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Hey. You! Welcome to Pella!

Pella is a place where you can make a splash, make the grade, and make lifelong friends. We are home to several of Iowa's top employers presenting well-paying jobs and career opportunities. We offer recreation adventures, top-notch education, a booming social life, an active arts community, volunteer possibilities, family activities, young professional connections, outings for empty nesters, concerts for music lovers, and something for everyone in between!

Now that you know a little about Pella, allow us to introduce ourselves. We are the Pella Area Community and Economic (PACE) Alliance. We are a membership based organization that serves as the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development for the Pella area. Our vision centers around dynamic growth for a vibrant Pella community.

So, what exactly do we do? We lead, advocate and influence economic vitality, community collaboration, development, and quality of life for the Pella area through the work of our members and working councils. We specialize in business development and have ample resources at our fingertips. So, if you are looking to bring a business to Pella know that we are here to guide you to success!

Looking to move to Pella? We have that covered too! Our HelloPella New Resident Service is a resource that strives to make the relocating process easy by supplying you with information and tools so you can make the best choices as you make Pella home. We provide information about housing, employment, social activities, local events, businesses, schools, childcare, and much more. The services are free to the public and are offered by the PACE Alliance.

And, we know adjusting to a new place doesn't stop once the boxes are unpacked, so our assistance doesn't end after you move to Pella. No matter what your needs are, we will point you in the right direction as you integrate into the Pella community and start Living Life Local!

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Enjoy our Relocation Guide and Discover your New Beginning in Pella! -The Pace Alliance Team





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All About Pella, Iowa

Facts you never knew you needed to know about America's Dutch Treasure in the Midwest!



Lake Red Rock

- Iowa's Largest Lake 15,000 acres of water
- The Hydro Dam generates enough energy to power over 18,000 homes daily
- 2 Beaches and a Marina



Restaurants

- 12 Places to get Pizza
- 13 Coffee Stops
- For over 125 years, a Meat Market and two Bakeries have served the Pella community with their world famous treats and family recipes



Random

- The Molengracht Canal: A Downtown Pella Waterway Inspired by Dutch Heritage
- Home to the Famous Vermeer Windmill: the largest working grain windmill in the United States

City

- 15 City Parks
- 300,000+ Tulip Bulbs planted annually
- 78 miles of Fiber Internet: available to every home within city limits



Weather

- Annual Snowfall: 27 inches avg
- Sunny Days each year: 203 days
- Summer High avg: 87 degrees
- Winter High avg: 33 degrees



Population

- 10,744 Residents
- 41+ Languages spoken
- Median Age: 35.8 years old







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LOCATING CHILDCARE

Discovering trustworthy childcare for your little ones can be tough when moving to a new community, and we are here to help. Contact our HelloPella New Resident Services and we will point you towards childcare openings. Another resource is Iowa's Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R), an agency that serves all of Iowa. Contact CCR&R for information about childcare, how to choose quality childcare, and information on assistance for qualifying families. **For more information visit:**

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As part of Pella Community Schools, the Little Dutch Academy at the Viersen Early Learning Center is a preschool facility (for three to five year olds). The Little Dutch Academy uses Creative Curriculum and GOLD assessments, alongside licensed early childhood education teachers, to build strong educational foundations and a love of learning for three hours a day. In conjunction with preschool, "wrap around care" is also available: a child care program extending developmentally appropriate structure and activities to continue student learning throughout the rest of the day.

For more information visit: pellaschools.org

HOME EDUCATION

Pella offers a thriving home education community including a support group, PEACE: Purposeful Education And Christian Encouragement. This organization is comprised of over 100 families who are home-educating more than 200 children. PEACE provides educational support and activities including children's choir, cooperative classes, and monthly field trips.

For more information visit: peacehomeschool.com

For home education in Iowa, contact the **Network of Iowa Christian Home Educators homeschooliowa.org**

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PELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Pella Community School District takes pride in the commitment to excellence demonstrated by students and staff. Pella Community Schools were voted #8 in the State of Iowa (2023). Part of the success is the combination of traditional reading, writing, math, and history coupled with a strong emphasis on the arts, sciences, music, and physical activities. Every program and curriculum is designed to prepare every student to Learn, Lead, and Achieve! In addition, the schools offer a variety of specialized programs, internships,

apprenticeships, college credit classes, honors classes, and special education programs.





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DISTRICT INFORMATION

Student to Teacher Ratio - 14:1 (2,400 students) Student to Computer Ratio - 1:1 (grades 2-12) State Testing - between 80% and 90% of students scoring proficient on standardized tests Special Services Offered - Gifted and Talented, Counseling, At-Risk Support, Special Education, Reading Plus, English Language Learner Faculty - highly qualified faculty with advanced degrees and participation in continuing education

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Excellence in education is the forefront at both Madison and Lincoln Elementary Schools within the Pella Community School District. Both schools feature all-day kindergarten, student-centered classrooms, and place an emphasis on authentic learning to empower students to become self-directed learners. The schools foster an environment where understanding is constructed, problems are collaboratively solved, and young minds are shaped for a brighter future.

pellaschools.org **Lincoln Elementary** 641-628-3970 Little Dutch Academy 641-628-1944 Madison Elementary 641-628-4638 Jefferson Intermediate 641-628-8267 Pella Middle School 641-628-4784 Pella High School 641-628-3870



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

The Pella Community School District boasts a highachieving intermediate school where grades 4th through 6th thrive in a dynamic environment with exceptional academic programs. Starting in 5th grade, students can explore their musical talents through band and orchestra. In 6th grade, the opportunities expand further with the addition of chorus, providing a well-rounded experience in the world of music and MIDDLE SCHOOL Ranked In Jowa



Pella Middle School, grades 7th and 8th, champion the holistic growth of every student. A robust emphasis is placed on academics, social development, and emotional well-being, encouraging young minds to flourish. A diverse range of extracurricular opportunities are offered, from musical avenues like jazz band and show choir to athletics such as football, cross country, softball, and much more. Education and interactions within the school work to create leaders and confident wellrounded students.

HIGH SCHOOL

Pella High School is familiar with excellence both on the field and in the classroom, where 9th-12th graders rise above the rest! Students achieved significantly higher ACT scores than state and national averages. The school offers 67 college-credit classes and places a strong emphasis in STEM Education. Every student is guided towards a positive horizon where 100% of graduates leave with a post-secondary plan in hand. Whether it's pursuing four-year colleges (52%), twoyear colleges (21%), one-year training programs (2%), apprenticeships (3%), military service (1%), or stepping directly into the workforce (19%), Pella High School ensures each individual finds their path to success. BONUS: Apprenticeship and certification programs are offered through the Pella Career Academy (CAP). In partnership with local businesses, students have the opportunity to graduate with qualifications, or even an Associate's Degree.



PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Pella Christian Schools is a private accredited school system that offers Christ-centered education. Pella Christian Schools partner with parents to challenge their children to develop their individual God-given gifts for a life of service in God's Kingdom. Schoolwide chapels, discipleship groups, numerous college credit classes, special education classes, two language tracks, award-winning music ensembles, excellent speech and drama productions, and toprated athletic programs - Pella Christian Schools help students soar!

DISTRICT INFORMATION

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Student to Teacher Ratio - 14:1 (830 students) Student to Computer Ratio - 1:1 (grades 4-12) **Tuition** - assistance and Education Savings Accounts are available for qualifying families Special Services Offered - Counseling, Special Education, Reading Plus, Math Discovery, Study Skills, and SPARK program (Talented and Gifted) Faculty - teachers are certified by the State of Iowa

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SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Pella Christian's Spanish Immersion program teaches native English-speaking children their academic content in Spanish from preschool through 5th grade and continues in secondary immersion from 6th to 12th with select courses offered in Spanish. In addition to academic and lingual benefits, Spanish immersion is an excellent way to increase the global awareness of our students while promoting Pella Christian's mission.

STUDENTS FIRST ACT

State funding is available for those K-12 students who attend private schools. For details: educateiowa.gov



PELLA CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL

Pella Christian Grade School, serving grades threeyear-old preschool through 8th grade, fosters a nurturing educational environment where students thrive. With an average class size of 18 students, each student is ensured personalized attention. The early childhood program offers diverse options from half day to full day preschool classes and all day kindergarten classes, setting a solid foundation for learning rooted in God's word. Cultivating the unique talents and abilities inherent in every student is a top priority. Pella Christian Grade School recognizes and nurtures each student's God-given gifts, fostering a supportive atmosphere for development. Starting in middle school years, a wide range of co-curricular activities are offered including marching band, choir, theater, cross country, football, basketball, softball, baseball, etc.

PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Pella Christian High School, where excellence meets opportunity, is dedicated to academic achievement and faith formation. Students achieve higher ACT scores than state and national averages and over 90% of graduates pursue higher education, with 80% entering four-year institutions. Students benefit from college credit classes acknowledged at esteemed universities like Dordt University, Calvin University, DMACC, and North Iowa Area Community College. Experience the arts in full bloom through their awardwinning fine arts programs encompassing band, marching band, choir, theater, and speech. Pella Christian High School boasts strong athletic programs, earning numerous post-season playoff appearances. Through all these activities they foster teamwork, sportsmanship, and help develop the talents given by God to each student. Beyond academics and arts, students can engage in a diverse array of activities. From drama, forensics, and student publications to drill team, cross country, football, volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, tennis, golf, softball, baseball, clay target shooting, Caleb Crew Bible study, and FFA, students can soar at Pella Christian!

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Healthy Living PELLA REGIONAL Starts Hereit HEALTH CENTER

Pella Regional Health Center, where comprehensive healthcare meets cutting-edge technology in the heart of Pella, Iowa. From the very beginning of life through the golden years, they cater to the healthcare needs of individuals across all ages. Their commitment to excellence is evident in modern facilities and the latest advancements in medical technology while honoring their mission of providing healthcare and healing services with Christian compassion.

Accredited by the Joint Commission, they take pride in an esteemed medical staff, which includes experts in family practice, internal medicine, general surgery, gynecology, and more than 30 specialized fields. Their dedication ensures comprehensive care and personalized attention for every patient.

Convenience meets quality at Pella Regional Health Center's walk-in clinic, providing immediate care and support for urgent medical needs. Their state-of-theart Birthing Center welcomes over 600 newborns annually, offering a nurturing environment for growing families.



Performing over 6,500 surgical procedures yearly, they embrace innovation with robot-assisted surgery using the da Vinci Surgical System, ensuring precision and efficiency in surgical care. Additional specialized centers within the hospital cater to various needs, including wound care, hyperbaric medicine, infusion, and cardiac services.

Pella Regional Health Center, is dedicated to providing exceptional care, ensuring the well-being of the community of Pella, through comprehensive healthcare services and a network of professionals focused on your health and wellness.



COMMUNITY CARE

The Pella community boasts a vibrant healthcare ecosystem. Numerous chiropractors, physical therapists, mental health facilities, an equine therapy center, occupational and speech therapists, autism specialists, nervous system-based care, eye doctors, dentists, orthodontists, endodontics, and an array of specialized care facilities contribute to the town's holistic healthcare landscape.

Services in Pella: Allergists - Allergy - Autism - Cardiology Chiropractors - Dentistry - Dermatology - Dietary Emergency Care - Endodontics - Family Practice Genetic Testing - Geriatrics - Gynecology - Home Health Hospice - Internal Medicine - Medical Imaging - Nephrology Neurology - Obstetrics - Occupational Therapy - Ophthalmology Orthodontics - Orthopedics - Pathology - Pediatric Care Physical Therapists - Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Podiatry - Psychiatry - Pulmonology - Radiology Respiratory Care - Sports Medicine - Therapists - Urology Vascular Care and more!

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To Pella Iowa

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The PACE Alliance hosts a weekly calendar of events to the community. Join our email list to stay updated on the latest happenings within the Pella area. From concerts to classes, trivia nights to movie showings (That's right! We even have a three screen movie theater, Pella Cinemas, in the heart of downtown Pella!), find all the fun right here in Pella!

pella.org Calendar of Events





VOLUNTEER

It's the joy of giving, the thrill of making a difference, and the camaraderie of a community united in positive action. Pella offers several options to get involved with volunteering including service clubs, non-profit organizations, and events. See the list of some efforts where you can make an impact.

Crossroads of Pella: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Counseling, Employment Assistance, English Language Learners, Klompken Classic 5K, Medicare assistance, Pella Welcome Corps, Toy Shelf - crossroadspella.org

Families First: Love and Logic Parenting Classes, Family Bonding Events - ELMA (Early Literacy Mentoring Association) - familiesfirstofpella.org

Habitat for Humanity: hfhmci.org

Kiwanis Club: facebook.com/pellakiwanis

Legacy Thrift: legacythrift.org

Pella Area Community and Economic Alliance (PACE): Volunteer with community and quality of life events and activities - Five working councils that tackle community area initiatives - pella.org

Pella Community Food Shelf: Alleviate hunger through education, access, and partnerships pellacommunityfoodshelf.org

Pella Historical Society: pellahistorical.org

Pella Opera House: pellaoperahouse.org

Rotary Club: rotary6000.org/clubinfo/pella

The Well Resource Center: Thrift Store - Well Works (transition work program) - Getting Ahead Classes -Money and Me (money management classes) - Resource Center for those going through a tough phase in life thewelliowa.org

Visit Pella: (Convention & Visitor Bureau, Tourism) -Volunteer with events or in the Information Windmill visitpella.com

GET CONNECTED

TOTALLY POPULAR EVENTS

Discover the vibrant spirit of Pella! Dive into a world of exciting events and enriching experiences as we celebrate culture, community, and endless fun. Below are several of our adventures where unforgettable memories are ready to be made! For a list of community events visit our Calendar of Events link on page 24.

THURSDAYS IN PELLA

Every Thursday in June and July the PACE Alliance hosts a themed mini-festival in downtown Pella. The event sees upwards of 2000 people in attendance weekly and features food trucks, games, family-friendly entertainment, live music, and an entirely cost-free experience! You won't want to miss this FUN FOR ALL AGES event! facebook.com/thursdaysinpella





HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

The holiday season in Pella brings the magic and charm of a Hallmark town! Embrace the enchantment of a winter wonderland at the Annual Tree Lighting, Santa visits, free hot cocca, horse-drawn carriage rides, free holiday movies, the Festival of Trees hosted by the Pella Opera House, Christmas Tour of Homes, twinkling lights in Central Park, Kerstmarkt (a Dutch Christmas market), and tons more holiday happenings!



FARMER'S MARKET

Discover the freshest flavors and local treasures at Pella's Farmers Market! Join us every Thursday from late April through October, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, for an abundance of locally sourced produce, farm-fresh eggs, golden honey, vibrant flowers, live music, food, and so much more. This event is packed full of community spirit!

FOOD TRUCKS



Pella is no stranger to experiencing flavors, sips, and bites on wheels! From summer's vibrant events to festive winter gatherings, indulge yearround with various trucks serving up delightful lunches, aromatic coffee, and scrumptious breakfasts across our community. With numerous opportunities throughout the year, this is a great chance to experience the food truck craze!

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

TULIP TIME

Experience the vibrant charm of Pella in full bloom at Tulip Time, hosted by the Pella Historical Museums. This event is all hands on deck with community involvement in an unforgettable celebration of Pella's Dutch heritage, where the city bursts into life with colorful tulips (over 300,000 are planted in Pella annually), traditional Dutch attire, and an abundance of cultural delights. From delectable food to lively entertainment, immerse yourself in the festivities as thousands of residents don Dutch clothing and celebrate rich traditions. This event is the first weekend in May!

Check out these PACE Member Food Trucks serving Pella: Amos Flava BBQ Sauce: My Eatzz! Eatery Island - HoneyBee Camper Co. Kaaswagen - Prime Country BBQ

Pella embraces a diverse array of faiths and cultural backgrounds. If you're seeking a place of worship, our town offers various denominations and traditions to explore. Additionally, surrounding communities and the Des Moines metro area provide further options for religious centers and multicultural resources.





Pella boasts a diverse array of employers. With the two largest companies collectively offering over 5000 jobs spanning various fields, the Pella area is a thriving hub of opportunity. Are you an entrepreneur, inventor, investor,

creator, innovator, or trailblazer? If so, then Pella is the place for you. Discover available positions and local businesses at pella.org under the "Job Board" and embark on your next career journey in Pella!

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing plays a pivotal role in Pella's local economy, accounting for over 40% of the workforce in Marion County. Among the prominent manufacturers are **Pella Corporation**, **PPI**, **and Vermeer Corporation (refer to pages 33-37).**

Additionally, Pella hosts a range of other manufacturers such as Lely North America, LDJ Manufacturing, American Wood Fibers, Janssen Fabrication, VGK, and several others.

TECHNOLOGY & MARKETING

Careers in the information technology field are in high demand in the Pella area! Boasting multiple major corporate headquarters and independent tech services, a plethora of opportunities await in this field. From technical engineers and web design to technical support and analysts to graphic design and marketing, the spectrum of job openings is extensive.

In addition to Pella's major employers, check out these businesses for technology and marketing field career openings: **The Identity Group, KNIA/KRLS Radio, Marco, Pella Hosting & Website Solutions, Pella Printing, Pragmatik AV, Promotions by Design, The Write Place, Town Crier,** and more.



SHORT COMMUTE

Pella hosts a multitude of employers, and abundant opportunities lie just a short drive away. With over 900 employers in Marion County, spanning local, national, and global companies, the job market is diverse. Additionally, the nearby Des Moines metro area, less than an hour from Pella, presents a broad spectrum of job prospects. For those who prefer remote work, Pella ensures connectivity with 1 Gig of Fiber internet available to every household within city limits.

EMPLOYMENT

EDUCATION

Careers in education flourish in Pella. Our acclaimed public and private school districts—**Pella Community Schools** and **Pella Christian Schools**—shine not only in academics but also excel in extracurricular activities. The community's unwavering support plays a pivotal role in our schools' achievements, evident in our modernized, cutting-edge facilities. Emphasizing continual growth, our school district prioritizes ongoing training and support for its staff.

Pella is also the proud home of **Central College**, accommodating over 1200 students and employing over 550 staff across various domains, including professors, marketing professionals, food service experts, and more. **Delve deeper into Pella's rich educational landscape and career opportunities on pages 8-13.**

HEALTHCARE

In addition to **Pella Regional Health Center**, one of Pella's largest employers and a healthcare leader in the area, Pella is a town filled with healthcare career opportunities. The area is home to several chiropractors, dentists, pharmacies, specialty clinics, veterinary clinics, sports medicine, mental health services, special needs resources, assisted living facilities, and other services in the healthcare industry. **For more details on healthcare career options explore pages 16-17.**

SMALL BUSINESS

Entrepreneurial dreams take flight in Pella! Explore the vibrant landscape of career opportunities by starting a small business in our thriving community. With a supportive environment, access to resources, and a welcoming market, Pella offers an ideal setting for your business aspirations to flourish. Discover the potential for success and growth right here in Pella. Looking for small business resources? **Visit pella.org**

RETAIL & HOSPITALITY

Pella thrives as a center for shopping, dining, and entertainment. Its lively tourism sector offers a bustling downtown area and beyond, filled with distinctive shops, bakeries, and restaurants, attracting both residents and visitors alike. Additionally, Pella hosts several hotels to accommodate both visitors and corporate travelers. As Pella continues to expand, we are looking for individuals passionate about customer service within the retail, restaurant, and hospitality industries!



FINANCE & BEYOND

From bankers, lenders, and financial advisors to insurance agents, attorneys, and investment managers, Pella hosts a spectrum of financial services. The town accommodates various banks, lending institutions, and finance-related businesses, featuring both local establishments and national brands actively seeking qualified individuals to fill diverse positions.

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For Job Openings and Links to Career Opportunities visit the PACE Alliance Job Board





Learn more about our preferred businesses and employers by visiting the PACE Alliance Directory



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The City of Pella is a government entity which has provided public safety, quality of life, and utility services to our residents since it was founded in 1847. The wide range of public services and amenities available in our community depend heavily on our dedicated team members. As a result, the City of Pella offers a variety of employment and career opportunities.

On average, the City of Pella employs 200 team members, including seasonal workers who ensure our beautiful parks, municipal golf course, street flower beds, and aquatic center are ready for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors alike. Our team members take pride in the parts they play to ensure our community maintains the high standard of safety and appearance we all appreciate and enjoy.



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Welcome to Pella, Iowa, from the team at Pella Corporation. Recognized as an industry leader in innovation, Pella has been designing and manufacturing windows and doors for both residential and commercial spaces since 1925. While our products may be the first thing you notice, our impact goes beyond what meets the eye, deeply rooted in the community we cherish.

Our success as a leading window and door manufacturer stems not only from our dedicated team but also from our recognition as a top employer, showcasing our commitment to being a place where people find purpose, feel valued, and continuously learn and grow.

As our founder Pete Kuyper said, "Ultimately, our future lies directly in the hands of each member of the Pella team. A group of strong individuals, treated with dignity and respect, who share the same vision, will be a force nothing can deter." This resonates with our 10,000 team members across 19 factories and 250 showrooms.

At Pella, we're committed to enriching the communities where our team members live and work. We support numerous community initiatives, including Tulip Time, Thursdays in Pella, and STEM education.

The Pella Rolscreen Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Pella Corporation, provides grants, invests in youth and education, supports the philanthropic interests of team members, and undertakes service projects in the city of Pella and beyond. Additionally, the Kuyper Foundation provides grants that address needs in the Pella area.

Pella Corporation is proud to invest in community development projects like Main Street Markt, Liberty Street Kitchen, New Horizon Academy, Chick-fil-A, and numerous housing developments. These investments help sustain our vibrant community where families can thrive, businesses can prosper, and traditions can be celebrated for generations to come.





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PPI believes in contributing to our local communities, our environment and our company culture for ongoing success. Whether providing food to area flood victims, building a home for someone in need or simply enhancing a local ballfield, we at PPI know a giving spirit is essential to moving hearts in a positive way.

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Located in Pella, Iowa, USA, Vermeer is committed to the areas where we do business, but also to the communities our team members call home. You'd be surprised what our HQ's stomping grounds has to offer. While Pella has the benefits of a small town, it also offers big quality of life advantages.

So what makes it such a great place to live? Well, it depends on who you ask. Some would say it's our ranking in the top 3 of Iowa's "Best Towns for Young Families," a title we earned because of our excellent school systems, state-of-the-art healthcare and various opportunities to go out and get some fresh air. Others would say it's thanks to our bustling downtown, with a theater, restaurants and unique places to shop.

If you're more the outdoorsy-type, you'd probably favor with those who think Lake Red Rock, Iowa's largest lake, is our greatest asset. There, you'll find trails, boating, camping and beach access – in other words, "the perfect place to enjoy time off." Our close proximity to metro areas such as Des Moines present even more things to do.

At Vermeer, we get important work done and that means we thrive in areas that are progressive and productive. Our centralized location acts as the gift that keeps on giving – this time, setting us up with access to many lowa communities that are ranked in Forbes Magazine's Best Places for Business. Marion County also ranks 46th out of 3,141 counties in the United States for having the highest percentage of all jobs in manufacturing, which gives us the support and manpower we need to keep doing more



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It is a unique blend of small-town charm and vibrant cultural experiences! - Mary



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THEATRE

Pella offers excellent theatre choices. If you're passionate about drama, auditioning for a play by **Union Street Players**, our esteemed local theater group, could be a perfect fit. Pella also has numerous opportunities for children's theater programming. Keep an eye out for captivating student productions from Pella Community Schools, Pella Christian Schools, and Central College. Additionally, the nearby Des Moines Civic Center presents fantastic Broadway touring productions and other major shows.



LITERATURE

Pella houses an awesome library that promises a haven for book lovers. Whether you're in the market for children's stories or adult book clubs, this library offers a perfect avenue to connect with fellow literary enthusiasts. The **Pella Public Library** hosts a calendar brimming with diverse events, including book readings, author visits, and activities for all ages ensuring an exciting array of programming. Don't forget to explore our charming bookstore, **The Curiosity Shop**, located in downtown Pella where enchanting discoveries await you and curiosities are around every corner!

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Elevating Life through Art

If your passion lies in creating art, Pella offers a canvas for your expression. Explore abundant opportunities to transform your passion into artistic endeavors. If you're an arts enthusiast seeking entertainment, indulge in an abundance of concerts, plays, and diverse entertainment options to satiate your artistic cravings.

ART

Calling all art enthusiasts! If you're into painting, crafting, or creating, we've got the perfect activities for you! The **Pella Community Center** and various local businesses offer workshops and classes tailored for both adults and children. Engaging after-school art programs are a hit, carefully crafted to ignite inspiration and foster a love for learning and creativity.

To explore the creative endeavors of others, visit Pella's art galleries, the **Joan Kuyper Farver Art Gallery** and Central College's **Mills Gallery**. These spaces showcase local talents and students alongside artists from around the globe.



MUSIC

Feel the rhythm! Music resonates deeply in Pella! Throughout the year, you'll find live music echoing through various venues, restaurants, and pubs, offering a diverse range of artists catering to all tastes. **Central College** hosts year-round concerts spanning from jazz to steel drums. Whether your heart beats for folk, rock and roll, or classical tunes, Pella's music scene has something special for you. As a bonus, Pella proudly boasts its own City Band, composed of local residents. This community band performs every Thursday night in June and July, creating delightful summer vibes.





Pella Opera House

The iconic Pella Opera House is a beacon of culture and community nestled in the heart of downtown Pella. It is a go-to destination for an array of experiences. From captivating performances and dazzling concerts to the enchanting Festival of Trees, it sets the the stage for unforgettable moments.

The historic four-story venue isn't just about entertainment; it's a canvas for creativity and celebration. Discover a world of possibilities with theater workshops, weddings, and versatile spaces for meetings or private gatherings. Throughout the year, they curate a tapestry of unique events, offering a vibrant fusion of arts, entertainment, and social engagements. The Pella Opera House is a premiere performing arts facility that showcases acclaimed acts, local talents, a historic theater, tours, cultural experiences, drama workshops, events, and more.

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LET'S GET PHYSICAL

The City of Pella oversees more than 15 city parks offering a diverse range of amenities such as tennis courts, soccer fields, pickleball courts, multiple playgrounds, an aquatic center, sports parks, ball fields, and even an ice skating rink. Throughout the year, various recreational programs cater to all ages, spanning from youth basketball, flag football, soccer, and tee-ball to adult co-ed softball leagues and sand volleyball. Additionally, several health and fitness centers are available, providing a wide array of offerings, including group fitness classes and personal training.

PELLA AQUATIC CENTER

Throughout the year, the City of Pella Aquatic Center welcomes residents and visitors! The indoor pool provides opportunities for lap swimming, swim lessons, and water aerobics. During the summer, step outside to indulge in the outdoor Aquatic Center water park, offering exhilarating water slides, an adventure river, a playful children's water area, diving boards, and a kiddie pool for the little ones to enjoy!

SPORTS PARK

The Pella Sports Park spans 105 acres and features five illuminated tournament baseball/softball fields as well as an additional two unlit fields. The facility offers versatile green spaces designed to accommodate various sports such as soccer, football, cricket, and more. Amenities include a comprehensive concession stand, restroom facilities, a PA system, scoreboards for the baseball/softball fields, a 3/4 mile hardsurface walking/biking multipurpose trail, and two playgrounds.



MARTIAL ARTS

Pella holds a strong commitment to martial arts, with PACE Alliance members Triumph Martial Arts and Pella Brazilian Jiu Jitsu providing diverse options for martial arts enthusiasts. Whether it's karate, taekwando, jiu-jitsu, or krav maga, they cater to all interests! Annually, several self defense classes are also held!





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The construction of the Pella Community Recreation Center is scheduled to commence in fall 2025! The facility will boast an array of amenities featuring a bouldering wall, a competition-sized indoor swimming pool, indoor athletic courts, an indoor walking track, and much more! **cityofpella.com**

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

The vast natural landscapes of Pella attract thrillseekers in search of adventure. Offering a spectrum of activities such as camping, hunting, fishing, boating, as well as hiking and biking options, the Pella region promises an array of exhilarating outdoor pursuits.

GOLF COURSES

Pella presents golf enthusiasts with two distinct courses. Bos Landen Golf Course, an 18-hole championship public course, serves as a venue for tournaments, leagues, and various events. Meanwhile, Pella Golf & Country Club, a private 9-hole course, boasts a restaurant and exclusive member-centric experiences.

Bos Landen Golf Course: golfbos.com Country Club: pellagolfandcountryclub.com



VOLKSWEG TRAIL

Dubbed "A People's Path," this trail offers 17 miles of sturdy terrain that curves alongside Lake Red Rock. Beginning its journey from downtown Pella, the pathway winds through verdant trees, traverses wooden bridges, and unveils stunning views of the lake. Perfectly suited for pedestrians, cyclists, joggers, runners, and even cross-country skiers seeking winter adventures.



PICKELEBALL

Pella is passionate about pickleball! With two outdoor court options, the game thrives here. Enjoy leagues, tournaments, and casual pick-up games. Needless to say, Pella is all about the love of the game, the pickleball game!



Discover all your disc golf (and pickleball too!) essentials at Dutchman Disc Golf! Whether you're new to the game or a seasoned player, they've got your equipment covered. Explore their range of discs in various sizes and weights, carrying bags, along with pickleball paddles, balls, and a wide array of accessories. Elevate your game with Dutchman Disc Golf (located in the loft above lowa Bike Co. in downtown Pella).



LAKE RED ROCK

Pella has Lake Red Rock, Iowa's largest lake, right in our backyard. There's a multitude of activities available, including boating, waterskiing, jet skiing, and fantastic fishing opportunities. At Red Rock Marina, you can conveniently rent a boat for a day on the water. Don't miss the chance to visit North Overlook or Whitebreast Beach for a relaxing swim and beach experience. For a more tranquil experience, explore the lake's serene waters by kayaking or paddleboarding.

"Get more people on bikes more often" - That's the message behind Pella's own bike shop, Iowa Bike Co., nestled in the heart of downtown Pella! Offering an extensive range from road bikes, kid bikes, and electric bikes, to helmets and an array of accessories, Iowa Bike Co. caters to all your biking needs. And that's not all! They also house a comprehensive bike repair and maintenance shop. iowabikeco.com

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FOOD



There's no lack of dining and drinking options from breweries, fine-dining, barbeque, sushi, artisan bakers, and every adventure under the sun for your palate! The Downtown Farmer's Market features 300 vendors and is a must do event every Saturday, May-Oct!



SHOPPING

The East Village is known for its unique small businesses with goods you won't find anywhere else! If you are looking for a mall, Jordan Creek in West Des Moines is the metro's largest shopping center! Be sure to check out the Outlets of Des Moines just up the road in Altoona.

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KNOXVILLE Race and Brew



Knoxville Raceway, the "Sprint Car Capital of the World" hosts a summer season full of dirt track racing! They host the Sprint Car Nationals annually, proving they know how to live life in the fast lane. Peace Tree Brewing Tap Room is a great place to enjoy one of their famous beers and throw a round of bags with friends.



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