Nancy Roth, Managing Director at the Village, says. Back at the time of Kalona's founding in 1879, everything the townspeople needed would have been shipped by rail, including a big highwheel wagon made in nearby Fairfield that the Village acquired last year. It was that acquisition that inspired the idea for a more complete depot exhibit.

While hopes are high that work on the railcar and depot will be largely underway

by Fall 2024, visitors to the Village prior to its completion will find much else of interest to occupy them, including inside the Visitor's Center.

Two new exhibits for 2024 highlight the lives and work of prominent locals and give visitors a glimpse into two very different lifestyles. Janet Haberman Long traveled the world as a dancer and taught dance at her local studios. Rollie and Barb Peterseim established a funeral home that continues to be run by the family today.

The Janet Haberman Long exhibit features a great variety of dance costumes, representing decades, worn by Long and her students in performances. Sparkles and tutus are in abundance, giving visitors a peak into a world that is both glamourous and exciting. Posters, photographs, and newspaper clippings tell the story of a woman who spent her young adulthood in the 1960s performing in 43 different countries before marrying and opening her own dance studio, Janet Long Dancers, in 1971.

Long taught dance for 43 years before retiring in 2015. Among her students was Roth, who loved the experience and contributed some of her own childhood costumes to the exhibit.

Rollie and Barb Peterseim were the heads of one of Kalona's founding families; they started Peterseim Funeral Home in 1917. Photos, diplomas, mementos, and scrapbooks make up this exhibit, which tells the story of the family's life in the community. Today Beatty-Peterseim Funeral and Monument Service is managed by their granddaughter Meg, the third generation to care for the people of Kalona.

Of course, no visit to the Village would be complete without a tour of the quilt galleries that are so much a part of Kalona's identity. New this season is a spectacularly colorful and contemporary collection featuring the creations of Dr. Carmon Slater, a biology PhD living in Evergreen, Colorado who has worked as an artist for 25 years.

Dr. Slater's quiltwork is nontraditional; bold colors and abstract themes often dominate, with results that read as art rather than practical textile. The rare man in what is often considered a woman's domain, Slater has served on the National Crafts Council Board of Directors and was vice-chair of the Iowa Arts Council.

Whatever your interests, whether local, historical, or arts oriented, you're sure to learn something at the Kalona Historical Village – and to find a like-minded community there as well.

The Wahl Museum From water-damaged loss to world-class exhibits

By Cheryl Allen

After the original Wahl Museum suffered water damage and had to be rebuilt in 2016, the committee tasked with its resurrection saw an opportunity to tell a new set of stories about the history of Kalona.

Several years of careful research went into the first exhibit in the new building that opened in 2020, revealing the richness of the Native American culture that predated the pioneers. This story had not yet been told anywhere in the Kalona Historical Village.

In late 2022, visitors to the museum took a step forward in time to the late 1800s, a time of rapid progress, with the opening of the Communication and Transportation exhibit. Those twin catalysts pushed Kalona closer to the place we inhabit today.

Through scene-setting wall murals, models of the newspaper and post offices hand-built by local artists, and authentic period items such as an automobile and linotype machine, visitors can now absorb the spirit of the past. Pains were taken to provide detail and construct a riveting narrative.

This August, the long-awaited final phase of the museum was completed and is now open to the public. A magnificent streetscape occupies the remainder of the space, allowing visitors to walk through a nearly life -size portion of early twentieth century Kalona. Cattle grunt at the stockyard; lumber is stacked for sale at the lumberyard; from the meat market to the millinery, the bustling town is laid out before us. The streetscape includes Meyers, Miller, and Manatt

The streetscape includes Meyers, Miller, and Manat streets, which are named for John Meyers, Moses P. Miller, and Samuel Mannett, who, along with Capt. Philip E. Shaver, donated land to establish Kalona. The streets are lined with historically accurate storefronts, some exterior facades, and others, such as the hardware and general stores, enterable.

A range of businesses and industries contributed to Kalona's success. Inside the gallery, visitors can walk by the theater, drugstore, barber/dentist's office, creamery, train depot, and undertaker. These, too, acknowledge the people and families that had a hand in bringing growth and prosperity to our town.

Research, planning, and designing of the streetscape was conducted over a period of years by the Kalona Historical Society, led by Janet Ferry and Marilyn Yoder. Miller Builders of Kalona constructed the framework and Edwards Creative of the Quad Cities fabricated the exhibit.



An Insider's Guide to the Streetscape Exhibit

From fake candy to real peanuts, there's much fun to be had if you know to look for it

By Cheryl Allen

The new Streetscape exhibit inside the Wahl Museum is, for the most part, self-explanatory. If you take the time to read the information panels ('didactics' is their proper name), you'll learn much about Kalona's fascinating past.

However, there are things you won't know unless you have a guide on the inside who lets you in on them. For that information, we turned to Claudia Bishop and Marilyn Yoder, both board members of the Kalona Historical Society who were involved with the creation of the exhibit.

Once you find yourself immersed in the world of early 20th century Kalona, surrounded by the shops and businesses on the city streets, your eyes might find themselves resting on a cat in an upstairs window. Her name is Pearl; she's the real-life cat of Abby, a designer who worked for Edwards Creative Services, the business that fabricated the Streetscape.

You'll notice Pearl, but you may not be able to find the mouse scurrying about the lumberyard. The cat has her eyes on it; use that as your guide and keep your eyes close to the ground. He's well camouflaged!

Cat and mouse games aren't the only tribute to the creators of the Streetscape inside the exhibit. Head inside the General Store and take a look at the labeled goods behind the counter. Abby, Clint, and Donnie, all with Edwards Creative, have been immortalized with their names used as brands for dry goods.

So appreciative was the historical society of their work, "We wanted them to be memorialized forever," Yoder says.

Lots of canned goods line the shelves of the General Store, but thanks to copywrite laws, the museum wasn't able to use the names and images of the real brands that would have been sold in Kalona's early general stores. So what did they do? Edwards Creative manufactured a few labels, and other vintage-style label art was sourced from Etsy. Members of the historical society contributed their own blank cans for the exhibit.

If you have a look at the penny candy on the counter, you might be tempted, but don't: as real as it appears, that stuff is fake. "A lot of stuff came from Etsy," Bishop says.

Interestingly, not all of the food in the exhibit is imitation; if you cross the street and go into the gas station, you'll find a dispenser of real peanuts.

While you're in the gas station, notice the vintage cash register. That was created using a photo of the cash register at Hochstedler Service – Hosty's – in Frytown. The shelf of goods above the register is also from a photo taken at Hosty's.

You're only a few steps away from the lumberyard, where if you peer closely into the office, you'll notice cigar stubs in the cigar holder, a piece so obscure "we had to do Google Lens to find out what that thing was," Yoder says.

Cigars were a thing in old-time Kalona, and you'll find them throughout the Streetscape. Another prominent location for them is the hotel, where you'll see boxes of them for sale.

"The travelers, especially a traveling salesman, [couldn't] go to Casey's and buy cigars," Bishop says. "Almost all hotels had cigars to sell because that was your resting point."

One door down from the hotel is the hardware store, inside of which is a mural of a staircase heading up to the second floor. You might recognize it: the real thing exists at the back corner of Yotty's Ace Discount on B Avenue, Kalona. The hardware store's

undertaking. Note the atypical way the windowpane breaks the lettering into Snide-r.

"That's taken from the original picture," Bishop says. "That's how they did it. There was a break in the window [pane]."

Cross the street and you'll find "the evil looking butcher" poised with his knife inside the meat market. That's real sawdust on his floor.

A mural at the end of the road shows an American flag staked right in the middle of the intersection of what is today B Avenue and 5th Street. Yoder says the historical society has the original flag in its possession, but elected not to display it, as it would have cost \$10,000 to frame and preserve.

This is a good moment to pause and consider: what exactly is that at the base of the flag? A flowerpot, or a spittoon?

Eventually you're going to find yourself visiting the undertaker. A youthful Short Peterseim greets you at the corner, and you wonder, is this heaven? But no, we're still in early Kalona. Have a look inside the storefront; an embalming machine, donated by Meg Peterseim Nagel, is a macabre attraction.

There's much more to be discovered inside the new Streetscape exhibit. Find out for yourself; the Kalona Historical Village of which the Wahl Museum is a part is open Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April- October, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. November - March. For more information, contact 319-656-3232 or kalonatours@gmail.com.



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.



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

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



Kalona City Park

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

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

For camping information, see Accommodations.



Kalona Golf Club

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

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.



Kewash Nature Trail

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

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

North Park (Lone Tree)

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

Located at 409 N. Devoe, Lone Tree.

North Park & Disc Golf (Wellman)

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

Pechman Creek Delta

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

Railroad Park (Lone Tree)

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

Railroad Park (Riverside)

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

River Junction

For boating, fishing, and camping adventures, consider River Junction, a 12-acre area **located at 6051 River Junction Road SE, Lone Tree.** Fish the lowa 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 lowa, creating the confluence that serves as the park's namesake. Mature trees create shade and a peaceful oasis for campers and anglers. Picnic tables and a latrine are available.

For camping information, see Accommodations.

Veterans Memorial Park

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

Located at 211 E. 2nd St, Riverside.

Wellman Golf Course

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.





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- Southtown Development
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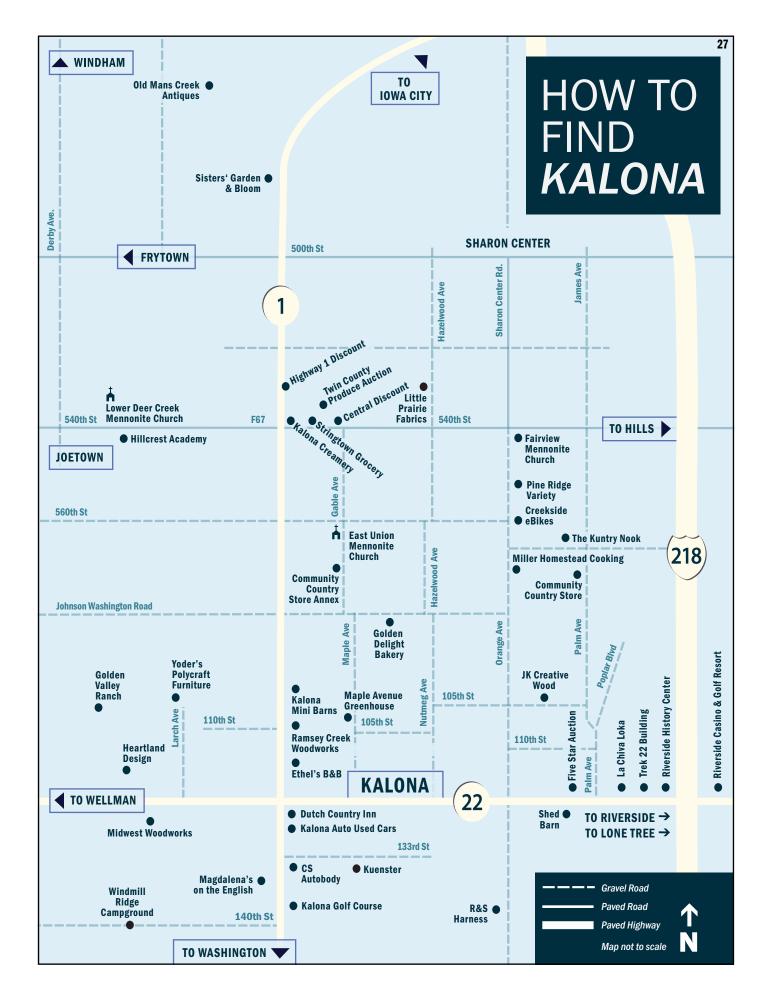
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 Large City Park with baseball and softball fields
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 Southtown Subdivision parks and trails including Dog Park and Frisbee golf
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 Pleasantview Home, a Christian based
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 Strong business community
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 2 hardware stores and
 a number of gift and antique shops
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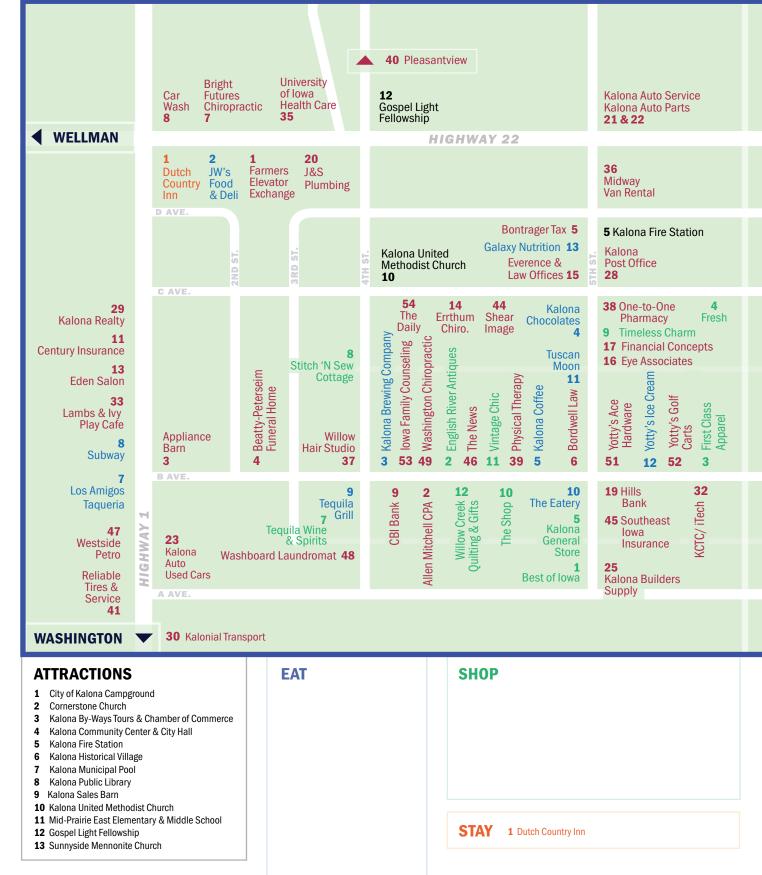
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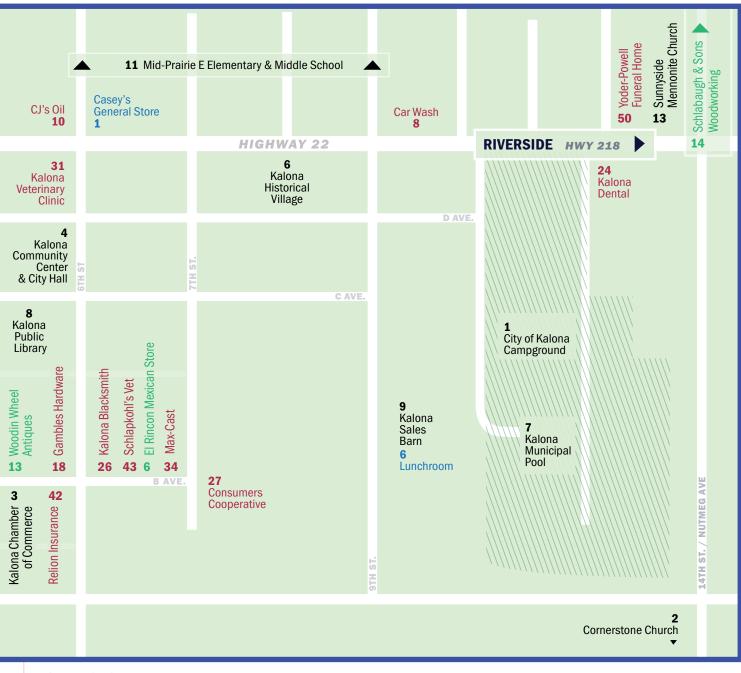
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ANTIOUES & VINTAGE:

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 dishware, 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 specializations, 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-4PM Open April 26 - Dec 14 | Check Facebook for addition times

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.



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 handmade 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 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.

Woodin Wheel Antiques, Gifts & Quilts

515 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247 (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.

FOOD AND GROCERY:

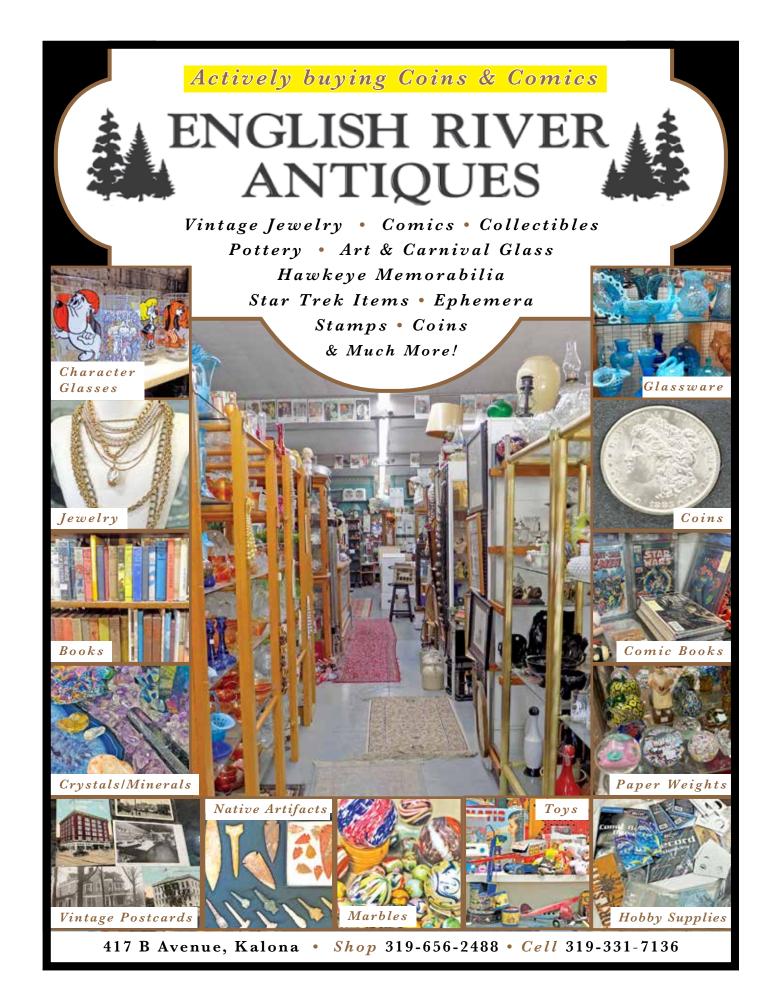
Bud's Custom Meats, Inc.

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 impressive 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.

Dutch Market

2324 Hwy 1, Washington, IA 52353 Coming Spring 2024!



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.

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.

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.



MON. - SAT. 8 A.M. - 11 P.M., SUN. 8 A.M. - 9 P.M. | 316 B AVENUE., KALONA | 319-208-4779

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.

Tequila Wine/Spirits

316 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247 (3119) 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 & GREENHOUSE:

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, cone-flowers, 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.

Sisters' Garden & Bloom

4895 IA-1, Kalona, IA 52247 (319) 683-2046 Closed Sun and Tues; Wed - 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.

APPAREL & 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 Bestofiowakalona.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.



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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.

Simple Happiness

119 8th Avenue, Wellman, IA 52356 Fri. 1-6PM, Sat. 10AM – 4PM. (Hours vary; see Facebook to confirm.)

Located in a recently restored brick building dating to 1909, Simple Happiness

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

Timeless Charm

210 5th St, Kalona, IA 52247 (319) 656-3044 Timelesscharm.com Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-4PM

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

HANDMADE:

JFH Metal Signs & Fabrication

301 8th Avenue, Wellman, 52656 319-461-2388

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.

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.

Jo & Co

218 8th Avenue, Wellman, IA 52356 (319) 621-4676 Joandco.live Thurs. 5-7PM, Sat. 10AM – 1PM. (Hours vary; see Facebook to confirm.)

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

Kalona Makers Market

720 14th St, Kalona, IA 52247 (319) 930-7610 Kalonamakersmarket.com Closed Sat- Sun; Mon-Fri 10AM-3PM.

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

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.





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QUILTING:

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.

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.





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, eyeglass frames, and laundry carts as well.



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VARIETY:

Community Country Store Annex

5697 Gable Ave SW, Kalona, IA 52247 (319) 646-1125 Closed Sun; Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-4:30 PM

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

Gambles Hardware

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

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

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.





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

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

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

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

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

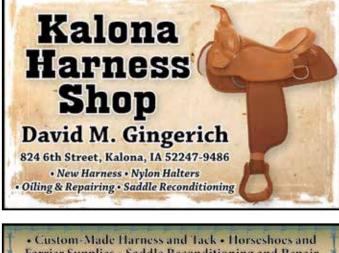
Seemingly open roadways may have sharp dips or unexpected turns. Blind corners created by wooded areas, corn fields or other tall crops are also hazardous.

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

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

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

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



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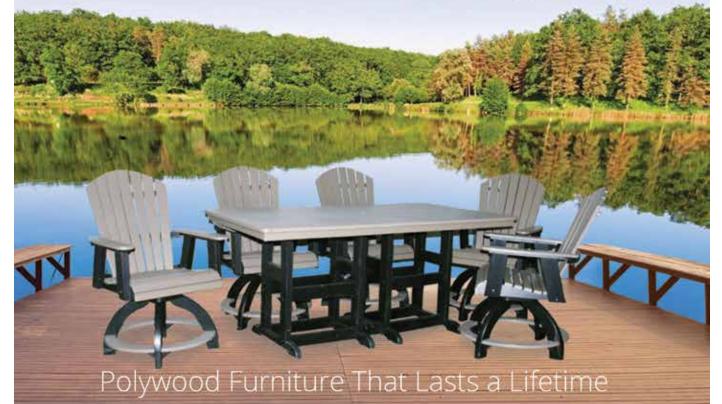






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Restaurants

Yes, tenderloin and lowa chops can be found on many menus, but our area restaurants offer lots in addition to our beloved pork! Amish-style dishes, amazing baked goods, and plenty of bar food rounds out our offerings. Mexican and Italian restaurants dot the map, too, so there's no need to take a break from your favorite dishes while on the road. Talented pie makers live among us; be sure to seek out a delicious, sweet slice!

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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.

Galaxy Nutrition Shake & Energy Bar

305 5th Street, Kalona, IA 52247 (319) 656-6062 Facebook.com/galaxynutritionkalona Mon & Fri 6:30AM – 2PM; Tues – Thurs 6:30AM – 4PM; Sat 8AM-1 PM; Sun 11AM-2PM

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

Kalona Brewing Company

405 B Ave, Kalona, IA 52247 (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.

Lambs & Ivy Play Café

219 1st St, Kalona IA 52247 Mon, Wed 8:15AM-12:15PM; Fri 12:30-4:30PM; Sat 8AM-12PM, 12:30-4:30PM; Sun 2-6PM Drinks, snacks

Connect with other parents while your children play at this one-of-a-kind café in Kalona. Kids enjoy educational and discovery play, adults enjoy the calming Montessori-vibe and conversation area, and all can enjoy drinks and healthy snacks. Playtime can be purchased by the session or via membership.

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.



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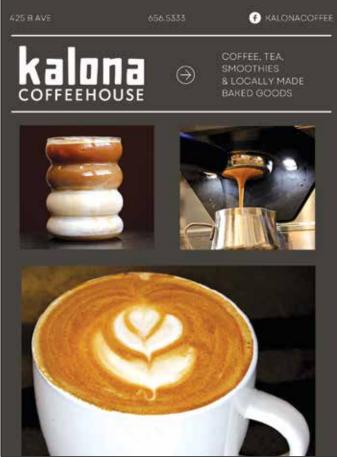


Tequila Grill

125 4th St, Kalona, IA 52247 (319) 656-3133 Tequilagrilliowa.com Mon-Sat 11AM-10PM; Sun 11AM-9PM Lunch, Dinner, Drinks

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





Tuscan Moon Grill on Fifth

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

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



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

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

<u>Keota</u>

Prairie Flower Bakery

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

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

Lone Tree

Tree House Nutrition

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

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.



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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-12PM 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-9PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-10PM Lunch, Dinner, Drinks

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

Robert's Buffet

3184 IA-22, Riverside, IA 52327 (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. Fresh Cheese Curds, Fudge, & Ice Cream Made at the Kalona Creamery!

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Bender's Bar & Grill

251 8th Ave SE, Wellman, IA 52356 (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 or watch the game on a big screen, then slip next door for ice cream at the old-fashioned soda counter.



Country Cookin'

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

This lunch wagon, as the owners call it, can be spotted around Wellman and Kalona frequently throughout the fair-weather months; check their Facebook page for a heads-up. Maid-rites, pork tenderloin, hot dogs and sides often appear on the menu board; don't miss out on a slice of those glorious 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 aways conventional; look for apple crumb, ground cherry, blueberry raspberry, pink lemonade, or all kinds of cream pies. Order it a al mode – it's worth the extra dollar. Burgers and fries, breakfast served all day; the atmosphere is a little vintage, so you'll feel right at home.

Madeline's Coffee House

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

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

Stonewall Pizza/ Pizza on the Farm

3297 320th St, Wellman, IA 52356 (319) 530-3239 Facebook.com/stonewallbrickovenpizza Lunch. Dinner

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

The Well

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

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

<u>Hills</u>



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.

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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.

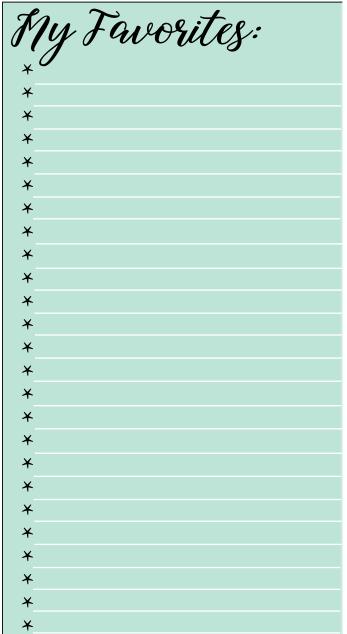


Iowa City

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Erik Buchholz 2024 Chamber President





Lucky Star Farm

Overnight Airbnb accommodations give a taste of farm life. . . and goat yoga



By TJ Rhodes

If staying outside of the city, viewing the stars at night, doing goat yoga, and seeing various animals right outside the window suit you, then Lucky Star Farm is your perfect vacation, offering the Milk House, an Airbnb mainstay. The farm is situated just outside of Iowa City and is a ten-minute drive from Kalona.

"I feel like it's special that we can give people sort of a small farm lowa experience, [when they] wouldn't necessarily have any other way to get one," farm owner Susan Young said. "Maybe [our guests] grew up on a farm, but nobody in the family owns it anymore. They want their kids to see what it was like for them growing up on a farm."

The Young family moved to Lucky Star Farm in 2011. They opened the 4.97-rated Milk House in 2020. It sleeps four people comfortably with two beds and one bath. People staying in the Milk House have full range of the farm, able to walk around, see the various animals, swim and fish in the lake and of course, just lounge around in the Milk House.

The only two farm workers are Susan and Rich Young. Susan has been a teacher all her life and loves using the farm as an opportunity to teach. She recounts when a family from Chicago visited, and their young son was mesmerized by a carrot growing in the soil.

"His parents said, 'I don't think he's ever seen a carrot come out of the ground before,' and it was like, wow," Susan recalled. "A lot of people are very disconnected from where food comes from and so, I think [we have a] unique opportunity."

The Milk House is all electric and mostly powered by solar energy, an "important part of [Lucky Star Farm's] sustainability mission," according to Susan.

The Milk House opening came right before the COVID-19 pandemic. The Youngs were initially worried about the pandemic's impact on the farm. What they didn't realize is that their farm was the perfect escape.

"This was a place where people could come and just be themselves with their family," Rich said.

"[People] were kind of itching to get out of their own four walls. This [is] a safe place for people to come," Susan added.

The Youngs started their journey by raising chickens on the farm. This spiraled into owning goats, ducks, llamas, and turkeys, with intention of raising even more animals.



"I think the animals are a big draw," Rich said. "People often bring their kids just for that purpose, to see the animals and get to experience something that they don't normally."

Each animal on the farm has a dual purpose. The llamas are an added layer of protection against predators. The chickens and ducks provide eggs for restaurants and local customers. The goats are cute and are great at yoga, an idea that has become a staple of the farm for four years now.

"People love baby goats [and my daughters said goat yoga] was all over social media," Susan recounted, not particularly sold on goat yoga at the time. "I said, okay, we can do one class. So, I hired an instructor, we set up a tent, 20 people snapped up tickets like that, and they loved it. It was insane. Now, we're kind of known as the goat yoga farm outside of the city."

Baby goats, called kids, are born on the farm around March every year. They aid in goat yoga from April to May, and then most get sold to eager buyers as well-behaved and socialized goats.

"After goat yoga, they're so socialized, they're so used to people and so, they make really great animals to move," Susan said. "For me, it's a win. Handling all of those goats is kind of hard, so when I have 20 people that are paying me to come in, hold a goat, it's like yeah, you're in."

Turkeys on the farm are a seasonal guest, being raised for upcoming Thanksgiving. If you want to see them, book your stay in the Milk House right before the holiday.

The farm recently added another flock of ducks, specifically to sell their eggs to restaurants. Susan hopes to have even more animals on the farm, like a dairy cow, but this is not happening anytime soon.

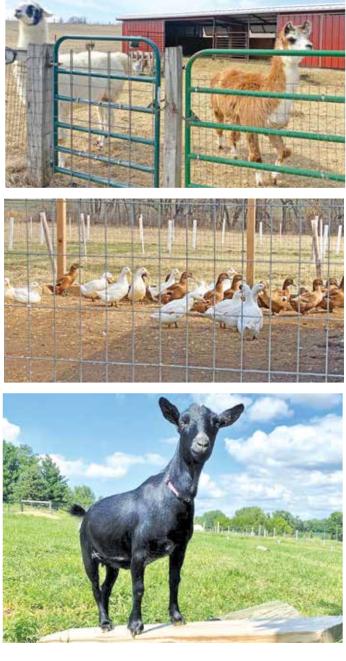
There is always a project to work on at the farm. Fixing up the Milk House was a project at one point and last summer, they painted the barn that the goats relax in. It was a good experience for everyone involved.

"The beginning of the project happened to coincide with the arrival of a Ukrainian family who was in need of work to get [on] their feet," Susan said. "They helped tremendously for those days, and we learned a lot about their life in Ukraine. The last day of work, we hung the [sunflower] barn quilt. It was a bit emotional for all of us, as the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine. It seemed like such a fitting way to bond."

In the summer of 2023, they worked on a small building that is near the Milk House to help aid in egg processing.

The Milk House Airbnb is open year-round and can be booked using the Airbnb website. For farm tours, the Youngs' contact information can be found on their website, theluckystarfarm. com. Goat yoga season is fast approaching; stay tuned on social media to know the precise dates of goat yoga this year, typically held in April and May.

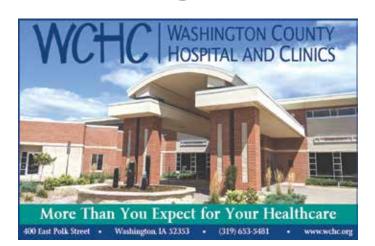






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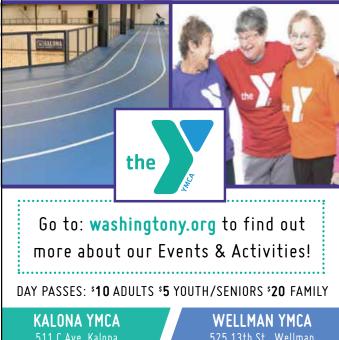


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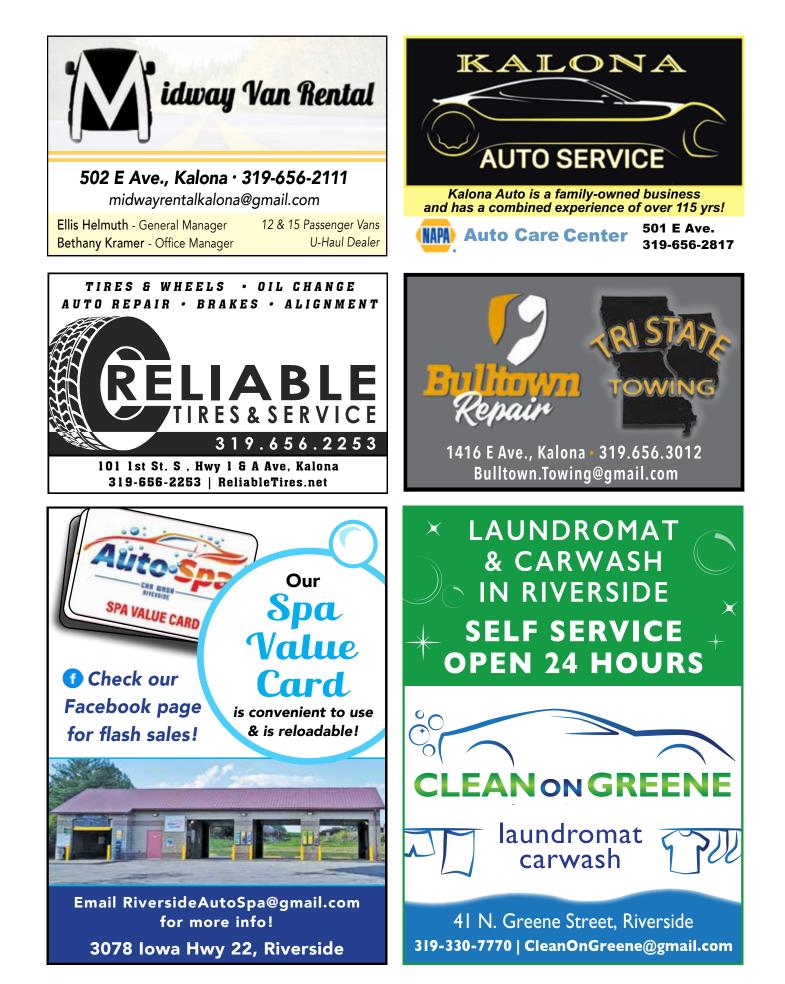


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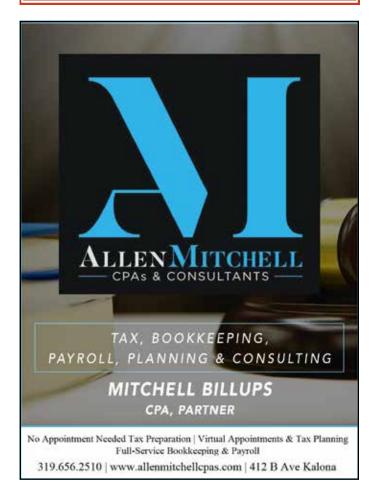
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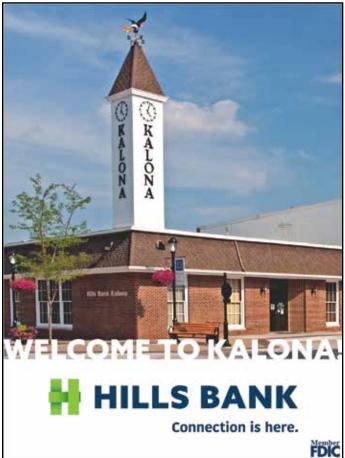
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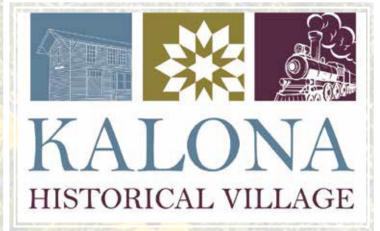


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